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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003

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

*** MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DISCHARGE PETITION THAT IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE HOUSE FLOOR AT THE CLERK'S DESK.** Rep. Hooley is leading the effort to force the House to consider legislation to extend unemployment insurance, which under current law would expire at the end of the year. 125 members have signed on.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

Journal Vote expected after "one minutes."

H.J.Res. 75 - Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (FL) / Appropriations Committee*) (Closed Rule, One Hour of Debate)

H.Res. 422 - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2115 - Flight 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules Committee*)

Postponed Suspension Votes (3 Bills):

- 1) H.Con.Res. 291** - Expressing deep gratitude for the valor and commitment of the members of the United States Armed Forces who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia in 1993 (*Sponsored by Rep. Hayes / Armed Services Committee*)
- 2) H.Res. 409** - Repudiating the recent anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive (*Sponsored by Reps. Blunt / Hoyer International Relations Committee*)
- 3) H.Con.Res. 302** - Expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on October 31, 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Wexler / International Relations Committee*)

Conference Report on H.R. 2691 - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 04 (*Sponsored by Rep. Taylor (NC) / Appropriations Committee*) (Rule waives all points of order, one hour of debate)

H.R. 2443 - Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (AK) / Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*) (Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate).

Conference Report on H.R. 2115 - Flight 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (AK) / Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*) (Rule Waives all Points of Order, One Hour of Debate)

*** Possible Martial Law Rule for same day consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 3289** - Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Sponsored by Rep. Hastings (WA) / Rules Committee*).

*** Possible Consideration of Conference Report on H.R. 3289** - Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Subject to a Rule) (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (FL) / Appropriations Committee*)

Postponed Vote on the Eddie Bernice Johnson Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6 - Energy Policy Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to confine themselves to matters in conference with regard to Ozone nonattainment. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Postponed Vote on the Davis (FL) Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject premium support, which requires that, by 2010, the traditional Medicare program must compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

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, 205-201. It also instructs Conferees to report out a conference report no later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

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.

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 would apply the savings to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services.



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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.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.J.Res. 75 - Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY 04 (Sponsored by Rep. Young (FL) / Appropriations Committee) (Closed Rule, One Hour of Debate). This bill provides temporary funding for the Federal government through Friday, November 7 at the FY03 rate.

H.Res. 422 - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2115 - Flight 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (Sponsored by Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules Committee). The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Conference reports are not subject to amendment. The Rule waives the requirement that a conference must hold at least one public meeting before filing its report because the conference never met. **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO.**

Conference Report on H.R. 2691 - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 04 (Sponsored by Rep. Taylor (NC) / Appropriations Committee) (Rule waives all points of order, one hour of debate). This conference report provides new appropriations of \$20.17 billion for FY04 for the Interior Department, the Agriculture Department's Forest Service, and cultural programs (the \$20.17 billion includes \$400 million in emergency fire repayment funds). These funds also include: \$1.81 billion for the Bureau of Land Management; \$2.3 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.3 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$2.33 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; \$4.5 billion for the Forest Service (Agriculture Department); \$3 billion for Indian Health (HHS Department); \$1.7 billion for the Energy Department; \$ 604 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$122 million for the National Endowment for the Arts; and \$137 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mr. Dicks is expected to offer a motion to recommit the conference report. A vote to recommit the bill back to conference would be seen as a vote to oppose a provision included in the conference report that delays for one year the resolution of concerns raised by Native American groups against the Department of Interior for improperly accounting for timber, grazing, oil & mineral lease royalties.

H.R. 2443 - Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003 (Sponsored by Rep. Young (AK) / Transportation and Infrastructure Committee) (Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate). This bill authorizes \$7.1 billion in FY04 for activities of the U.S. Coast activities, \$18 million in FY04 for Federal Maritime Commission activities, and \$45 million through FY08 for two transportation projects. Amendments that do not violate House Rules or the Congressional Budget Act will be considered under the 5-minute rule.

Conference Report on H.R. 2115 - Flight 100-Century of Aviation FAA Reauthorization Act (Sponsored by Rep. Young {AK}) (Subject to a Rule). This conference report reauthorizes \$62 billion over four years for the activities of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), including the grant program to local airports. This conference report drops all mention of privatizing air traffic control operations at 69 named airport control towers, even though both the House and Senate-passed bills prohibited privatization. Therefore, this conference report would still allow the Bush Administration to go forward with privatization. In addition, this bill continues to include provisions that gut anti-terrorism training for flight attendants and allows foreign airlines to raid U.S. markets.

As in the case of the original conference report, no Democratic Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee participated in the drafting of the new conference report. Democratic members of the conference were only notified about the content of the report after it was filed. No Democratic conferee in either the House or Senate signed the report.

Democrats are strongly urged to VOTE NO on the Republican FAA Conference Report.

Daily Quote...

"A House-Senate energy conference committee is about to disgorge a 1,700-page legislative abomination that should cause both the left and right to choke. Although the bill has yet to be released, enough is known to conclude that it will be three parts corporate welfare and one part cynical politics. The bill is a shocking abdication of the administration and Congress' responsibility."

- Jerry Taylor of the Cato Institute and Dan Becker of the Sierra Club in an Op-Ed in yesterday's *Los Angeles Times* (Note that this quote from yesterday's Daily Whip is being repeated)