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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

| House Meets At... | Last Vote Predicted At... |
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| 12:30 p.m.: Morning Hour 2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes" | 7:00 p.m. |

**** NOTE THAT THIS WEEK WE EXPECT AN EXTREMELY CLOSE VOTE ON THE MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

**** THE UPDATED OCTOBER 2003 HOUSE CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND AT:**

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FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Suspensions (9 bills):

- 1) H.R. 2086** - Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Souder / Government Reform Committee / Judiciary Committee / Energy and Commerce Committee / Select Intelligence Committee*)
- 2) H.Res. 306** - Congratulating the New York Yankees on the occasion of their 100th anniversary (*Sponsored by Rep. Serrano / Government Reform Committee*)
- 3) H.R. 3011** - Bob Hope Post Office Building Designation Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Schiff / Government Reform Committee*)
- 4) H.Res. 357** - Honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope (*Sponsored by Rep. Miller (FL) / Government Reform Committee*)
- 5) H.R. 2075** - Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building Designation Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Hastings (FL) / Government Reform Committee*)
- 6) H.R. 1882** - Arthur `Pappy` Kennedy Post Office Building Designation Act (*Sponsored by Rep. C. Brown (FL) / Government Reform Committee*)
- 7) S. 570** - To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools (*Sponsored by Sen. Ensign / Education and the Workforce Committee*)
- 8) H.Con.Res. 282** - Honoring the life of Johnny Cash (*Sponsored by Rep. Cooper / Education and the Workforce Committee*)
- 9) H.Con.Res. 159** - Declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day (*Sponsored by Rep. Moran (KS) / Veterans` Affairs Committee*)

Postponed Vote on the Sandlin Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to: 1) accept the Senate-passed provisions requiring a federal "fallback" prescription drug benefit; 2) agree to the best provisions (in the Senate or House bill) improving Medicare payments to health care providers in rural areas; and (3) reject the cut in payments to hospitals in the House bill which will adversely affect hospitals in rural areas. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Postponed Vote on the Pallone 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.**

Daily Quote...

"The ranks of the uninsured swelled by 2.4 million last year as insurance costs kept rising and more Americans lost their jobs and health care coverage. The number of people without health insurance the entire year rose to 43.6 million, a jump of almost 6 percent from 2001 and the second consecutive annual increase, the Census Bureau said in a report being released Tuesday."

- AP story today