



## The Ehlers e-Newsletter

For the Week of June 7, 2004

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### *News from Congressman Ehlers ...*

**EHLERS STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PRESIDENT REAGAN** – Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, released the following statement in remembrance of former President Ronald Reagan, who died Saturday: “President Reagan was a remarkable person. He led with grace and charm, but also with conviction. He was very direct in his outlook, and he managed to take complex issues and simplify them so that people could understand their essence and were willing to support him.”

*For Congressman Ehlers’ complete statement, please view the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/060704ReaganTribute.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/060704ReaganTribute.html)

**NEW JOB NUMBERS ‘WONDERFUL NEWS,’ EHLERS SAYS** – News out of the U.S. Department of Labor that nearly a quarter-million new U.S. jobs were created in May – the ninth straight month of positive job growth – was hailed by Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers as “wonderful news,” who added that it is a sign that President Bush’s economic plan is working.

*For more information, please view the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/060404JobIncreases.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/060404JobIncreases.html)

**EHLERS NAMED AS CONFEE TO TRANSPORTATION BILL** – After months of stalemate, House leaders Thursday named conferees to negotiate the final version of legislation to fund all federal transportation programs for the next six years. Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, was named as a conferee.

*For more information, please view the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/060304TEATLUConferee.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/060304TEATLUConferee.html)

### **HOUSE APPROVES CREATION OF WORKER RE-EMPLOYMENT**

**ACCOUNTS** – Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers joined with his House of Representatives colleagues Thursday in passing legislation that would create personal re-employment accounts of up to \$3,000 to help unemployed Americans purchase job training and other key services, such as child care, transportation services and housing assistance, as they strive to return to work.

*For more information, please view the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/060304Reemployment.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/060304Reemployment.html)

## **THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

***SPECIAL NOTICE:*** *The death of former President Reagan will dramatically impact the legislative schedule for the House of Representatives this week. While more details will follow, the Speaker and Majority Leader have decided to postpone consideration of all legislation that had been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.*

*On Tuesday, the House will consider a resolution allowing for the use of the Capitol Rotunda, followed by a bereavement resolution – a privileged resolution that is specifically outlined in House rules. In addition to these two items, we anticipate having an additional resolution honoring President Reagan's life and service. The latter two resolutions will provide ample time for Members to speak on the Floor. At this point, we do not yet know if there will be a roll call vote on Tuesday evening. But, the most likely scenario is that there would be one vote on Tuesday evening, and another vote shortly after noon on Wednesday.*

*At this point, votes on Thursday are unlikely, but we are working to confirm this decision by later today. Finally, the House will not be in session on Friday.*

*For updated information, please visit the House Republican Conference website at:*  
<http://www.gop.gov/committeecentral>

### **Historical Tidbits**

#### **On June 7 ...**

**1775** - The United Colonies changed their name to the United States.

**1776** - Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a Declaration of Independence.

**1932** – More than 7,000 war veterans marched on Washington, DC, demanding their bonuses.

#### **On June 8 ...**

**1790** - The first loan for the U.S. was repaid. The Temporary Loan of 1789 was negotiated and secured on September 18, 1789 by Alexander Hamilton.

**1872** - The penny postcard was authorized by the U.S. Congress.

**1982** - U.S. President Reagan became the first American chief executive to address a joint session of the British Parliament.

**1991** - A victory parade was held in Washington, DC, to honor veterans of the Persian Gulf War.

#### **On June 9 ...**

**1943** - The withholding tax on payrolls was authorized by the U.S. Congress.

**2000** - The U.S. House of Representatives voted to repeal gift and estate taxes. The bill called for the taxes to be phased out over 10 years.

#### **On June 10 ...**

**1776** - The Continental Congress appointed a committee to write a Declaration of Independence.

**1971** - The U.S. ended a 21-year trade embargo of China.

**On June 11 ...**

**1990** - The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a law that would prohibit the desecration of the American Flag.

*(Information from <http://www.on-this-day.com>)*