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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

- 1) **To Revise and Extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America** (S. 2363). 
This bill provides for the establishment of 300 additional Boys and Girls Clubs of America. It authorizes \$350 million for fiscal year 2006-09 for the Department of Justice to make grants for such purposes, subject to appropriations. This bill does not increase direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or reduce revenue.
- 2) **Title 46 Codification Act of 2004** (H.R. 4319). 
This bill codifies title 46 of the United States Code, “Shipping,” as positive law and amends Federal shipping law to make certain technical and conforming amendments. Enacting this bill would result in no cost to the Federal Government.
- 3) **To Amend Title 36, United States Code, to Designate the Oak Tree as the National Tree of the United States** (H.R. 1775). 
This bill designates the tree genus *Quercus* (commonly known as the oak tree) as the national tree. Enacting this bill would not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.
- 4) **Expressing Continued Support for the Construction of the Victims of Communism Memorial** (H.Res. 752). 
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 5) **Rancho El Cajon Boundary Reconciliation Act** (H.R. 3954). 
This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to compensate private landowners whose titles of ownership to certain land in San Diego County, California, are void because of an erroneous Federal survey conducted in 1881. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.
- 6) **Chickasaw National Recreation Area Land Exchange Act of 2004** (H.R. 4066). 
The bill would direct the National Park Service [NPS] to convey to the Chickasaw Nation about 29 acres of land within the Chickasaw National Recreation Area [NRA] in exchange for about 39 acres of nearby tribal property. Once acquired by the NPS, the new property would be added to the NRA. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.
- 7) **To Authorize Appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the Restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California** (H.R. 4469). 
The bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

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PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. *Also note: Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.*

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8) **To Modify the Boundary of the Harry S. Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for Other Purposes** (H.R. 4579). 

This bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

9) **To Amend Public Law 97-435 to Extend the Authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to Release Certain Conditions Contained in a Patent Concerning Certain Land Conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009** (H.R. 4596). 

This bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

10) **To Enhance the Preservation and Interpretation of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage, and for Other Purposes** (H.R. 4683). 

This bill is intended to assist State and local governments and public and private entities in South Carolina and Georgia in interpreting the story of the Gullah/Geechee and preserving Gullah/Geechee folklore, arts, crafts, and music. It also is to assist in identifying and preserving sites, historical data, artifacts, and objects associated with the Gullah/Geechee for the benefit and education of the public. The bill will not affect direct spending or revenue.

11) **To Provide for a Land Exchange Involving Private Land and Bureau of Land Management Land in the Vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the Purpose of Removing Private Land from the Required Safety Zone Surrounding Munitions Storage Bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base** (H.R. 4808). 

This bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

12) **Hibben Center Act** (S. 643). 

This bill authorizes the Secretary

of the Interior to lease space for up to 40 years at the nearly completed Hibben Center for Archaeological Research, built by the University of New Mexico. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

13) **Manhattan Project National Historical Park Study Act** (S. 1687). 

This bill directs the Department of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and other sites that were associated with the Manhattan Project. The various sites – in New Mexico, Tennessee, and Washington – would be evaluated to determine the feasibility and suitability of designating them as a unit of the National Park System. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

14) **El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act** (S. 2052). 

This bill amends the National Trails System Act to designate the

El Camino Real de los Tejas (the Royal Road to the Tejas) as a National Historic Trail. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

15) **Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act** (H.R. 3247). 

This bill amends existing laws that govern the protection of Federal lands to provide land-management agencies with consistent enforcement authorities. It standardizes penalty amounts, sentences, and other terms for certain misdemeanor violations established under regulation by the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any increased fine collections (less than \$500,000) – which are classified as revenue – would be offset by direct spending from the Crime Victims Fund, which receives all such revenue.

16) **A Bill to Facilitate the Exchange of Small Tracts of Land, and for Other Purposes** (H.R. 4617). 

This bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to convey national forest system land in California to two private landowners in exchange for roughly 8 acres of land owned by those individuals. It does not specify

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the Federal land to be exchanged, but requires that it be of approximately equal value to the private land. The bill could affect direct spending, but any such effects would be negligible. H.R. 4617 would not affect revenue.

17) **Renaming the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area as the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area** (H.R. 4827). 
This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

18) **An Act to Direct the Secretary of Agriculture to Convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association Certain Land in the State of Arkansas for Use as a Cemetery** (S. 1537). 
This bill directs the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, for no compensation, 1.1 acres of Federal land in Pope County, Arkansas, to the New Hope Cemetery Association for use as a cemetery. The bill could have a negligible effect on direct spending, but would not affect revenue.

19) **Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act** (S. 1778). 
This bill authorizes, subject to appropriation, amounts necessary for the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase roughly 350 acres of land from the city of Craig, Alaska, for inclusion in the Tongass National Forest. In addition, the bill authorizes the appropriation of \$250,000 for the Forest Service to reconstruct a trail through the acquired lands. S. 1778 would not affect direct spending or revenue.

20) **Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Land Exchange Act of 2004** (S. 2180) 
The bill directs the Department of Agriculture to convey to the city of Golden, Colorado, about 10 acres of Federal land within the Arapaho National Forest in exchange for up to 80 acres of city-owned property (known as the Cub Creek parcel). The measure will not cause a net increase in direct spending.

21) **Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins Water Feasibility Act** (H.R. 3210). 
This bill authorizes the Bureau of Land Reclamation to conduct a water management feasibility study of the Little Butte and Bear Creek watersheds in Medford, Oregon, and the appropriation of \$500,000 for this study. H.R. 3210 would not affect direct spending or revenue.

22) **A Bill to Authorize the Secretary of the Interior, Through the Bureau of Reclamation, to Conduct a Feasibility Study on the Alder Creek Water Storage and Conservation Project in El Dorado County, California, and for Other Purposes** (H.R. 3597). 
This bill would not affect direct spending or revenue.

23) **Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act** (H.R. 4606). 
This bill establishes an interest-bearing account in the Treasury called the Southern California Basin Groundwater Remediation Fund, and authorizes such sums as is necessary to be deposited into the fund, subject to appropriation. The bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to use the fund to provide grants to the local water authority for groundwater cleanup projects in the Santa Ana River watershed in California. H.R. 4606 would increase direct spending by less than \$500,000 annually over the 2005-06 period, and by about \$1 million annually over the 2007-14 period. Enacting the bill would not affect revenue.

24) **Montana Water Contracts Extension Act of 2004** (H.R. 5009).
This bill authorizes the extension of water contracts between the United States and specific irrigation districts and the City of Helena in Montana. An estimate has not been completed for this legislation, but it is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

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25) **To Extend the Water Service Contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska** (H.R. 5016).

This bill extends the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska. A cost estimate had not been completed for this legislation at the time of the preparation of this *Budget Week*, but it is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

26) **To Redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse** (S. 2508). 

This bill neither increases direct pending nor reduces revenue.

27) **Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the End of Imperial Japanese Control of Palau During World War II and Urging the Secretary of the Interior to Work to Protect the Historic Sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to Establish Commemorative Programs Honoring the Americans Who Fought There** (H.J.Res. 102). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

28) **Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam During World War II** (H.Res. 737). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

29) **Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act** (H.R. 2941). 

This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey, for no compensation, 15,375 acres of Federal land in Arizona to the Colorado River Indian Reservation, to be held in trust by the United States on behalf of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. The bill could affect direct spending, because the land conveyed could generate receipts to the Treasury, but any such amounts would be negligible.

30) **Brown Tree Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2003** (H.R. 3479). 

This bill authorizes, subject to appropriation, \$104 million over the 2005-09 period to control brown tree snakes, an invasive species that currently infests Guam and other Pacific islands. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

31) **District of Columbia Retirement Protection Improvement Act of 2004** (H.R. 4657). 

This bill transfers, to a newly created trust fund, assets designed to provide pension benefits that are currently held in two Federal trust funds for certain District of Columbia (D.C.) teachers, police officers, and firefighters. The two existing trust funds would be dissolved. Like the two current funds, the new trust fund would be maintained and administered by the Department of the Treasury. Because the bill only directs the intragovernmental transfer of government assets, and does not change benefits paid from those accounts, the measure will have no net effect on the Federal budget.

32) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 555 West 180th Street in New York, New York, as the "Sergeant Riayan A. Tejada Post Office"** (H.R. 4046). 

This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

33) **Expressing the Sense of Congress Regarding the Importance of Life Insurance, and Recognizing and Supporting National Life Insurance Awareness Month** (H.Con.Res. 461). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

34) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 411 Midway Avenue in Mascotte, Florida, as the "Specialist Eric Ramirez Post Office"** (H.R. 5027). 

This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

35) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 11110 Sunset Hills Road in Reston, Virginia, as the "Martha Pennino Post Office Building"** (H.R. 5133). 

This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

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36) ***Commending the Resiliency of the People of the State of Florida and the Work of Those Individuals Who Have Assisted with the Recovery Efforts after the Devastation Caused by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Ivan*** (H.Res. 784). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

37) ***Veterans Medical Facilities Management Act of 2004*** (H.R. 4768). 

This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to lease 16 facilities, most of which would be for outpatient clinics. It also creates a new fund, the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund, that VA could use to pay for certain construction projects, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. The bill also extends the authority for VA to provide long-term care for veterans already enrolled in certain pilot programs through the end of calendar year 2005. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

38) ***Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004*** (H.R. 4231). 

This bill allows VA nurses to work alternate work schedules to be treated as the equivalent of full-time work, even though total hours worked by the nurses might be less than 40 hours per week. In addition, the bill allows the VA to make additional payments to State homes to help fund programs that are designed to recruit and retain nurses at these facilities. This bill neither increases direct pending nor reduces revenue.

39) ***Commending the Festival of Children Foundation for Its Outstanding Efforts on Behalf of Children and Expressing the Support of the House of Representatives for the Designation of a "Child Awareness Month"*** (H.Res. 759). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

40) ***Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of William "Count" Basie and Acknowledging His Important Contributions to Jazz and Swing Music*** (H.Res. 778). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

41) ***Honoring the United Negro College Fund on the Occasion of the Fund's 60th Anniversary and the Fund's Unflagging Dedication to Enhancing Top Quality College Opportunities to Millions of Students*** (H.Res. 792). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

42) ***To Amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to Reauthorize the National Estuary Program*** (H.R. 4731). 

This bill extends the authorization of appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program from fiscal year 2005 to 2010. At present, \$35 million is authorized to be appropriated each year through 2005. Enacting this legislation would maintain the same authorized annual funding level for subsequent years. The funding is be used to coordinate Federal, State, and local efforts to protect estuaries. This bill neither increases direct pending nor reduces revenue.

43) ***To Authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to Carry out Construction and Related Activities in Support of the Collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) Project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona*** (H.R. 5105).

No estimate had been completed at the time of preparation of this *Budget Week*, but this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

44) ***To Designate the Facility of the United States Geological Survey and the United States Bureau of Reclamation Located at 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho, as the "F.H. Newell Building"*** (H.R. 3124). 

This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

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45) **To Designate a United States Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse"** (H.R. 1402). 
This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: *Marriage Protection Amendment* (H.J.Res. 106).

Committee: Judiciary

Summary: This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution that states Marriage in the United States shall consist solely of the union of a man and a woman.

Cost: At the time of publication, a cost estimate was not available. Passage of this resolution, however, is not expected to have a significant effect on the Federal budget.

Budget Act: This measure does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: *District of Columbia Personal Protection Act* (H.R. 3193).

Committee: Government Reform

Summary: H.R 3193 amends the District of Columbia Code to clarify its authority regarding certain firearms. Specifically, the bill provides that the D.C. Council's regulatory authority regarding firearms, explosives, and weapons in the District shall not be construed to permit the Council, the Mayor, or any governmental or regulatory authority of the District to prohibit, constructively prohibit, or unduly burden the ability of persons otherwise permitted to possess firearms under Federal law from acquiring, possessing in their homes or businesses, or using for sporting, self-protection or other lawful purposes, any firearm neither prohibited by Federal law nor regulated by the National Firearms Act. The bill denies the District any authority to enact laws or regulations that discourage or eliminate the private ownership or use of firearms, and repeals the District's current gun control laws.

Cost: The Congressional Budget Office has not provided a cost estimate for H.R. 3193. The text of H.R. 3193 does not contain any language authorizing new spending (either direct spending or spending subject to appropriations) and it does not contain any language that would appear to affect revenue.

Budget Act: This bill is not expected to violate any provision of the Congressional Budget Act.

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