

BUDGET RESOLUTION, FY 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of May 17, 2006, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, or addressing budget enforcement or priorities.

FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, with 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying the resolution may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report 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 division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
MAY 17, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Broadband Program, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the National Guard in support of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, 4 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine physician-owned specialty hospitals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Iran's political/nuclear ambitions and U.S. policy options, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Kirby, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Cloud, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, April H. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Michael Wood, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, and Robert Anthony Bradtke, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the proposed Ryan White Modernization Act of 2006, proposed Mine Safety and Health Act of 2006, proposed Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and the Nominations of Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Vince J. Juaristi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, and Peter W. Tredick, of California, each to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, J. C. A. Stagg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, and Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume hearings to examine the Federal government's security clearance process, focusing on the progress of the Office of Personnel Management in implementing a plan to address the longstanding backlog of security clearance investigations, including the next steps by the Office of Management and Budget, and the recent halt by the Defense Security Service in processing government contractor security clearances, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian youth suicide, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine understanding the benefits and cost of Section 5 pre-clearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: Homeland Security; and Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 2048, Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Planning for Long-Term Care, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the State of the International Financial System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 5337, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Low Clearance" Why Did DOD Suddenly Stop Processing Private Sector Security Clearances?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled "RU-486—Demonstrating a Low Standard for Women's Health?" 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 5451, National Emergency Management Reform and Enhancement Act of 2006; and H. Res. 809, Directing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the

adoption of this resolution documents in the Secretary's possession relating to any existing or previous agreement between the Department of Homeland Security and Shirlington Limousine and Transportation, Incorporated, of Arlington, Virginia, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and South Asia: An Expanding Agenda, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing to Review U.S. Assistance Programs to Egypt, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Privacy in the Hands of the Government: The Privacy Officer for the Department of Homeland Security and the Privacy Officer for the Department of Justice; followed by markup of H.R. 2840, Federal Agency Protection of Privacy Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up H.R. 5018, American Fisheries Management and Marine Life Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 5386, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007; and H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles: Legislation to Promote Research and Development, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up H.R. 5352, Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2006, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: additional lease resolutions from the GSA FY 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; H.R. 5013, Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006; H.R. 5187, To amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; and H.R. 5316, RESPOND Act of 2006, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the role of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights relating to advancing the human dimension in the OSCE, focusing on the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and its role in monitoring elections in OSCE countries, 2 p.m., SD-226.