

for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for the year has been agreed to).

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by striking section 9 (and redesignating succeeding sections accordingly). The rule provides that each section of that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) or section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The rule further provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. 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 five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Coble, Chabot, Frank of Massachusetts, Nadler, Jackson Lee and Delahunt.

#### **BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH—FEDERAL FUNDING**

*Committee on Science:* Held an oversight hearing on the Irreplaceable Federal Role in Funding Basic Scientific Research. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **NSF BUDGET AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on the National Science Foundation Fiscal Year Budget Authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF; and John E. Hopcroft, Member, National Science Board.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing regarding the Small Business Innovation Research Program. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Haley, Deputy Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense; Susan D. Kladiva, Acting Associate Director, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Kesh Narayanan, Director, Industrial Innovation Group, NSF; Wendy Baldwin, M.D., Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel

O. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Technology, SBA; Charles F. Cleland, Director, Small Business Innovation Research Program, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: State of the Railroad Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT—PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matsui, Doolittle, Visclosky, Pomeroy, Shaw, Fowler, Herger, Weldon of Florida, Frost, Kind, DeLauro, Dooley, Weller, Pallone, Calvert, Salmon and Lee.

Hearings continue April 28.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1997; and H.R. 3546, National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **IDEA REGULATIONS**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce to examine the Department of Education's development of the regulations necessary to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (P.L. 105-17), after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Martha Feland, Cabot School Board, Cabot, Arkansas; Frank P. Clark, James, Smith, Durkin & Connelly, Hershey, Pennsylvania; Brian A. McNulty, Colorado Department of Education, Denver; and Patricia McGill Smith, National Parent Network on Disabilities, Washington, D.C.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D370)

S. 419, to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects. Signed April 21, 1998. (P.L. 105-168)