

THE DAILY WHIP

Tuesday, April 8, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
10:30 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business	6:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One-Minutes"	

***** TODAY WE EXPECT AN IMPORTANT VOTE ON THE DEMOCRATIC MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

The House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for Morning Hour and at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1559 – Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY2003

Suspensions (8 bills):

Suspension bills are debatable for 40 minutes each, may not be amended, and require two-thirds majority for passage.

- 1) H.R. 108** - To amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act (Hayworth - Resources).
- 2) H.R. 273** - To provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana (Gilchrest - Resources).
- 3) H.R. 733** - To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Hooley - Resources).
- 4) H.R. 205** - To amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns (Sweeney - Small Business).
- 5) H.Res. 170** - Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. Thresher (Bradley- Armed Services).
- 6) H.Res. 149** - Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia, and for other purposes (Bereuter, Hyde, Lantos - HIRC).
- 7) H.Res. 179** - Stating the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the systematic human rights violations in Cuba committed by the Castro regime; calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners and supporting free elections for Cuba (Diaz-Balart, Ros-Lehtinen - HIRC).
- 8) H.R. 1584** – Clean Diamond Trade Act (Houghton – Ways and Means)

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S. 380 - Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003 (Collins) (Unanimous Consent Agreement)

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1559 – Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY2003. The House will consider a motion to go to conference on the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill passed by the House on April 3rd. Mr. Obey, Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee, is expected to offer a Motion to Instruct Conferees.

S. 380 - Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003 (Collins) (Unanimous Consent Agreement). This bill authorizes the United States Postal Service to modify the formula it uses to determine the amount of annual lump-sum payments to the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), which cover the difference between the costs of the program and payroll contributions made by employees and the Postal Service. This modification would result in a lower annual payment by the Postal Service to the CSRS and would save enough money to the Postal Service to hold postage rates at current levels until at least 2006. This bill also includes a provision requiring a study on retirement benefits attributable to the military service of postal employees.

The Unanimous Consent Agreement provides for one hour of general debate; one amendment; and one motion to recommit.

- **Waxman Amendment (10 minutes)** – This amendment would strike a provision in the bill that requires the Postal Service to pay the pension costs related to the military service of postal employees covered by CSRS.

REMINDER

The Republican Leadership has announced that the voting time on 15-minute recorded votes will be strictly enforced.

DAILY QUOTE...

"If Bush has his way, the result will be not just the brief interlude of deficit spending that his administration predicted a year ago, but deficits that will endure for years after the shooting stops in Iraq."

- A Los Angeles Times' story, 4/7/03

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