

reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of October 8, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report accompany the bill (H.R. 4837) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Friday, October 8, 2004. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

BRIEFING—IRAQ SURVEY GROUP REPORT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Iraq Survey Group Report. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call of the chair.

NATURAL GAS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-run economics of natural gas, focusing on conditions in the natural gas market, and strategies to balance the rising demand with the limited supply of natural gas, after receiving testimony from Daniel Yergin, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Boston, Massachusetts; Paul Sankey, Deutsche Bank, New York, New York; Logan Magruder, Berry Petroleum Company's Rocky

Mountain and Mid-continent Regions, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States; and William R. Prindle, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, D.C.

NEW PRIVATE LAW

(For last listing of Private Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D849)

H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Private Law 108-2)

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1012)

H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for working families. Signed on October 4, 2004. (Public Law 108-311)

H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-312)

H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-313)

H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-314)

H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-315)

H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-316)

H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-317)