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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	6:00 p.m.

**** DEMOCRATS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE EDWARDS DISCHARGE PETITION (#13) ON THE PATIENTS BILL OF RIGHTS.**

**** DEMOCRATS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE LEE-SANDERS-CAPUANO DISCHARGE PETITION (#11) TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Martial Law Rule providing for same day consideration of a Rule for the Surface Transportation Extension Act, Part V (Rules).

H.Res. ____ - Rule Providing for consideration of H.R. ____ - Surface Transportation Extension Act, Part V (Rules).

H.R. ____ - Surface Transportation Extension Act, Part V (Rep. Young (AK) - Transportation and Infrastructure) (Subject to a Rule). This bill provides an eight-month extension (to May 31, 2005) for transportation programs.

H.Res. 801 - Rule providing for consideration of H.J.Res.106 - Marriage Protection Amendment. The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides two hours and thirty minutes of debate and provides one motion to recommit.

H.J.Res. 106 - Marriage Protection Amendment (Rep. Musgrave - Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule). This joint resolution proposes the following language as a new article to the Constitution: "Marriage in the United States shall consist solely of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman." Resolutions to amend the Constitution require two-thirds majority for passage in the House and Senate, and ratification by three-fourths of the state legislatures. In July, the Senate considered an identical proposal to this joint resolution (S.J.Res. 40) which was defeated on a 48-50 vote.

Postponed Suspension Votes (4 bills):

- 1) H.R. 5149** - To reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2005 (Rep. Herger / Ways and Means)
- 2) H.R. 4231** - Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004 (Rep. Simmons / Veterans Affairs)
- 3) H.Con.Res. 501** - Honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, congratulating Blue Note records on its 65th anniversary and Down Beat Magazine on its 70th anniversary, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival (Del. Norton / Education and the Workforce)
- 4) H.Res. 792** - Honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary (Rep. George Miller / Education and the Workforce)

Possible Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 4567 - Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY05. Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business --- if the Transportation Extension Bill is adopted today, no votes are expected tomorrow.

Daily Quote...

"Despite its control of both houses and the White House, the GOP has had trouble completing basic congressional business; like last year, the new fiscal year will begin tomorrow without passage of most bills to fund the government... The GOP complained that Democrats ran the House as their private fiefdom, blocking votes on Republican amendments and limiting the GOP's role in running the body. Republicans vowed to change that and passed reforms including requirements for open committee meetings, the banning of proxies and limits on committee staffs. But recent years have seen the Republican majority curb the Democratic minority, limiting floor amendments, extending key votes by up to three hours while leaders pressured wavering members, and giving Democrats even less say than the GOP had under the Democrats."

- Carl Luebsdorg, Dallas Morning News today