

Act. The rule waives all points of order against consideration in the House. The rule provides, in lieu of the Resources Committee amendment, that an amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for an amendment to be offered by Representative Miller of California or his designee printed in the Congressional Record, which shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and the opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Radanovich, Lewis of California and Miller of California.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee). The rule waives points of order against section 628 for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriation bill).

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for 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.

Joint Meetings

TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the practice of automated teller machine (ATM) surcharging, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by providing the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to continue hearings on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, and S. 472, to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nomination of Nikki Rush Tinsley, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, 11 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue oversight hearings to examine activities of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings to examine the impact of new home health care regulations on small business agencies, 9:45 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1905, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, 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, S. 391, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and to resume consideration of S. 109, to provide Federal housing assistance to Native Hawaiians; to be followed by a hearing on S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to resume hearings on the investigation of the impacts to United States national security from advanced satellite technology exports to China and Chinese efforts to influence United States policy, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine how an increase in the retirement age will affect the solvency of the Social Security system, the impact on workers, and how employers may adjust to an increase in the number of older workers, 1:30 p.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue mark up of H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Energy Industry in the Electronic Age, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Pension Fairness for NBA Pioneers, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Washington Convention Center Authority, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to continue hearings on "The Kyoto-Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans?" (Part V), 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Combating International Crime in Africa, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up H.R. 4111, to provide for outlet modifications to Folsom Dam, a study for reconstruction of the Northfork American River Cofferdam, and to transfer to the State of California all right, title, and interest in and to the Auburn Dam, 11 a.m., and to hold oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Department of Veterans and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on the Science of Risk Assessment: Implications for Federal Regulation, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the Impact of the Year 2000 (Y2K) Computer Problem on Small Businesses, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Environmental Protection and Compliance Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on United States-Japan Trade Relations, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.