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The rule provides for priority in recognition for those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15 minute vote. The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Porter, Campbell, and Obey.

#### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of reports), clause 7 of rule XXI (3 days availability of printed hearings), or section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority) or section 308 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (requiring a cost estimate in committee report on new entitlement authority) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations) against the bill.

The rule makes in order only the amendments printed in the report on the rule, to be offered only in the order printed, by the Member specified, and debatable for the time specified in the report. The amendments are considered as read and are not subject to amendments except as specified in the report

or a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against the amendments. The rule provides that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone records votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote immediately follows another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of votes is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Packard, Campbell, Smith of Michigan, Gutknecht, Souder, Fazio, and Thornton.

#### NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1996

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies,* business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 1 p.m., SD-138.

*Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies,* business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Subcommittee on Legislative Branch,* to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office, 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings on S. 1877, to ensure the proper stewardship of publicly owned assets in the Tongass National Forest in the State of Alaska, a fair return to the United States for public timber in the Tongass, and a proper balance among multiple use interest in the Tongass to enhance forest health, sustainable harvest, and the general economic health and growth in southeast Alaska and the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Alan Philip Larson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, 11 a.m., SD-419.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to continue hearings to examine the incident of terrorism and bombing of United

States military facilities in Saudi Arabia, 11 a.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on online Banking and Technology in Banking, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on "Split Decision: The Inspector General's Report on the Divided Management Structure of Student Aid Programs at the Department of Education," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Postal Service, hearing on H.R. 3717, Postal Reform Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to mark up the Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1996, 5 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3564, NATO Enlargement Facilitation Act of 1996; the Exports, Jobs, and Growth Act of 1996; H. Con. Res. 142, regarding the human rights situation in Mauritania, including the continued practice of chattel slavery; H. Con. Res. 155, concerning human and political rights and in support of a resolution of the crisis in Kosova; and H. Con. Res. 191, to recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribu-

tion to the outcome of World War II, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1499, Consumer Fraud Prevention Act of 1995; S. 1507, Parole Commission Phaseout Act of 1995; H.R. 3676, Carjacking Corrections Act of 1996; and H.R. 3723, Economic Espionage Act of 1996, 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Civilian Science Agencies' Implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act, 12 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3719, Small Business Programs Improvement Act of 1996; and H.R. 3720, Small Business Investment Company Reform Act of 1996, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Programs, oversight hearing on Massachusetts' request for disaster assistance from the SBA, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 3187, Aviation Safety Protection Act of 1996, 1:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Agency Oversight: Administration of the Rails to Trails Act, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*, to hold hearings to review the Russian election, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn Building.