

ORDERLY AND RESPONSIBLE IRAQ REDEPLOYMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule. The rule provides two hours of debate on H.R. 4156, Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act of 2008, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a conference report rule. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3074, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008, and against its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Olver.

Joint Meetings

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met on Thursday, November 8, 2007 and agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1503)

H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. Signed on November 8, 2007. (Public Law 110–114)

H.R. 2779, to recognize the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors. Signed on November 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–115)

H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Signed on November 13, 2007. (Public Law 110–116)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine shareholder rights and proxy access, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on assessing the economic and national security implications, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine ways to improve the Federal Climate Change Research and Information Program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership relating to the United States policy on nuclear fuel management, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the federal estate tax, focusing on uncertainty in planning under the current law, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, S. 911, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers, S. 1916, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes, S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, S. 1970, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, S. 901, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of