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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2003**

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b> <b>Ten "One Minutes" Per Side</b>	<b>???</b>

**FLOOR SCHEDULE**

**H.R. 2799** - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Complete Consideration) (*Rep. Wolf / Appropriations*)

**H.Res. 329** - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2738 - United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act and H.R. 2739 - United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (*Rep. Dreier / Rules*)

**H.R. 2800** - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Kolbe - Appropriations*) (*Open Rule*)

**Postponed Vote on the Ross Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Child Tax Credit.** The motion instructs conferees to insist on the Senate-passed Child Tax Credit Measure and is identical to the one that passed in the House on June 12th, 205-201. It also instructs Conferees to report out a conference report no later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

**H.R. 2738** - United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (*Subject to a Rule*) (*Rep. DeLay / Ways and Means / Judiciary*)

**H.R. 2739** - United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Subject to a Rule) (*Rep. DeLay / Ways and Means / Judiciary*)

**Suspensions** (2 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 1707** - Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003 (*Rep. Wolf / Judiciary*)
- 2) **H.Res. 323** - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Marina Day (*Rep. Porter / Transportation and Infrastructure*)

**Rangel Resolution Raising a Question of the Privileges of the House.** The Resolution disapproves of the manner in which Representative Thomas summoned the United States Capitol Police to evict minority-party members of the Committee on Ways and Means from the committee library, as well as the manner in which he conducted the markup of legislation in the Committee on Ways and Means on July 18, 2003, and finds that the bill considered at that markup was not validly ordered reported to the House.

**BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES**

**H.R. 2799 - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Complete Consideration) (Rep. Wolf / Appropriations Committee).** Last night, the House completed consideration of all amendments to this bill except an amendment by Rep. Levin regarding the U.S. Trade Representative. In addition, debate was completed and a recorded was ordered on the following 4 amendments: Ose; Hostettler; Hinchey; and Rush.

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**H.Res. 329 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2738 - United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act and H.R. 2739 - United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Rep. Dreier / Rules Committee).** The Rules Committee has recommended one closed rule for the consideration of both H.R. 2738 - United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act and H.R. 2739 - United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. The Rule provides two hours of debate for each H.R. 2738 and H.R. 2739; waives all points of order against consideration of both H.R. 2738 and H.R. 2739; and provides that during consideration of H.R. 2738 and H.R. 2739 the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

**H.R. 2800 - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Rep. Kolbe - Appropriations) (Open Rule).** This bill provides \$17.1 billion in FY04 for foreign aid and export assistance. Funding in this bill includes: \$4.49 billion for military assistance; \$1.49 billion for multilateral economic assistance (\$961 million for the World Bank; \$152 million for the Asian Development Bank); and \$11.29 billion for bilateral economic assistance (\$2.24 billion for the Economic Support Fund; \$1.31 billion for the Development Assistance Fund; \$2.24 billion for the Child Survival Fund; \$731 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative; and \$760 million for Migration and Refugee Assistance). In addition, this bill provides only \$1.43 billion for global assistance to combat HIV/IDS, tuberculosis and malaria and \$800 million for the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The Rule adopted yesterday allows germane amendments to be considered under the five-minute rule.

**H.R. 2738 - United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Rep. DeLay - Ways & Means/Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule).** This agreement is expected to be fully implemented after the Singapore agreement and would be the first with a South American country. Negotiations on this agreement were concluded on June 6. This agreement includes provisions regarding trade in manufactured goods, agriculture, banking and financial services, telecommunications, and intellectual and property rights.

**H.R. 2739 - United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Rep. DeLay - Ways & Means/Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill is the first trade agreement considered under the Trade Promotion Authority provided to the administration last year and was signed on May 6. Since Singapore already has mostly free trade, much of this agreement is focused on services, investment and intellectual property rights.

## Daily Quote...

"[Former House Majority Leader Dick] Armey said [Bill] Thomas, whom he called 'abrasive,' handed Democrats an opportunity to showcase their new strategy to wrest back control of the House. 'The theme is 10 years of one-party rule is enough,' Armey said. 'They (Republicans) have had control for 10 years, they've gotten arrogant, they demean the institution, they demean democracy by virtue of the heavy-handed way they run the House, minority rights are downtrodden, and it's time, Mr. and Mrs. America, to make a change. That isn't a whole lot different from the case we made in '94, after 40 years.'"

- *The San Francisco Chronicle*, July 22