



# The Daily Whip

democraticwhip.house.gov • (202) 225-3130

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2004**

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:00 p.m.</b>

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

**H.Res. 754 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5006 - Department of Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Pryce/Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Under the rule, only amendments that do not require waivers of points of order are permitted. Amendments will be considered under the five-minute rule.

The rule did not make in order an important amendment by Ranking Member Obey that would have restored critical funding to the many areas the underlying bill short-changes. The Obey amendment would have increased funding for 20 vital programs and services and would pay for these increases (totaling \$7.364 billion) by scaling back the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for those with incomes above \$1 million (with the average tax cut for these individuals being reduced from \$127,000 to \$89,000).

- **Obey/George Miller Amendment.** It is expected that Ranking Members David Obey and George Miller will offer an amendment that would prohibit the Department of Labor from implementing new rules on overtime pay (except for the provisions that expand overtime protections for low-income workers). The rules went into effect on August 23, 2004, and redefine who is considered a professional, administrative, or executive employee and thereby exempt from overtime pay. These new eligibility rules would disqualify over 6 million workers from overtime protection under the Fair Labor Standards Act. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES on the Obey/George Miller Amendment to block these misguided overtime regulations.**

**H.R. 5006 – Department of Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Regula – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill provides \$143.1 billion for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education for FY05 -- a 0.8% cut for Department of Labor programs, a 1.6% increase for the Department of Health and Human Services, and a 3.6% increase for the Education Department. This bill was reported on a voice vote by the Appropriations Committee on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

This bill offers a modest improvement over the President's budget request but fails to meet America's needs in education, health care, medical research, and human services.

- **The Department of Labor would receive \$11.72 billion. Funding highlights include:** \$9.3 billion for employment training programs -- \$236 million less than last year (0.4% cut); \$1.52 billion for Job Corps (1.8% increase); 36 million for the International Labor Affairs program (68% cut); \$534 million for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2.9% increase).
- **The Department of Health and Human Services would receive \$63.18 billion. Funding highlights include:** \$28.54 billion for NIH (a 2.6% increase that is the smallest increase in 19 years); \$6.33 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration (a 4.3% overall cut that eliminates the Healthy Communities Access Program; cuts the Health

# The Daily Whip

democraticwhip.house.gov • (202) 225-3130

Professions programs by 8.4%; cuts Rural Health Outreach Grants by 24%; and increases Community Health Centers by 13.5%); \$4.46 billion for the Centers for Disease Control programs (2.5% overall cut); \$3.39 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (1.2% increase); and \$15.32 billion for Human Services Programs (a 2.3% overall increase that includes \$2 billion for LIHEAP and \$6.89 billion for Head Start).

- **The Department of Education would receive \$57.68 billion. Funding highlights include:** \$24.79 billion for No Child Left Behind Act programs (a 1.3% increase but \$9.5 billion less than the funding promised in the authorizing bill for FY05 and a \$25 billion cumulative shortfall); \$11.06 billion for Special Education Grants (9.9% increase); \$12.83 billion for the Pell Grant program (the maximum Pell Grant for low-income college students is frozen at \$4,050); \$67 million for Perkins Loans (59% cut); \$999 million for College Work Study (a freeze).

## **Suspensions (1 bill):**

- 1) S. 2634** – Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (*Sen. Dodd – Energy & Commerce*)

**Hill Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1308** – Extension of Tax Cuts Conference Report. This motion instructs conferees to agree, to the maximum extent possible within the scope of the conference, to a conference report that extends the tax relief provisions that expire at the end of 2004, and does not increase the federal budget deficit.

## **TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business to complete consideration of **H.R. 5006** – Department of Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY05 (*Rep. Regula – Appropriations*). In addition, it is possible the House may consider motions to go to conference on H.R.4520 – the FSC/ETI bill and H.R.4200 – Department of Defense Authorization bill for FY05.

### **Daily Quote...**

"Any family that borrowed \$1 of every \$5 it spent would soon be hauled into bankruptcy court. Yet President Bush's campaign aides were touting the news yesterday that this year's federal budget deficit is estimated at *only* \$422 billion -- a new record by *only* \$47 billion. The Bush camp grasped at the only straw it could find in the new estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office . . . But the Bush campaign ignored the fact that the \$422 billion would be an all-time high and that the record being broken is its own -- the \$375 billion in red ink that it ran up last year."

- *The Boston Globe* in an editorial today