

THE DAILY WHIP

Thursday, March 27, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Number of "One-Minutes" Today: 5 per side	

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

The two suspension votes postponed from yesterday are expected to be taken after final passage of H.R. 1104.

Rolled Suspension Votes (2 bills):

H.Res. 153 – Recognizing the public need for fasting and prayer in order to secure the blessings and protection of Providence for the people of the United States and our Armed Forces during the conflict in Iraq and under the threat of terrorism at home (Akin - Gov't Reform)

H.Con.Res 118 - Concerning the treatment of members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war by Iraqi authorities (Kingston)

H.R. 1104 - Child Abduction Prevention Act of 2000 (Sensenbrenner - Judiciary) (Structured Rule).

Note: The House will appoint conferees on the following: H.R. 1104 - Child Abduction Prevention Act; and H.R. 14 Keeping Children and Families Safe Act. A Motion to go to Conference on the Budget is possible today.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.R. 1104 - Child Abduction Prevention Act of 2000 (Sensenbrenner - Judiciary) (Structured Rule). This bill provides for the appointment of a national America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) alert network coordinator within the Justice Department and a grant program to help support the AMBER system. In addition, the bill includes a number of other provisions to increase penalties for crimes against children and for sex offenses (the bill would establish a mandatory life sentence for twice-convicted child sex offenders; and expand the list of criminal investigations in which government wiretaps would be allowed).

The structured rule makes in order eight amendments in the following order: Pence (10 minutes); Feeney (20 minutes); Pomeroy (10 minutes); Foley (10 minutes); Carter (10 minutes); Lampson (10 minutes); Acevedo-Vila (10 minutes); Smith (TX) (20 minutes).

REMINDERS

- The Republican Leadership has announced that the voting time on 15-minute recorded votes will be strictly enforced.
- Please Notify the Democratic Whip's Office if you will be absent.

DAILY QUOTE...

"Senate moderates must resolve to vote against any budget resolution [in conference] that hacks away at the needy. President Bush did not seek these cuts. Here is his chance to wax compassionate and order his conferees to fight as much for the poorest Americans as for the wealthiest."

- A *New York Times*' editorial today

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