



# The Daily Whip

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003**

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b> <b>Unlimited "One Minutes"</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>

**FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE****Suspensions (18 bills):**

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 288** - Honoring Seeds of Peace (*Rep. Allen / International Relations*)
- 2) **H.Res. 427** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the courageous leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam and the urgent need for religious freedom and related human rights in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (*Rep. Loretta Sanchez / International Relations*)
- 3) **H.Res. 423** - Recognizing the 5th anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (*Rep. Wolf / International Relations*)
- 4) **H.Res. 393** - Commending Afghan women (*Sponsored by Rep. Biggert / International Relations Committee*)
- 5) **H.Con.Res. 83** - Honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979 (*Rep. Millender-McDonald / International Relations*)
- 6) **H.R. 1813** - Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003 (*Rep. Smith (NJ) / International Relations*)
- 7) **S. 1824** - Overseas Private Investment Corporation Amendments Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Sen. Lugar / International Relations*)
- 8) **H.R. 3140** - Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act (*Rep. Burr / Energy and Commerce*)
- 9) **H.R. 2218** - To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of noncorrective contact lens as medical devices (*Rep. Boozman / Energy and Commerce*)
- 10) **S. 286** - Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2003 (*Sen. Bond / Energy and Commerce*)
- 11) **S.Con.Res. 48** - Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" and urging funding for epilepsy research and service programs (*Sen. Lincoln / Energy and Commerce*)
- 12) **S. 650** - Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2003 (*Sen. DeWine / Energy and Commerce*)
- 13) **S. 686** - Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments of 2003 (*Sen. DeWine / Energy and Commerce*)
- 14) **S. 1685** - Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003 (*Sen. Grassley / Judiciary*)
- 15) **S. 1720** - To provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas (*Sen. Cornyn / Judiciary*)
- 16) **H.R. 482** - Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 (*Rep. Miller (FL) / Agriculture*)
- 17) **H.R. 2420** - Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003 (*Rep. Baker / Financial Services*)
- 18) **H.R. 253** - Two Floods and You Are Out of the Taxpayers' Pocket Act of 2003 (*Rep. Bereuter / Financial Services*)

**Postponed Suspension Votes (3 bills):**

- 1) **H.R. 1006** - Captive Wildlife Safety Act (*Rep. McKeon / Resources*)
- 2) **H.Con.Res. 320** - Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of motorsports (*Rep. Feeney / Government Reform*)

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**3) H.R. 3491** - National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act (*Rep. Lewis (GA) / House Administration*)

**Postponed Vote on the Berkley Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1** - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject the House provisions that require the Medicare program to compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits by 2010 and reject the Senate provisions that would establish an alternative payment system for preferred provider organizations in highly competitive regions. The motion also instructs conferees to accept the House provisions that would provide increases in Medicare payments to doctors for the next two years. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

**Postponed Vote on the Kennedy (RI) Motion to Instruct Conferees 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 highest funding levels possible for nutrition programs for seniors as authorized by the Older Americans Act. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

**Hooley Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1** - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to reject the House provisions that require the Medicare program to compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits by 2010 and reject the Senate provisions that would establish an alternative payment system for preferred provider organizations in highly competitive regions. The motion also instructs conferees to accept the House provisions that would provide increases in Medicare payments to doctors for the next two years.

**Kildee Motion to Instruct Conferees 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 at least \$14.2 billion for student financial aid, and the highest funding level possible for the Pell Grant program.

## Daily Quote...

"But if [Medicare] privatization is such a good idea, why do the private insurance companies need such big subsidies to enter the Medicare market? The bill includes \$12 billion for what [Sen. Edward] Kennedy calls a 'slush fund' to subsidize the private insurers. That's not capitalism or competition. That's corporate welfare."

- E.J. Dionne in *The Washington Post*, 11/18, regarding the Republican Conference Report on prescription drugs and Medicare privatization