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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

***** VOTES ARE STILL POSSIBLE TOMORROW FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, IF EITHER THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6 – ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003 OR THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1588 - DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ARE READY FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1904 - The Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 - Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees.

H.R. 1829 – Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003 (Rep. Hoekstra / Judiciary) (Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate). This bill would require the Federal Prison Industries (FPI) to compete for its contracts with federal agencies (in 2001, FPI had sales of \$583.5 million), and phases out, over five years, the current preference given to products made by federal prison inmates in contracts with federal agencies. In addition, this bill authorizes \$75 million a year for vocational education and rehabilitation programs for federal inmates. Germane amendments will be considered under the five-minute rule.

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 2622 - Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 - Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees.

Postponed Vote on the DeLauro Motion to Instruct on H.R. 2660 - Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY04. The motion instructs conferees to insist on the Senate funding level for Part B of the Individuals for Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Postponed Vote on the Becerra Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1308 - the Child Tax Credit. The motion instructs conferees to insist on the Senate-passed Child Tax Credit measure and is identical to the one that passed in the House on June 12th, 2005-201. It also instructs Conferees to report out a conference report no later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Postponed Vote on the Capps Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject Subtitle C of Title II of the House bill, which requires that, by 2010, the traditional Medicare program must compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits. The motion also instructs conferees to reject the Senate-passed provision providing \$6 billion for privatization demonstration projects proposed by Sen. Kyl. The motion would apply the savings to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Bell Motion to Instruct on H.R. 2660 - Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY04. The motion instructs conferees to insist on the highest funding levels possible for the National Institutes of Health.



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Filner Motion to Instruct on H.R. 6 - Energy Policy Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject section 12403 of the House bill, which grants oil and gas exploration and production companies an exemption from controlling storm water runoff.

Cardoza Motion to Instruct on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject the House-passed premium support provision turning Medicare into a voucher program. The motion also instructs conferees to reject the Senate-passed provision providing \$6 billion for privatization demonstration projects proposed by Sen. Kyl. The savings gained by rejecting these provisions would be used to improve Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments.

Daily Quote...

"First the administration weakened our clean-air law, and now it won't enforce it. Instead of fighting pollution, this administration is at war with the Clean Air Act. Innocent bystanders such as children, the elderly and the infirm will be the principal casualties."

- Sen. James Jeffords (I-VT), after the Bush Administration confirmed that it will close pending investigations of 70 power plants suspected of violating the Clean Air Act and that it will consider dropping 13 other cases against utilities that were referred to the Justice Department for action, following the EPA's decision in August to ease enforcement rules (as reported in *The Washington Post* today).