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TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001

The House will meet at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business.
No votes expected before 6:00 p.m.

Suspensions (2 Bills):

H.R. 428 - Concerning the Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization

H.Res. 113 - Urging the House of Representatives to Support "Increase the Peace Day" Events

Motion to go to Conference:

H.Con.Res. 83 – Budget Resolution for FY 2002

Suspensions (2 Bills):

Floor Situation

The House is scheduled to consider two bills under suspension of the rules as its first 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. 428 directs the United States Secretary of State to initiate and implement a plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly (of the World Health Organization) next month in Geneva, Switzerland. H.R. 428 was introduced by Mr. Brown (OH) on February 2, 2001. The International Relations Committee reported out the measure by unanimous consent March 3, 2001.

For additional information or questions, please contact the International Relations Committee at 5-5021.

H.Res. 113 urges the House of Representatives to support events such as "Increase the Peace Day." Additionally, the measure urges schools across the United States to participate in similar events. H.Res. 113 was introduced by Mr. McKeon on April 3, 2001. The measure was referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, but not considered.

For additional information or questions, please contact Rep. McKeon's office at 5-1956.

Motion to go to Conference:

Floor Situation

The House is expected to consider a motion to go to conference on H.Con.Res. 83 later today. A motion to instruct may be made immediately after this request and before the chair appoints conferees. Instructions are considered the prerogative of the minority and are debatable for one hour.

Summary

The motion, if agreed to, will establish a House-Senate conference to resolve differences between the House version of H.Con.Res. 83, which passed the House by a vote of 222-205 on March 28, 2001, and the Senate version, which passed the Senate by a vote of 65-35 on April 6, 2001. Once agreed to, the motion permits the chair to appoint conferees. Details of a possible motion to instruct were unavailable at press time.

For additional information please contact the Budget committee at 6-7270.

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