

Thursday, September 25, 2008

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

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. 1491 – Providing for Consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules (Rep. Cardoza -Rules):** The closed rule provides certain specified measures may be considered under suspension of the rules at any time during the legislative day of September 25, 2008. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Cardoza, and consideration will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic Motion ordering the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
- **H. Res. 1490 – Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rep. Arcuri -Rules):** The closed rule waives the two-thirds vote requirement to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules on any legislative day through September 27, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Arcuri, and consideration will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic Motion ordering the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
- **H.R. 6049– Energy Production and Conservation Tax Relief Act of 2008 (Rep. Rangel –Ways & Means):** Debate on the bill will proceed pursuant to a same-day rule to be reported from the Committee on Rules.

- **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.
 1. **H.R. 928** – Inspector General Reform Act of 2008 (Rep. Cooper – Oversight and Government Reform)
 2. **S. 1046** – Senior Professional Performance Act of 2008 (Sen. Voinovich – Judiciary)
 3. **H.R. 6045** - Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2008 (Rep. Visclosky – Judiciary)
 4. **H.Con.Res. 214** - Posthumous pardon to John Arthur "Jack" Johnson (Rep. Peter King – Judiciary)
 5. **H.R. 4120** - Effective Child Pornography Prosecution Act of 2007(Rep. Boyda/Carney – Judiciary)
 6. **H.R. 1777** - Need -Based Educational Aid Act of 2008 (Rep. Delahunt – Judiciary)
 7. **H.R. 1157** - Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2008 (Rep. Lowey – Energy and Commerce)
 8. **H.R. 6568** - Tom Lantos Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Education Act of 2008 (Rep Brady (TX) – Energy and Commerce)
 9. **H.R. 3232** - Travel Promotion Act of 2007 (Rep. Delahunt – Energy and Commerce)
 10. **H.R. 3402** - Calling Card Consumer Protection Act (Rep. Engel – Energy and Commerce)
 11. **S. 1382** - ALS Registry Act (Sen. Reid – Energy and Commerce)
 12. **S. 1810** - The Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act (Sen. Brownback – Energy and Commerce)
 13. **S. 2932** - The Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008 (Sen. Murray – Energy and Commerce)
 14. **H.Res. 1333** - Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month (Rep. Arcuri – Energy and Commerce)
 15. **H.R. 1343** - The Health Centers Renewal Act of 2008 (Rep. Gene Green (TX) - Energy and Commerce)
 16. **H.R. ___** - A bill related to Iran sanctions and divestment (Foreign Affairs)

17. **H. R. _____** United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act (Rep. Berman - Foreign Affairs)

- **Postponed Suspension Votes:**

1. **H.Con.Res. 255** - Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the U.S. commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated (Rep. Ferguson – Foreign Affairs)
2. **H.Res. 1461** - Recognizing the Tenth Anniversary of the terrorist bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the memorializing of the citizens and families of the United States, Kenya and Tanzania whose lives were lost or who were injured as a result of these attacks (Rep. Scott (GA) – Foreign Affairs)
3. **H.R. 758** - The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007 (Rep. DeLauro – Energy and Commerce)
4. **H.R. 6469** - The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Organ Transplant Authorization Act of 2008 (Rep. DeGette – Energy and Commerce)
5. **H.R. 6901** - Meth Free Families and Communities Act (Rep. Hooley – Energy and Commerce)
6. **H.Con.Res. 393** - Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month (Rep. Pickering – Energy and Commerce)
7. **H.Res. 988** - Designating the month of March 2008 as "MRSA Awareness Month" (Rep. Matheson – Energy and Commerce)
8. **H.R. 1014** - Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act (Rep. Capps – Energy and Commerce)
9. **H.R. 4544** - Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008 (Rep. Boren – Financial Services)
10. **H.R. 6950** - Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act of 2008 (Rep. Stark – Financial Services)
11. **H.R. 3018** - Family Self-Sufficiency Act of 2007 (Rep. Biggert – Financial Services)
12. **H.Res. 1421** - Solemnly commemorating the 25th anniversary of the tragic October 1983 terrorist bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon and remembering those who lost their lives and those who were injured (Rep. Walter Jones – Armed Services)

13. **H.R. 6847** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 Industrial Boulevard in Ellijay, Georgia, as the "First Lieutenant Noah Harris Ellijay Post Office Building (Rep. Deal – Oversight and Government Reform)

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 6049 - Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008

The House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 6049, the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008, will:

- provide approximately \$16 billion of tax incentives for investment in renewable energy, carbon capture and sequestration demonstration projects, energy efficiency and conservation.
- extend \$27 billion of expiring temporary tax provisions, including the research and development credit, special rules for active financing income, the State and local sales tax deduction, the deduction for out-of-pocket expenses for teachers, and the deduction for qualified tuition expenses.
- provide \$3 billion of additional tax relief for individuals through an expansion of the refundable child tax credit.
- be offset using the same revenue-raising provisions that were included in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6049:
 1. prevent the understatement of foreign oil and gas extraction income in calculating foreign tax credits;
 2. freeze the section 199 deduction for oil and gas companies at 6%;
 3. provide for broker reporting of customer's basis in securities;
 4. extend the FUTA surtax for one year;
 5. extend and increase funding for the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund;
 6. close a tax loophole that allows individuals that work for certain offshore corporations, such as hedge fund managers, to defer tax on their compensation.
- These revenue-raising provisions passed the Senate today by a vote of 93 to 2.

Quote of the Day

" Every calling is great when greatly pursued."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes