

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:30 a.m. For Morning Hour 12:00 p.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One-minutes" Per Side	

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 377–Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1294-the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007 (Hastings, FL-Rules):** The closed rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute reported by the Committee on Natural Resources, modified by the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Hastings and consideration will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the motion.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule.**
- **Postponed Vote:** At some point today, the House will take a recorded vote on H. Res. 370-Rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012 (*Slaughter-Rules*), which was debated on Monday: The rule provides for consideration in the House of S. Con.Res. 21 and adopts an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.Con.Res. 99 as adopted by the House. Finally, the rule provides that if the concurrent resolution, as amended, is adopted then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment and request a conference with the Senate.

- **Motion to go to Conference on [S.Con.Res. 21](#) - Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY08 (Rep. Spratt – Budget).**
- **Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees.**
- **H.R. 1294 - Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2006 (Rep. Moran – Natural Resources):**
Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Natural Resources Committee Chair Rep. Nick Rahall, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on final passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**
- **Suspension Bills:** Today, the House will consider several bills on the Suspension calendar. Bills considered on the Suspension calendar are debatable for 40 minutes; may not be amended; and require a two-thirds vote for passage. If a recorded vote is requested, it will be postponed.
 1. **[H.Res. 307](#)** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007 (*Rep. Davis (IL) – Oversight and Government Reform*)
 2. **[H.Con.Res. 117](#)** - Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown (*Rep. Jo Ann Davis – Oversight and Government Reform*)
 3. **[H.Res. 291](#)** - Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day (*Rep. Poe – Oversight and Government Reform*)
 4. **[H.Con.Res. 105](#)** - Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Suffragists Day to promote awareness of the importance of the women suffragists who worked for the right of women to vote in the United States (*Rep. Berkley – Oversight and Government Reform*)
 5. **[H.R. 2080](#)** - To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education (*Rep. Norton – Oversight and Government Reform*)
- **Postponed Suspension Vote:**
 1. **[H.R. 1595](#)** - Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act (*Rep. Bordallo – Natural Resources*)

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 1294-Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2006

- H.R.1294 would extend federal recognition to six Indian tribes located in Virginia: the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.
- The ancestors of these six tribes resided in what is now the Commonwealth of Virginia when the first English settlers arrived to establish the Jamestown settlement 400 years ago. Yet, none of the them are recognized by the federal government. However, all six tribes have obtained recognition from Virginia.
- The six Indian tribes that would receive federal recognition under H.R. 1294 are signatories of the 1677 "Treaty Between Virginia And The Indians." The Treaty provided that the tribes would pay a yearly payment to the Governor of the Colony of Virginia and remain obedient to the King of Great Britain and in return would own and control their land.
- Under the bill, the tribes would have 25 years to obtain land in the counties in which they reside and transfer the land to the Secretary of Interior to be held in trust status by the United States.
- The bill stipulates that the tribes would be prohibited from conducting gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act or any other federal law.
- The bill is named for Thomasina "Red Hawk Woman" Jordan, an honorary member of the Chickahominy Tribe and Nansemond Tribe whose lifelong pursuit of advancing Native American rights encompassed the promise of education for all Indians to securing Federal recognition for Virginia Indian tribes.

Quote of the Day

"I sometimes think that the saving grace of America lies in the fact that the overwhelming majority of Americans are possessed with two great qualities – a sense of humor and a sense of proportion." -President Franklin D. Roosevelt

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