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The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and
2:00 p.m. for legislative business.
No recorded votes are expected before 6:00 p.m.

Suspensions (2 bills):

H.R. 724 - Authorizing Appropriations to Carry Out a Section of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act

H.R. 727 - Subjecting Low-Speed Electric Bicycles to the Consumer Products Safety Act

Suspensions (2 bills):**Floor Situation**

The House is scheduled to consider 2 bills under suspension of the rules as its only order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and require a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary

H.R. 724 makes two technical corrections to the most recent reauthorization of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L 106-649). The bill removes erroneous language in current law that only allowed appropriations for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) until March 31, 2000. H.R. 724 was introduced by Mr. Bass on February 26, 2001. This measure was reported by the

[Energy and Commerce Committee](#) by voice vote on February 28, 2001. At press time, a CBO estimate was unavailable.

H.R. 727 amends the Consumer Product Safety Act to include low-speed electric bicycles as consumer products subject to the act. Low speed electric bicycles are classified as having motors of less than one horsepower and a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour. The bill removes these low-speed electric bicycles from the definition of 'motor vehicle' within the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, which currently regulates these bicycles as motorcycles. Finally, it transfers jurisdiction of electric bicycles from the Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), which currently regulates ordinary bicycles.

H.R. 727 was introduced Mr. Stearns on February 27, 2001. The measure was reported by the [Committee on Energy and Commerce](#) by voice vote on February 28, 2001. Additionally, an identical bill, H.R. 2592 passed the House by voice vote on October 19, 2000. The Senate did not act on the bill before adjournment. CBO estimates that implementing and enforcing new regulations under the bill would cost less than \$500,000 per year. The bill does not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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