

H.R. 2957, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Act of 1999. The rule waives clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. 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 Shuster and Representative Vitter.

#### FLORIDA KEYS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 673, Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Act of 1999. The rule waives clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. 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 Shuster and Representative Vitter.

#### ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES ACT

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1106, Alternative Water Sources Act of 1999. The rule waives clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of

amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. 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 Shuster and Representative Vitter.

#### MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, May 3, 2000. The rule provides that the object of any motion to suspend the rules will be announced from the floor at least one hour prior to its consideration. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the object of any suspension considered under this resolution. Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 469 is laid on the table.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D398)*

H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery. Signed April 28, 2000. (P.L. 106-187)

H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Signed April 28, 2000. (P.L. 106-188)

H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange. Signed April 28, 2000. (P.L. 106-189)

H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah. Signed April 28, 2000. (P.L. 106-190)

H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State. Signed April 28, 2000. (P.L. 106-191)