



# The Daily Whip

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2003**

| House Meets At...   | Last Vote Predicted At... |
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| <b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b><br><b>Unlimited "One Minutes"</b> | <b>7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</b>   |

**\*\*\* THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP HAS ANNOUNCED THAT VOTES ARE NOW POSSIBLE ON FRIDAY IF THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6 – ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003 IS READY.**

**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. 194 members have signed on.

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

### Suspensions (6 Bills):

- 1) **H.R. 3349** - To authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner / Judiciary*)
- 2) **H.R. 3214** - Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner / Judiciary Committee / Armed Services*)
- 3) **H.R. 3348** - To reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms (*Rep. Sensenbrenner / Judiciary*)
- 4) **H.R. 3365** - Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act (*Rep. Renzi / Ways and Means/ Armed Services*)
- 5) **H.Res. 425** - Recognizing and honoring the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the October, 2003, historically devastating, outbreak of wildfires in Southern California (*Rep. Davis (CA) / Government Reform*)
- 6) **H.R. 3379** - Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building Designation Act (*Rep. Hill / Government Reform*)

**Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 2800** - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 – Democratic Motion to Instruct.

**H.Res. 430 - Rule providing for consideration of H.J.Res. 76** – Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY04 (*Rep. Linder/Rules*)

**H.Res. 429 - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2559** - Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Rep. Myrick/Rules*)

**H.Res. 428 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1829** – Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003 (*Rep. Myrick/Rules*)

**H.J.Res. 76** – Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY04 (*Rep. Young {FL}/ Appropriations*) (Subject to a Rule)

**Conference Report on H.R. 2559** – Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY04 (*Rep. Knollenberg – Appropriations*) (Subject to a Rule)

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

### Postponed Suspension Vote (1 bill):

- 1) **H.R. 2620** - Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003 (*Rep. Smith (NJ) / International Relations / Judiciary*)

**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 (IDEA).

**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.

**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 also instructs conferees to reject the Senate-passed provision providing \$6 billion for privatization demonstration projects proposed by Sen. Kyl. The motion would apply the savings to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services.



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## BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

**H.Res. 430 - Rule providing for consideration of H.J.Res. 76 – Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY04 (Rep. Linder/Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution; and provides one motion to recommit.

**H.Res. 429 - Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 2559 - Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY04 (Rep. Myrick/Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that waives all points of order against the conference report and provides that the conference report be considered as read. Conference reports are not subject to amendment.

**H.Res. 428 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1829 – Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003 (Rep. Myrick/Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Germane amendments will be considered under the five-minute rule.

**H.J.Res. 76 – Making Further Continuing Appropriations for FY04 (Rep. Young {FL}/ Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill provides temporary funding for the Federal government through Friday, November 21 at the FY03 rate.

**Conference Report on H.R. 2559 – Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY04 (Rep. Knollenberg – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill provides \$9.32 billion including: \$5.16 billion for military construction (\$1.2 billion for barracks, \$16.5 million for child development centers, \$159 million for hospital and medical facilities, \$120 million for the Chemical Demilitarization program, \$161 million for NATO Security Investment Program, and \$730 million for Guard and Reserve components); \$3.8 billion for family housing (\$1.1 billion for new family housing units and improvements to existing units, and \$2.7 billion for operation and maintenance of existing units); and \$337 million for base realignment and closure.

**H.R. 2443 - Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003 (Sponsored by Rep. Young (AK) / Transportation and Infrastructure) (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.

### Daily Quote...

“Experience in the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP) has shown that competition can lead to a ‘death spiral’ as relatively healthier enrollees flee high cost plans for lower cost plans, ultimately increasing costs in the high cost plans. They [most panel members] fear that if FFS Medicare were placed in direct price competition with private health plans; FFS premiums might increase to the point that FFS could become unaffordable for lower income beneficiaries.”

- From a report by the National Association of Social Insurance, "The Role of Private Health Plans in Medicare", November 3, 2003