

This rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority recognition to Members who have printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representative Walsh.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine improving air services to small and rural communities, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and R. Lyle Laverly, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act", 7 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of democratic developments in Sub-Saharan Africa, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-18), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen

May 2, 2006 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 109-19), protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the "Protocol"), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20), Convention Between the United States and Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with the Respect to Taxes on Income and Accompanying Protocol (Treaty Doc. 110-3), patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under the Patent Law Treaty (the "Treaty"), done at Geneva on June 1, 2000, between the Governments of 53 countries including the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 109-12), and the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 109-21), and the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Treaty Doc. 110-2), protocol to the 1951 Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between the United States and Denmark (Treaty Doc. 108-8), 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the federal response to the Alzheimer's epidemic, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine federal acquisition, focusing on ways to strengthen competition and accountability, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to continue hearings to examine the readiness of the Census Bureau for the 2010 census, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the prosecution of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to mark up the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement), Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration and cooperation and the education needs for the returning service members, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to consider H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on Budgeting to Fight Waste, Fraud, and Abuse, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply?—Part 2," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to hold a hearing on Monetary Policy and State of the Economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 920, Multiple Peril Insurance Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on U.S. Policy Options in the Iraq Crisis, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migrating Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Oceans, and Other International Fisheries Agreements of U.S. Interest in Asia and the Pacific, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, to mark up H.R. 1955, Homegrown Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Working Families in Financial Crisis: Medical Debt and Bankruptcy, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing on the Depart-

ment of Energy's Support for the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL), Part I, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Amendments to the Patent and Trade Act of 1980—the Next 25 Years, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, hearing on the Status of the Nation's Waters, including Wetlands, Under the Jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on FAA's Oversight of Falsified Airman Medical Certificate Applications, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2623, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of copayments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2874, Veterans' Health Care Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1315, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member; H.R. 760, Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007; H.R. 513, National Heroes Credit Protection Act; and H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.