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EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 2703, the Effective Death Penalty and Public Safety Act of 1996, providing one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for the consideration of only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. It shall be in order at any time for the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary or a designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments not previously disposed of which are printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or germane modifications thereof. The rule provides that amendments offered en bloc shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), and shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designee. The rule permits the original proponent of an amendment included in an en bloc amendment to insert a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD immediately prior to the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule provides that after passage of H.R. 2703, it shall be in order to take S. 735 from the Speaker's table and consider it in the House. The rule allows for a motion to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and insert the text of H.R. 2703 as passed by the House. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order to move that the House insist in its amendment(s) to S. 735 and request a conference.

Testimony was heard from Representatives McColm, Schiff, Bryant of Tennessee, Barr, Burton of Indiana, Cunningham, Bachus, Bartlett of Maryland,

Horn, Istook, Manzullo, Quinn, Martini, Salmon, Conyers, Frank of Massachusetts, Schumer, Nadler, Watt of North Carolina, Jackson-Lee, Markey, Hoyer, Traficant, Skaggs, Slaughter, DeLauro, Hastings of Florida, and Stupak.

OVERSIGHT—RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads continued oversight hearings on Rail Safety: Equipment and FRA Regulatory Procedures. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Dennis Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and public witnesses.

POVERTY CAUSES—OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the causes of poverty, with a focus on out-of-wedlock births. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rangel, Talent, Hutchinson and Clayton; and public witnesses.

NRO FORWARDING FUND

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on NRO forward funding. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed and open hearings on the Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Programs (Nuclear Stockpile Stewardship and Management), 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to resume hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the United States immigration system, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume hearings on S. 46, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, and to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, S. 1219 and S. 1389, bills to reform the financing of Federal elections, and S. 1528, to reform the financing of Senate campaigns, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General Overview, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowment for the Arts, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the National Mediation Board and the Railroad Retirement Board, 10 a.m., and on Armed Forces Retirement Home, the Physician Payment Review Commission and the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Railroad Administration and AMTRAK, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on the Risk Assessment of Banks, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Generational Accounting and Long-term Fiscal Prospects, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2596, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 1999; H.R. 2967, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978; H.R. 2501, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky; H.R. 2630, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois; H.R. 2695, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania; H.R. 2773, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of 2 hydroelectric projects in North Carolina; H.R. 2816, to reinstate the license for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Ohio; H.R. 2869, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of

a hydroelectric project in the State of Kentucky; and H.R. 1663, Waste Isolation Pilot Land Withdrawal Amendment Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, to consider Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget; followed by a hearing on Arms Transfers to Jordan, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following resolutions: H. Res. 345, expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights in Cambodia; and H. Con. Res. 148, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits and United States military forces should defend Taiwan in the event of invasion, missile attack, or blockade by the People's Republic of China, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and Subcommittee on Africa, joint hearing on Slavery in Mauritania and Sudan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to begin hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the recapitalization and modernization of facilities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1823, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985; H.R. 2824, Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995; H.R. 1965, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972; H.R. 2160, to authorize appropriations to carry out the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1966 and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act; H.R. 2107, Visitor Services Improvement and Outdoor Legacy Act of 1995; H.R. 1527, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws; H.R. 1999, to establish the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia; and H.R. 1975, Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1995; and to consider a motion to go to conference for all bills previously reported, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., HT-2M Capitol

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on implementation of Uruguay Round Agreements and World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.