



The Daily Whip

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:30 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes" Per Side	7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE

H.R. 2673 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Bonilla - Appropriations*)
(Privileged)

Suspensions (3 bills):

- 1) H.Con.Res. 215** - Honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies (*Rep. Knollenberg - Energy & Commerce*)
- 2) H.Res. 296** - Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century (*Rep. Kleczka - Energy & Commerce*)
- 3) H.R. 2330** - To sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people (*Rep. Lantos - International Relations*)

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1 - GOP Medicare Prescription Drug Bill – Motion to Instruct Conferees.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.R. 2673 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Bonilla - Appropriations*) (Privileged). This bill provides \$77.5 billion in new appropriations for FY04, which is \$2.9 billion more than for FY03. Funding highlights in this bill include: \$44.06 billion for Domestic Food Programs (\$27.75 billion for the Food Stamp Program; \$11.41 billion for Child Nutrition Programs; \$4.58 billion for WIC); \$26.75 billion for Agricultural Programs (\$17.27 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation; \$3.36 billion for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund; \$1.59 billion for the Farm Assistance Program; \$1 billion for Agricultural Research Service; \$730 million for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service); \$2.5 billion for Rural Development Programs; \$1.52 billion for Foreign Aid and Export Programs; \$1.48 billion for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and \$1 billion for Conservation Programs. This bill also includes provisions to prohibit the FDA from spending funds to: prevent individuals and pharmacists from importing FDA-approved prescription drugs; and implement country-of-origin labeling for meat or meat products.

Germane amendments will be considered under the five-minute rule.

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1 - GOP Medicare Prescription Drug Bill. The House will consider a motion to go to conference on H.R.1 – GOP Medicare Prescription Drug Bill, which was adopted by the House on June 26. Democrats will offer a Motion to instruct conferees to: reject the House-passed "premium support" provision that would turn Medicare into a voucher program; and accept the Senate-passed provisions requiring a federal "fallback" prescription drug benefit.

Democrats are strongly urged to VOTE YES on the Democratic Motion to Instruct.

Daily Quote...

"Going to war and cutting taxes at the same time never seemed wise, if only because it created the false impression that a massive military adventure could be conducted without sacrifice at home. Now the consequences of that course are becoming glaringly clear. There will be sacrifice, all right, made by those who depend on just about every other government program for many years to come."

-The Baltimore Sun in an editorial, 7/11/03