

amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule permits the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed votes provided that the voting time on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than fifteen minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 3689, The Land Between the Lakes Protection Act of 1998 and on two Small Watershed Projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield, Tanner, Bryant and Ryun; Ann W. Wright, General Manager, Land Between the Lakes, Golden Pond, Kentucky, TVA; and Lawrence E. Clark, Deputy Chief, Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

VETERANS MEDICARE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3828, Veterans Medicare Access Improvement Act of 1998.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action amended the following bills; H.R. 3644, to amend the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to provide for the use of customs user fees for additional preclearance activities of the Customs Services; and H.R. 3809, Drug Free Borders Act of 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Re-

lief, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to authorize funds for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communication Commission's oversight of the Wireless Bureau, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

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

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the Montreal Protocol No. 4 to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air (Ex. B, 95th Cong., 1st Sess.), the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Treaty Doc. 104-17), the Grains Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention (Treaty Doc. 105-4), the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (Treaty Doc. 104-36), and the Trademark Law Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-35), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the economic and political situation in India, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on S. 1710, to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine whether tobacco legislation is constitutional, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider H.R. 2614, to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, and to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research and the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, joint oversight hearing on EPA activities related to concentrated animal feeding operations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, oversight hearing on Is FHA Limiting Choices for Home Finance? An Examination of Fair Housing Compliance, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on First Things First: Review of the Federal Government's Commitment to Funding Special Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to grant Congressional immunity to four witnesses, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Kyoto Protocol: Problems with U.S. Sovereignty and the

Lack of Developing Country Participation, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, to mark up the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 254, calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba; and H. Res. 421, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives deploring the tragic and senseless murder of Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi, calling on the Government of Guatemala to expeditiously bring those responsible for the crime to justice, and calling on the people of Guatemala to reaffirm their commitment to continue to implement the peace accords without interruption, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue consideration of H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; and to begin consideration of the following bills: H.R. 2604, Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 3736, Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on the National Forest Foundation, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, to mark up the following: H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997; H.R. 3007, Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act; H.R. 3332, Next Generation Internet Research Act of 1998; and the Anti-Duplicative Regulations Act (Amendments to Fastener Quality Legislation); and pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: Rates, Access and Remedies, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold an open briefing on democratic development in Croatia, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon Building.