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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" Per Side	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

H.J.Res. 69 - Making Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Young (FL) / Committee*) (Subject to a Unanimous Consent Agreement)

H.Res. 377 - Rule providing for the recommittal of the Conference Report on H.R. 2115 - Flight 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act to the conference committee (*Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules*)

H.R. 3161 - To Ratify the Authority of the FTC to establish a Do-Not-Call Registry (*Tauzin / Energy and Commerce*) (Subject to a Unanimous Consent Agreement)

Possible Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 2691 - Interior Appropriations Act for FY 2004

Postponed Vote on the Kind 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.

Postponed Vote on the Crowley Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1588 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. The motion directs conferees to accept the Senate provision that authorizes Defense Department subsidies to help pay health insurance costs for the families of National Guard and Reserves members called to active duty.

Debate Sandlin 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.

Debate Pallone 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.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.J.Res. 69 - Making Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Young (FL) / Appropriations*) (Subject to a Unanimous Consent Agreement). This bill provides temporary funding for the Federal government through Friday, October 31 at the FY03 rate. In addition, the measure shifts \$2.2 billion in education funding from FY04 to FY03 in order to make room for this amount in the Labor-HHS-Education Conference Report for FY03.



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H.Res. 377 - Rule providing for the recommittal of the Conference Report on H.R. 2115 - Flight 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act to the conference committee (*Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules*). This rule provides that upon its adoption, the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115 shall be recommitted to the conference committee.

H.R. 3161 - To Ratify the Authority of the FTC to establish a Do-Not-Call Registry (*Tauzin / Energy and Commerce*) (Subject to a Unanimous Consent Agreement). This bill specifically permits the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to operate a national Do-Not-Call registry. A federal judge ruled yesterday that the FTC did not have the authority to create such a registry.

Daily Quote...

"A Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll shows that slow economic growth and persistent job losses have helped drive down Mr. Bush's standing to the lowest levels of his presidency. Just 49% of Americans approve of his overall job performance, and only 43% approve of his handling of the economy."

- *The Wall Street Journal* today