

MARRIAGE PENALTY AND FAMILY TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 6, Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief Act of 2001. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on H.R. 10, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act, focusing on small business implications. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cardin; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 495, to designate the Federal building in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands as the "Ron de Lugo Federal Building;" H.R. 819, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building;" H. Con. Res. 74, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 20th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 76, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; H. Con. Res. 79, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and H. Con. Res. 87, authorizing the 2001 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Water Infrastructure Needs. Testi-

mony was heard from Perry Beider, Principal Analyst, CBO; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL TRENDS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on International Policy and National Security met in executive session to receiving a briefing on Global Trends: 2015. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine initiatives that promote healthy aging in rural America, focusing on certain areas that impact the lives of older Americans, including transportation, housing, access to high-quality health care, diet and nutrition, and employment, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to review environmental trading opportunities for agriculture, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings on S. 206, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine aviation delay prevention legislation, focusing on potential solutions to congestion and delays, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Titles I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Administration's National Fire Plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on issues relating to debt reduction, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kenneth W. Dam, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; the nomination of David Aufhauser, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury; the nomination of Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and the nomination of Faryar Shirzad, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the recently issued final report of the U.S. Commission on National Security in the 21st Century, focusing on the national security implications of the human capital crisis, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on the Supreme Court, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Public Schools and Public Charter Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Energy (National Energy Strategy), 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Quality of Life, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Transit Administration, 11 a.m., and on Federal Transit Capital Projects, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Custom Service Counter drug-oversight, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the posture of U.S. military forces, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on commissaries and exchange programs, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on "Transforming the Federal Role in Education for the 21st Century: H.R.1, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; H.R. 340, Excellence and Accountability in Education Act; and H.R. 345, Public Education Reinvestment, Re-invention, and Responsibility Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on "FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell: Agenda and Plans for Reform," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Technology and Economic Growth, hearing on Beyond the Tax Cut: Unleashing the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Developments in the Middle East, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on Drug Trafficking on the Southwest Border, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Effect of Mining Claim Fees on Domestic Exploration: Are They Worth It? 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 643, African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 645, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 700, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001, followed by an oversight hearing on Comprehensive Conservation Planning and the Operations and Maintenance Backlog in the National Wildlife Refuge System, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the Effective Community Involvement in National Forest Restoration and Recreation Efforts: Obstacles and Solutions, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on H.R. 64, to provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Railroad Track Safety Issues, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Free Trade Deals: Is the United States Losing Ground As Its Trading Partners Move Ahead? 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on International Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Covert Action Case Study, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on NRO Issues, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the recent developments in and around Kosovo, including human rights, minority rights, local elections, development of a local police force, and security and civil order, 2 p.m., SR-485.