

passed the House. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule authorizes the chairman of the Judiciary Committee to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2830. Testimony was heard from Chairwoman Velázquez and Representatives Wu, Welch of Vermont, Sutton, Foster, Chabot, and Ehlers.

#### REAUTHORIZING—SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION AND SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5819, the “SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.” The rule provides one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Chairman Thompson and Representatives Cummings, Cuellar, Clay, Bordallo, LaTourette, Poe, Boustany, Bilirakis, Chabot, and Kirk.

## Joint Meetings

### FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Missile Defense Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine phantom traffic, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, S. 827, to establish the Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, S. 923 and H.R. 1528, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, S. 956, to establish the Land Between the Rivers National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, S. 2073, to amend the National Trails System Act relating to the statute of limitations that applies to certain claims, S. 2513, to modify the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2604, to establish the Baltimore National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, S. 2804, to adjust the boundary of the Everglades National Park, H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, 3 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Darfur, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Tibet, focusing on a path to peace, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine National Security Letters, focusing on the need for greater accountability and oversight, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to continue oversight hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on the National Security Agency, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development—Status of Project-Based Section 8 Program, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on challenges associated with achieving full dental readiness in the reserve component, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Improving Workplace Safety: Strengthening OSHA Enforcement of Multi-Site Employers, 11:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1343, Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007; H.R. 5669, Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008; H.R. 1553, Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2007; and H.R. 3112, Prenatally Diagnosed Condition Awareness Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to consider the following H.R. 5818, Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008; and pending Committee business, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on Foreign Assistance Reform in the Next Administration: Challenges and Solutions, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on A New Beginning for the U.S.-South Korea Strategic Alliance, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the Bucharest Summit and the Way Forward for NATO, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: Improving the Functionality, Governance, and Accountability of the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, oversight hearing on the FBI, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, to consider H.R. 2801, Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge and Wilderness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to markup the following bills: H.R. 21, Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act; H.R. 2964, Captive Primate Safety Act; H.R. 5534, Bear Protection Act of 2008; and H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to markup the following bills: H.R. 2649, To make amendments to the Reclamation Project Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992; H.R. 3323, Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007; and H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, hearing on Domestic Abstinence-Only Programs: Assessing the Evidence, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on H.R. 5811, Electronic Communications Preservation Act, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, hearing on Opportunities and Challenges for Nuclear Power, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing entitled "Minority and Hispanic Participation in the Federal Workforce and the Impact on the Small Business Community," 12 p.m., 1539 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Rail Capacity, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5684, Veterans Education Improvement Act of 2008; H.R. 4884, Helping Our Veterans to Keep Their Homes Act of 2008; H.R. 4883, To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for a limitation on the sale, foreclosure, or seizure of property owned by a servicemember during the one-year period following the servicemember's period of military service; H.R. 4889, The Guard and Reserved Are Fighting Too Act of 2008; H.R. 3681, Veterans Benefits Awareness Act of 2007; H.R. 3889, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary; H.R. 5664, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update at least once every six years the plans and specifications for specially adapted housing furnished to veterans by the Secretary; and H.R. 3467, Second Chance for America's Veterans Act, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2790, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 3819, Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007; H.R. 5729, Spina Bifida Health Care Program Expansion Act; H.R. 5554, Veterans Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; and H.R. 5856, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act of 2008, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on Clearing the Disability Backlog, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-Human Capital, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.