

THE DAILY WHIP

Wednesday, April 2, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

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

***** AN IMPORTANT VOTE ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK (LIKELY THURSDAY). ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

At 4:00 p.m. there will be a Members-Only briefing on the House Floor regarding the War in Iraq. Administration officials attending include Secretary of Defense, Don Rumsfeld, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Richard Meyers.

H.Res. 168 - Rule providing for Consideration of H.R. 743 – Social Security Protection Act of 2003 (Linder – Rules)

H.R. 522 - Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003 (Bachus - Financial Services) (Under Unanimous Consent Agreement)

H.R. 743 - Social Security Protection Act of 2003 (Shaw - W &M)
(Subject to a Rule)

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.Res. 168 - Rule providing for Consideration of H.R. 743 – Social Security Protection Act of 2003 (Linder – Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a modified closed rule for the consideration of H.R. 743 that provides for one hour of debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule also makes in order one amendment in the nature of a substitute.

- **Green Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (40 minutes)** – This amendment would strike the provision that would require state and local government employees not covered by Social Security to work at least 5 years in a job covered by Social Security in order to receive full spousal benefits.

H.R. 522 - Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003 (Bachus - Financial Services) (Under Unanimous Consent Agreement). This bill modifies the federal deposit insurance system by, among other things: merging the two existing federal deposit insurance funds into a new, single deposit insurance fund; increasing deposit insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and indexing this limit to inflation; and doubling deposit insurance coverage for certain retirement accounts.

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The Unanimous Consent Agreement provides for one hour of general debate; two amendments; and one motion to recommit.

- **Ose Amendment (20 minutes)** – This amendment would strike the provision increasing the limit on deposit insurance from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and indexing it to inflation.
- **Rohrabacher Amendment (20 minutes)** – This amendment would strike the provision increasing the limit on deposit insurance from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and indexing it to inflation; and would eliminate the provision increasing the insurance limit for retirement accounts.

H.R. 743 - Social Security Protection Act of 2003 (Shaw - W &M) (Subject to a Rule). This bill protects vulnerable Social Security beneficiaries and bars fugitives from justice from being paid Social Security benefits. It includes a number of provisions to assist disabled beneficiaries and to prevent fraud including: allowing the Social Security Administration to repay benefits that are misused by a beneficiary's "representative payee"; improving access to legal representation for claimants for Social Security and SSI disability benefits; and expanding prohibitions against misleading mailings to seniors. This bill also includes a provision, opposed by Texas teachers and public employee unions, that would require state and local government employees not covered by Social Security to work at least five years in a job covered by Social Security in order to receive full spousal benefits. This bill was defeated under Suspension of the Rules on March 5th (249-180) and was subsequently favorably reported out of committee with a 35-2 vote.

REMINDER

- The Republican Leadership has announced that the voting time on 15-minute recorded votes will be strictly enforced.

DAILY QUOTE...

"If we are not careful, we could find ourselves in a situation where there is resegregation of our schools."

- NAACP Chairman Kweisi Mfume, speaking in favor of the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies

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