

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a 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 December 17, 2007, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. It also applies to any resolution reported on the legislative day of December 17, 2007, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

**SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported H.R. 4458, Small Business Regulatory Improvement Act.

**LATIN AMERICA: DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF THE DRUG TRADE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Latin America: Destabilizing Effects of the Drug Trade. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

*Joint Meetings*

**FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA IN THE OSCE REGION**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine freedom of the media in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Miklos Haraszti, Representative on Freedom of the Media, OSCE, Vienna, Austria.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 14, 2007**

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.