

and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The rule waives section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) of the Congressional Budget Act against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriation bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill and clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill as amended, except as otherwise specified in the rule.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 12, which may be offered only by Representative Leach or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment numbered 12.

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 votes 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 Representatives Lewis of California, Tiahrt, Leach, Lazio of New York, Kelly, Stokes, Obey, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Engel and Gutierrez.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Representatives Regula, Johnson of Connecticut, Stearns, Greenwood, Yates and Gutierrez, but action was deferred on H. R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

OVERSIGHT—SCIENCE OF RISK ASSESSMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on the Science of Risk Assessment: Implications for Federal Regulation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES—YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Impact of the Year 2000 (Y2K) Computer Problem on Small Businesses. Testimony was heard from Fred Hochberg, Deputy Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Environmental Protection and Compliance Programs. Testimony was heard from Capt. Thomas H. Gilmour, USCG, Director, Field Activities, Office of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

U.S.-JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States-Japan Trade Relations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Levin, Bereuter and Graham; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D733)

H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-189)

H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-190)

H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-191)

H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek Hydroelectric Project in the State of Washington. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-192)

H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-193)

S. 2282, to amend the Arms Export Control Act. Signed July 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-194)