



# The Daily Whip

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2004**

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>9:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b> <b>Unlimited "One Minutes"</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>

**FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY****Suspensions (11 bills):**

- 1) **H.Res. 634** - Congratulating the Kenyon College Ladies swimming and diving team for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Women's Swimming and Diving National Championship (*Rep. Ney - Education & the Workforce*)
- 2) **H.Res. 635** - Congratulating the Kenyon College Lords swimming and diving team for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Men's Swimming and Diving National Championship (*Rep. Ney - Education & the Workforce*)
- 3) **H.Res. 630** - Commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2003-2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship (*Rep. Sabo - Education & the Workforce*)
- 4) **H.Con.Res. 449** - Honoring the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles, recognizing his contributions to the Nation, and extending condolences to his family on his death (*Rep. Burns - Education & the Workforce*)
- 5) **H.Con.Res. 13** - Recognizing the importance of blues music (*Rep. Ford - Education & the Workforce*)
- 6) **H.Con.Res. 56** - Expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual (*Rep. Evans - Transportation & Infrastructure*)
- 7) **S. 2017** - To designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building" (*Sen. Santorum - Transportation & Infrastructure*)
- 8) **H.R. 4226** - Cape Town Treaty Implementation Act of 2004 (*Rep. Young {AK} - Transportation & Infrastructure*)
- 9) **H.R. 4372** - Working Families Assistance Act of 2004 (*Rep. Cantor - Ways & Means*)
- 10) **H.R. 4589** - To reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004 (*Rep. Herger - Ways & Means*)
- 11) **H.Res. 658** - Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States (*Rep. Gary Miller / Financial Services*)

**H.Res. 683 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4613 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Myrick - Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule with one hour of general debate. The rule permits any amendment that does not require waivers of points of order and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also considers as adopted an amendment to Section 3101 of title 31, U.S.C., regarding the debt limit which adds the following language: "The United States Government shall take all steps necessary to guarantee the full faith and credit of the Government." **This so-called "full faith and credit" clause opens the backdoor to RAISING THE DEBT LIMIT IN THE CONFERENCE report on the Department of Defense Appropriations bill. Therefore, Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question in order to strip out this misguided provision.**

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**H.R. 4613 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Lewis {CA} - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill provides \$416.9 billion in new appropriations for the Department of Defense for FY05, including \$25 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This bill includes \$104.18 billion for military personnel; \$120.56 billion for operation and maintenance programs; \$77.35 billion for procurement; and \$68.94 billion for research and development programs. Specific funding highlights in this bill include: \$9.7 billion for missile defense programs; \$18 billion for the Defense Health Program; \$1.7 billion for procurement and development of chemical and biological defenses; \$4.4 billion for the Joint Strike Fighter program; and \$710 million for the Joint Unmanned Combat Aerial System.

The \$25 billion allocated for Iraq and Afghanistan operations will be provided as follows: \$3.93 billion for military personnel; \$14.33 billion for operation and maintenance; \$2.97 billion for the Iraq Freedom Fund (\$1.97 billion is for classified programs and \$1 billion is available for the Secretary of Defense to transfer to other accounts as needed with five day prior notice to Congress); \$2.19 billion for procurement; \$1.25 billion for Defense Working Capital Funds (this increase is recommended due to more recent estimates of fuel price increases); and \$305 million for the Defense Health Program. These funds include \$2.3 billion for individual soldier equipment and critical force protection requirements.

## TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider six bills under suspension of the rules and will also consider: **H.R. 4548 - Intelligence Authorization Act for FY05 (Rep. Goss - House Intelligence) (Subject to a Rule)**; and possibly **H.R. 3973 - Spending Control Act of 2004 (Rep. Nussle - Budget) (Subject to a Rule)**.

### Daily Quote...

"U.S. troops have found no Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. And the 9-11 panel says there was no working partnership between al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein. President Bush presented both WMD and the al-Qaeda/Hussein link as reasons for striking Iraq before it attacks us. The president has a credibility gap here, and he needs to address it right away. Vice President Dick Cheney tried but failed miserably. He said, in effect, 'we know more than you and you better trust us.' The country did just that when we went to war in Iraq, but things aren't working as promised. The administration needs to respond with specifics, not like members of a secret society with keys to the kingdom."

- The Dallas Morning News in an editorial today