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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

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

***** IMPORTANT VOTES WILL TAKE PLACE ON DEMOCRATIC MOTIONS TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE

Suspensions (13 bills):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 21** - Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase (*Sponsored by Rep. Vitter / Resources Committee*)
- 2) **H.Res. 362** - Recognizing the importance and contributions of sportsmen to American society, supporting the traditions and values of sportsmen, and recognizing the many economic benefits associated with outdoor sporting activities (*Sponsored by Rep. Walsh / Resources Committee*)
- 3) **H.R. 1113** - To authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument (*Sponsored by Rep. Kingston / Resources Committee*)
- 4) **H.R. 1409** - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Taylor (NC) / Resources Committee*)
- 5) **H.R. 2059** - Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Pearce / Resources Committee*)
- 6) **S. 278** - Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act (*Sponsored by Sen. Bennett / Resources Committee*)
- 7) **H.R. 1209** - To extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia (*Sponsored by Rep. Watson / Resources Committee*)
- 8) **S. 111** - To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park (*Sponsored by Sen. Graham / Resources Committee*)
- 9) **S. 233** - Coltsville Study Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Sen. Dodd / Resources Committee*)
- 10) **H.J.Res. 63** - Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Leach / International Relations Committee / Resources Committee / Judiciary Committee*)
- 11) **H.R. 2826** - Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building Designation Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Acevedo-Vila / Government Reform Committee*)
- 12) **H.R. 2533** - J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Kingston / Government Reform Committee*)
- 13) **H.R. 3087** - Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003 (*Sponsored by Rep. Young (AK) / Transportation and Infrastructure Committee*)

Postponed Vote on the Ryan (OH) 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.**



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Postponed Vote on the Stenholm 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 Rodriguez Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1588 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. The motion instructs conferees to accept the Senate provisions to expedite the naturalization process for members serving in the U.S. military and the Selected Reserves; and protect spouses, children, and parents of soldiers killed in action by preserving their ability to file for permanent residence in the U.S. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Daily Quote...

"A study to be released today by the House Budget Committee's Democratic staff concluded that the cost of the Iraq war and occupation could easily reach \$417 billion over the next decade, more than the president is seeking for a 10-year prescription drug benefit for Medicare. Even a benign postwar scenario would cost taxpayers \$308 billion, the Democrats concluded."

- A news story in *The Washington Post* today