

debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of April 29, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Finally, section 3 of the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule 13 (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of April 29, 2017.

ADVANCES IN THE SEARCH FOR LIFE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advances in the Search for Life”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

STORM WATCH: MAKING SURE SBA’S DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM IS PREPARED

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Storm Watch: Making Sure SBA’s Disaster Loan Program is Prepared”. Testimony was heard from James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; Hannibal “Mike” Ware, Acting Inspector General, Small Business Administration; William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA: THE STATE OF RAILROAD, PIPELINE, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY REGULATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFORM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: The State of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Safety Regulations and Opportunities for Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STOPPING DISABILITY FRAUD: RISK, PREVENTION, AND DETECTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Stopping Disability Fraud: Risk, Prevention, and Detection”. Testimony was heard from Sean Brune, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Office of Budget, Finance, Quality and Management, Social Security Administration; and Seto J. Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

EXAMINING THE 2017 TAX FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Examining the 2017 Tax Filing Season”. Testimony was heard from Kirsten Wielobob, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service; Michael McKenney, Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and Jessica Lucas-Judy, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN RUSSIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine democracy and human rights abuses in Russia, after receiving testimony from Vladimir Kara-Murza, Open Russia, and Daniel Calingaert, Freedom House, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rachel Denber, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine preventing veteran suicide, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine cyber-enabled information operations, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine countering Russia, focusing on further assessing options for sanctions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine aging without community, focusing on the consequences of isolation and loneliness, 9:45 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder/Traumatic Brain Injury”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Accreditation to Better Protect Students and Taxpayers”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Outdoor Recreation: Vast Impact of the Great Outdoors”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled “Safeguarding the Financial System from Terrorist Financing”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Syria After the Missile Strikes: Policy Options”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Afghanistan’s Terrorist Resurgence: Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and Beyond”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security, hearing entitled “Checkpoint of the Future: Evaluating TSA’s Innovation Task Force Initiative”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 115, the “Thin Blue Line Act”; H.R. 510, the “Rapid DNA Act of 2017”; H.R. 613, the “Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 1039, the “Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 1892, the “Honoring Hometown Heroes Act”; and H.R. 1761, the “Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes; H.R. 497,

the “Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 660, the “Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act”; H.R. 1073, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes; H.R. 1135, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 1500, the “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2017”; H.R. 1654, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; H.R. 1715, the “Medgar Evers House Study Act”; H.R. 1769, the “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; H.R. 1807, the “Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act of 2017”; H.R. 1873, the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”; H.R. 1967, the “Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act”; and H.R. 2085, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes (continued), 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled, “The Border Wall: Strengthening our National Security”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled, “Small Business: The Key to Economic Growth”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Mitigating Damage and Recovering Quickly from Disasters”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup on H.R. 105, the “Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act of 2017”; H.R. 1328, the “American Heroes COLA Act of 2017”; H.R. 1329, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017”; H.R. 1390, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay costs relating to the transportation of certain deceased veterans to veterans’ cemeteries owned by a State or tribal organization; H.R. 1564, the “VA Beneficiary Travel Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1725, the “Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2017”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on Russia’s human rights violations against Ukrainian citizens, 3 p.m., SVC-210.