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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
12:30 p.m.: Morning Hour 2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	9:00 p.m.

*** * * TONIGHT WE EXPECT IMPORTANT VOTES ON THE SCHEDULED APPROPRIATIONS BILLS. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE

The House will convene at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

H.R. 2989 - Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Istook - Appropriations*) (*Complete Consideration*)

H.R. 2765 - District of Columbia Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Frelinghuysen - Appropriations*) (*Complete Consideration*)

Postponed vote on the Ruppensberger 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.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.R. 2989 - Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Istook - Appropriations*) (*Complete Consideration*). This bill provides \$89.3 billion for FY04. The House completed general debate of this bill last week (September 4) and adopted the following six amendments: Petri/Olver amendment, regarding the use of Surface Transportation Program allocations for transportation enhancements; Hooley amendment, regarding a study on measures against identity theft; Istook amendment, regarding the mix of funding for FAA operations; Lewis (CA) amendment, regarding funding for intelligence and security; LoBiondo amendment, regarding additional funding for the FAA's technical center in Pomona, N.J.; and the Farr amendment, regarding a sense of Congress on federal locality pay.

Under the Unanimous Consent agreement reached last week, only the following fifteen amendments remain to be considered. Each amendment is limited to ten minutes of debate unless otherwise noted.

- **Delahunt/Flake Amendment (15 minutes).** To prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce any restrictions on remittances from the U.S. to nationals of Cuba or Cuban households.
- **Davis (FL) Amendment.** To prohibit use of funds in the bill to enforce regulations that would eliminate licenses for "people-to-people" educational exchanges with Cuba.
- **Flake/McGovern Amendment (1 Hour).** To prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce the ban on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens.
- **Hastings (FL) Amendment (30 minutes).** To prohibit the use of funds to be used by the Office of Management and Budget (under OMB Circular A-76) to require agencies to: (1) establish an inventory of inherently governmental activities performed by Federal employees; (2) establish or implement any streamlined competition; (3) require any follow-up competition for public-private competitions won by federal employees; or (4) implement the tradeoff source selection process for any activities other than information technology activities.
- **Hefley Amendment.** To cut total discretionary spending in the bill by \$893 million (1%).
- **Honda Amendment.** To earmark \$1 million for the Federal Transit Administration's "new starts" account for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Project in San Jose, California.
- **King (IA) Amendment.** To delay the effective date when states must begin complying with federal election standards under the Help America Vote Act until the year after a cumulative \$3 billion has been appropriated for election reform grants to the states.
- **Maloney Amendment.** To prohibit the IRS from using funds in the bill to collect taxes on disaster assistance grants that were provided to businesses and individuals in lower Manhattan after the September 11 attacks.



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- **Manzullo Amendment.** To specify that when agencies and programs authorized by the bill acquire goods and services in compliance with the Buy American Act, such goods will qualify as being "U.S.-made" only if at least 65% of the product is produced in the U.S.
- **McHugh Amendment (20 minutes).** To prohibit funds in the bill from being used to implement any modification to the Essential Air Service program that would require communities to provide matching funds in order to participate in the program.
- **Mica Amendment.** To prohibit the use of funds in the bill by Amtrak unless it submits all quarterly and annual reports required by law in accordance to standards set by the Sarbanes-Oxley corporate accountability law.
- **Moran (KS).** To restore funding for the EAS program.
- **Sanders/Gutknecht/George Miller (CA)/Hinchey/Emanuel Amendment (One Hour).** To protect U.S. workers who have been negatively impacted by age-discrimination cash balance pension conversions.
- **Sessions Amendment.** To prohibit any funding of those Amtrak long-distance routes identified as unable to recoup 50 cents in revenue for each dollar spent to operate the route.
- **Van Hollen Amendment (30 minutes).** To prevent OMB from spending any funds to implement the A-76 rewrite changes that were finalized on May 29 regarding federal employees and contractors.

H.R. 2765 - District of Columbia Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Rep. Frelinghuysen - Appropriations) (Complete Consideration). This bill provides \$466 million in federal funds for FY04. Amendments to this bill have been debated and voted on, including the Davis (VA)/Frelinghuysen/Boehner amendment to authorize a school voucher program in the District of Columbia (adopted 205-203) and the Norton amendment to strike the provision in the bill that provides the \$10 million for the school voucher program (not adopted 203-203). The Davis (VA) amendment was narrowly adopted in the Committee of the Whole. Therefore, under House rules, a revote on this amendment is in order prior to final passage of the bill.

Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Davis (VA) Amendment.

Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on FINAL PASSAGE if the voucher provisions remain in the bill.

Daily Quote...

"Bush defenders like to say that, measured as a share of the economy, these deficits are smaller than those under Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. But that's only because today's deficits are mitigated by the huge surpluses accumulating in Social Security until baby boomers retire. Take that money out of the equation, and the deficit next year will equal 5.6% of the gross national product, a level exceeded only once since World War II."

- From Ron Brownstein in *Los Angeles Times*, September 8, 2003