

1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 7 of Rule XXI (relating to the 3-day availability of published hearings) or clause 2(1)(6) of Rule XI (relating to the 3-day availability of the report). The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislating on an appropriations bill), and clause 6 of Rule XXI (prohibiting certain transfers of funds), except as specified in the resolution. The rule provides for consideration of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, to be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, 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 except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and waives points of order against the amendments. The rule provides that no other amendment shall be in order unless that amendment has been pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. The rule grants the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole the authority to postpone votes and reduce voting time to 5 minutes provided that the first vote in a series is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Callahan, Gilman, Hyde, Smith of New Jersey, Saxton, Cox of California, Pelosi, and McGovern.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH FEDERAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Meeting the Needs of People with Disabilities Through Federal Technology Transfer. Testimony was from Katherine Seelman, Director, National Institute of Rehabilitation and Research, Department of Education; C. Dan Brand, Chairman, Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer, Associate Director, Technology Advancement, FDA/National Center for Toxicological Research, Department of Health and Human Services; Bruce Webbon, Chief, Commercial Technology, Ames Research Center, NASA; and public witnesses.

DOES EX-IM HELP SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on Does Ex-Im Help Small Business Exporters? Testimony was heard from James A. Harmon, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; and public witnesses.

MFN TREATMENT—PRODUCTS OF MONGOLIA AND LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2133, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of Mongolia; and H.R. 2132, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the importance of alternative fuels in addressing future national security concerns, focusing on agriculture's vulnerability to energy price volatility, the contribution of home-grown renewable alternative fuels, and the role of new technologies in making agriculture more energy efficient while increasing yields, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the District of Columbia Department of Corrections and the Metropolitan Police Department, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jamie Rappaport Clark, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine the threat of drug cartels and narco-violence in the United States, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to review the Global Tobacco settlement, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on S. 539, to exempt agreements relating to voluntary guidelines governing telecast material from the applicability of the antitrust laws, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume a briefing on the status of the investigation into the contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Fiscal Year 1998 D.C. Budget, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Subcommittee on Government

Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint oversight hearing on Government Sponsored Enterprises, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to markup H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, to continue hearings on the Authorization of the Older Americans Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Ergonomics: A Question of Feasibility, 10:30 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Democratic Republic of Congo: Problems and Prospects, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Familiar Ground: The Breakdown of Democracy in Cambodia and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to markup H.R. 2064, Jobs and Exports Renewal Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Anti-Drug Effort in the Americas: A Mid-Term Report, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to markup the following bills: H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997; H.R. 1596, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1997; and H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to markup the following: H.R. 424, to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms; and the Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act of 1997, 4 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development hearing on threats posed by electromagnetic pulse to U.S. military systems and civilian infrastructure, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to markup the following bills: H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla

Indians; H.R. 799, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness; H.R. 838, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area; H.R. 948, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Act; H.R. 976, Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 1997; H.R. 1460, to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot; H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18-E, 58, 364, and 18-R before the Indian Claims Commission; H.R. 1663, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law; H.R. 1944, Warner Canyon Ski Hill Land Exchange Act of 1997; and H.R. 1855, to establish a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries; and to consider a resolution to authorize the Chairman to issue a subpoena concerning the matter of the committee review of hardrock bonding mining regulations, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act Amendments of 1997, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on credit subsidy rates for the Section 7(a) general business loan program and the Section 504 Certified Development Company program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to markup the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on pending proposals in the areas of education, training and employment, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.