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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**** NOTE THAT TODAY WE EXPECT AN EXTREMELY CLOSE VOTE ON THE MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

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FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Conference Report on S. 6 - Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 (Subject to a Rule). This bill would make it a federal crime to perform a "partial birth abortion," unless it is necessary to save the life of the mother. This bill does not include an exception that the procedure may be performed to preserve the health of the mother. The Rules Committee has recommended a rule, debatable for one hour, that waives all points of order against the conference report and provides that the conference report be considered as read. The conference report is debatable for one hour and is not subject to amendment.

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 2660 - Labor-HHS Appropriations Act for FY04 - Democratic Motion to Instruct.

Inslee Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6 - Energy Policy Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to stay within the scope of the conference with regard to the legal definition of "high-level radioactive waste," as defined in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and other federal law.

Bishop (NY) Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to strike funds included in the bill (\$178 billion) for Health Savings Accounts. These resources could be used for other purposes, such as closing the gap between basic and catastrophic coverage.

Flake Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1 - Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. The motion instructs conferees to include income thresholds ("means testing") on prescription drug coverage.

Daily Quote...

"The lack of health insurance, a problem once confined mostly to the poor and nearly poor, has reached into the lower middle classes, most notably to those earning \$25,000 to \$49,999 a year, and even to some above \$50,000. It is a problem that needs to be addressed by Congress and the administration, which have thus far sat mostly on the sidelines."

- *The New York Times* editorial today