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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
1:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

Pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement reached yesterday, there will be six hours of general debate on the supplemental appropriations bill today. The first hour will begin at 1:00 p.m. Following debate on the thirteen suspension bills scheduled for today, the House will resume consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill until pending votes on suspension bills and motions to instruct are taken at 6:30 p.m. Debate on the appropriations supplemental bill will continue after votes, until a total of six hours of debate has been held.

Suspensions (13 bills):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 106** - Recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month" (*Rep. Chabot - Government Reform*)
- 2) **H.Con.Res. 270** - Supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month (*Rep. M. Rogers {MI} - Government Reform*)
- 3) **H.Con.Res. 273** - Recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions (*Rep. Shaw - Government Reform*)
- 4) **H.J.Res. 70** - Recognizing Inspectors General over the last 25 years in their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government (*Rep. T. Davis {VA} - Government Reform*)
- 5) **H.R. 1883** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office" (*Rep. C. Brown - Government Reform*)
- 6) **H.R. 1442** - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Act (*Rep. Pombo - Resources*)
- 7) **H.R. 1092** - Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003 (*Rep. Gibbons - Resources*)
- 8) **H.R. 1598** - Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003 (*Rep. Cox - Resources*)
- 9) **H.R. 1521** - Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003 (*Rep. Murtha - Resources*)
- 10) **H.R. 1821** - To award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation (*Rep. Watson - Financial Services*)
- 11) **S. 1680** - Defense Production Reauthorization Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Sen. Shelby / Financial Services Committee*)
- 12) **H.R. 1828** - Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (*Rep. Engel - International Relations*)
- 13) **H.Res. 198** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that France, Germany, and Russia can initially best contribute to the reconstruction of Iraq by the forgiveness of outstanding debt between both Iraq and France, Iraq and Germany, and Iraq and Russia (*Sponsored by Rep. Cole / International Relations Committee*)

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H.R. ___-Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (FL)/ Appropriations Committee*) (Unanimous Consent agreement for six hours of general debate)

Postponed Vote on the Capps Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to follow the House-adopted Capps-Davis(FL)-Miller(FL) amendment and not include any provision in the final Conference Report that would require an inventory of resources in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Such a provision would undermine the longstanding agreement against new oil and gas drilling in the OCS off Florida, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska's Bristol Bay and the entire East Coast. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Postponed Vote on the Crowley Motion to Instruct Conferees on 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, 205-201. 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 Schakowsky Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to strike funds included in the bill (\$174 billion) for Health Savings Accounts. These resources could be used for other purposes, such as helping employers continue to provide drug coverage for their retirees. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.R. ___-Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (FL)/ Appropriations Committee*) (**Unanimous Consent agreement for six hours of general debate**). This bill provides \$86.9 billion for U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and for relief and reconstruction efforts in both countries. The bill includes \$65.2 billion for the U.S. military (\$17.14 billion for military personnel; \$39.88 billion for Operation and Maintenance accounts; and \$5.62 billion for procurement); \$18.6 billion for Iraq relief and reconstruction (\$3.2 billion for security and law enforcement; \$1.3 billion for justice, public safety and civil society infrastructure; \$5.65 billion for electrical generation and distribution infrastructure; \$2.1 billion for rebuilding oil infrastructure; \$4.3 billion for water resources and sanitation; \$793 million for health care programs; \$858 million for the operating expenses of the Coalition Provisional Authority); and \$1.2 billion for Afghanistan relief and reconstruction.

Under the unanimous consent agreement reached yesterday, six hours of general debate are scheduled for today. In addition, it is expected that today the Rules Committee will issue a rule outlining tomorrow's debate time and amendment process on this bill.

Daily Quote...

"Republicans turf-wrestling like infants, playing fast and loose with national-security secrets, tripping over themselves in the rebuilding of Iraq? Weren't these guys supposed to be the grownups? Isn't the President supposed to have a bureaucratic neatness fetish? Given his famous impatience - and his very quick temper - why hasn't Bush taken control?"

-Joe Klein in TIME Magazine, 10/18/03