

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING PHYSICAL DESECRATION OF THE FLAG

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing two hours of debate in on H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute to be offered by Representative Conyers or his designee, debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady of Florida and Watt of North Carolina.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill) and section 401(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing new contract authority not subject to appropriations) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill, except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI against the amendment printed in the report accompanying this resolution, which may be offered only by the Member designated in the report and at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed 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.

### NANOTECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Nanotechnology: The State of Nano-Science and Its Prospects for the Next Decade.

Testimony was heard from Eugene Wong, Assistant Director, Engineering Directorate, NSF; Paul McWhorter, Deputy Director, Microsystems Science, Technology and Components Center, Sandia National Laboratories, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND WET WEATHER FLOWS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Clean Water Infrastructure and Wet Weather Flows legislation. Testimony was heard from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; the following Mayors from the State of Massachusetts: Edward M. Lambert, Jr., Fall River; and Frederick Kalisz, Jr., New Bedford; David Pollison, Head, Planning Branch, Delaware River Basin Commission, West Trenton, New Jersey; Michael J. Hornbrook, Director, Sewer Facilities Development, Water Resources Authority, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

### U.S. INTERNATIONAL TAX REGIME— COMPLEXITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the complexity of the Current U.S. International Tax Regime. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on recommendations to reorganize Department of Energy National Security Programs in response to espionage threats, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to mark up pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 953, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the State of South Dakota to the Terry Peak Ski Area; S. 503, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness"; S. 977, to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land; S. 1088, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to

the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility; H.R. 15, to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness; and S. 848, to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on issues relating to salmon recovery, 1:30 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine adding a prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to resume hearings to examine the United States policy towards Iraq, 11 a.m., SD-562.

*Full Committee*, to hold hearings on the nomination of David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, 4 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*: to hold hearings on interagency Inspectors General report on the export control process for dual-use and munitions list commodities, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title VI, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold oversight hearings on National Gambling Impact Study Commission report, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings on issues relating to religious liberty, 11 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs*: business meeting to mark up pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, hearing on the Administration's preparation for the 1999 World Trade Organization Ministerial, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on DC Budget, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, to mark up H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on America's Health, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 987, Workforce Preservation Act; and H.R. 1381, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Getting Away With Murder, Is Mexico a Safe Haven for Killers?: The Del Toro Case, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 1599, Year 2000 Compliance Assistance Act, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, oversight hearing on Combating Terrorism: Role of the National Guard Response Teams, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1152, Silk Road Strategy Act of 1999; and H.R. 1794, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO), 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue markup of H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act; and H.R. 2014, to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents, 9:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Task Force on Warner Creek Timber Sale and Related Matters, oversight hearing on the Warner Creek Timber Sale and related matters, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing on the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2116, Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act; H.R. 2280, Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1999; and H.J. Res. 34, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to continue hearings on Reducing the Tax Burden: II, Providing Tax Relief to Strengthen the Family and Sustain a Strong Economy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.