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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

- 1) **To Amend Public Law 89-366 to Allow for an Adjustment in the Number of Free-Roaming Horses Permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore** (H.R. 2055). 
This bill neither increases direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – nor reduces revenue.
- 2) **Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2003** (H.R. 3378). 
This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program supporting activities to protect and conserve marine turtles. It authorizes, subject to appropriations, \$5 million a year over the 2005-09 period for an advisory panel, and for financial assistance to government agencies, international organizations, or private entities that may assist in conserving or protecting marine turtles. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.
- 3) **To Replace Certain Coastal Barrier Resources System Maps** (S. 1663). 
This bill replaces two maps of protected areas in the Cape Fear Unit of North Carolina's Coastal Barrier Resources System. These areas are owned by government agencies or nonprofit organizations. The new maps exclude 49 acres of private property from the protected area and include 5,960 acres of Federal and State land. Enacting the bill would enable the owners of the excluded property to participate in the Federal flood insurance program. Any effect on direct spending is negligible.
- 4) **To Protect the Voting Rights of Members of the Armed Services in Elections for the Delegate Representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives** (H.R. 2010). 
The bill revises the voting procedures used for the election of American Samoa's delegate. At present, the delegate must be elected by a majority of votes, and a run-off vote is held 14 days after the initial vote if no candidate receives a majority. This measure revises that system to only require a plurality, and no run-off election would be held. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.
- 5) **Africa Growth and Opportunity Acceleration Act of 2004** (H.R. 4103). 
This bill extends the trade benefits available under the African Growth and Opportunity Act [AGOA] currently set to expire in 2008. It also extends the special rule for lesser-developed Sub-Saharan countries expiring in September 2004. These extensions reduce revenue by \$3 million in 2004, and by \$140 million over the 2004-09 period. This will not reduce revenue below the revenue floor provided for in the budget resolution currently in force (S. Con. Res 95).
- 6) **Approving the Renewal of Import Restrictions Contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003** (H.J.Res. 97). 
This bill renews import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. No

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estimate has been prepared for this measure, but it is likely to cause a reduction in revenue of \$10 million in fiscal year 2005. This will not cause revenue to be less than provided for in the budget resolution currently in force (S. Con. Res. 95).

7) ***Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act*** (H.R. 3658). 

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS] to increase the public's knowledge and awareness of stroke prevention and treatment. It directs HHS to engage in educational campaigns, to maintain a national registry, and to establish an information clearinghouse related to the disease. The bill authorizes, subject to appropriations, \$5 million each year from 2005 through 2009 for these purposes. It neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

8) ***Expressing the Sense of Congress with Respect to the Need to Provide Prostate Cancer Patients with Meaningful Access to Information on Treatment Options*** (H.Con.Res. 405). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

9) ***Gasoline Price Reduction Act of 2004*** (H.R. 4545). 

This bill provides that in the event of a significant fuel supply disruption, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], after consultation with the Secretary of Energy, may waive the provisions of any applicable implementation plan approved under Section 211 (c) (4)(C) of the Clean Air Act with respect to a fuel or fuel additive. It allows the EPA Administrator to give preference to the approval of a State implementation plan if specified criteria are met. The bill also requires the Administrator, along with the Secretary of Energy, to conduct a study of certain effects of the State plan provisions. At the time of publication, a cost estimate was not available. If enacted, however, the bill would waive certain penalties that would otherwise be imposed, and this could result in a small decrease in receipts. Any loss of receipts would be minimal and would not be expected to occur until fiscal year 2005.

10) ***To Provide for the Establishment of the Headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security in the District of Columbia*** (H.R. 4322). 

This bill establishes a headquarters complex for the Department of Homeland Security at the Nebraska Avenue Naval Complex in Washington, D.C., and would require the Secretary of the Navy to transfer jurisdiction of the complex to the Administrator of General Services by 1 January 2005. The bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

11) ***To Amend Title 10, United States Code, to Provide Rapid Acquisition Authority to the Secretary of Defense to Respond to Combat Emergencies*** (H.R. 4323). 

This bill allows the Secretary of Defense to rapidly acquire equipment needed to eliminate deficiencies in combat capabilities that could result in combat fatalities. It waives, in such cases, statutory requirements governing the procurement process, such as contract solicitation, competition, and other procedures and requirements as the Secretary considers appropriate. The bill does not provide additional budget authority for this purpose, but allows the Department of Defense is allowed to use up to \$100 million a year in previously appropriated funds in this fashion. Though the bill may cause outlays to be spent more quickly than they otherwise would, it does not increase mandatory budget authority.

12) ***Honoring the Members of the Army Motor Transport Service That Served During World War II and Participated in the Trucking Operation Known as the Red Ball Express for Their Service and Contribution to the Allied Advance Following the D-Day Invasion*** (H.Con.Res. 439). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

13) ***Honoring Former President George Herbert Walker Bush on the Occasion of His 80th Birthday*** (H.Res. 653). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

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14) ***Congratulating the Tampa Bay Lightning for winning the 2004 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship and for Their Outstanding Performance During the Entire 2003-2004 Season*** (H.Res. 668). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

15) ***Recognizing and Honoring the Service of Those Who Volunteer Their Time to Participate in Funeral Honor Guards at the Interment or Memorialization of Deceased Veterans of the Uniformed Services of the United States at National Cemeteries Across the Country*** (H.Con.Res. 260). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

16) ***To Modify Certain Deadlines Pertaining to Machine-Readable, Tamper-Resistant Entry and Exit Documents*** (H.R. 4417). 

Under current law, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State must, by 26 October 2004, issue aliens only machine-readable, tamper-resistant visas and other travel and entry documents that use biometric identifiers. They also must install, at all ports of entry to the United States, equipment and software allowing biometric comparison and authentication of all visas and other travel and entry documents issued to aliens. This bill extends the date by 1 year. It neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

17) ***Recognizing that Flag Day Originated in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin*** (H.Res. 662). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

18) ***Improving Access to Assistive Technology for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 2004*** (H.R. 4278). 

This bill reauthorizes an expiring grant program that provides States with funding to enhance access to assistive technology for individuals with disabilities. The bill allows the Secretary of Education to make grants to support protection and advocacy services under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. The bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

19) ***Congratulating the Brigham Young University Men's Volleyball Team for Winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-II Men's Volleyball Championship*** (H.Res. 643). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

20) ***Expressing the Sense of Congress That Katherine Dunham Should Be Recognized for Her Groundbreaking Achievements in Dance, Theater, Music, and Education, as Well as for Her Work as an Activist Striving for Racial Equality Throughout the World*** (H.Con.Res. 62). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

21) ***Expressing the Sense of Congress That Lionel Hampton Should be Honored for His Contributions to American Music*** (H.Con.Res. 63). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

22) ***Supporting Responsible Fatherhood and Encouraging Greater Involvement of Fathers in the Lives of Their Children, Especially on Father's Day*** (H.Res. 66). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

23) ***To Amend the Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act to Redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education*** (H.R. 3504). 

This bill redesignates the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education. It neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

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24) ***Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2004*** (H.R. 4061) 

The bill establishes within the U.S. Agency for International Development [USAID] a new Office for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children. The new office would be responsible for reviewing and approving all assistance provided by USAID to orphans and vulnerable children in developing countries and for coordinating all this kind of assistance provided by other government agencies. The bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

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