

concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in this report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The motion shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. Notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. The rule requires the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to insert in the Congressional Record dated September 24, 2008, such material as he may deem explanatory of the motion. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record 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 September 24, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

FEMA'S RESPONSE TO THE 2008 HURRICANE SEASON AND THE NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on FEMA's Response to the 2008 Hurricane Season and the National Housing Strategy. Testimony was heard from ADM. Harvey Johnson, Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, FEMA; Cynthia Fagnoni, Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Ray Nagin, Mayor, City of New Orleans, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

MEDIA OUTREACH TO VETERANS: AN UPDATE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Media Outreach to Veterans: An Update. Testimony was heard from Lisette M. Mondello, Assistant Secretary, Public and Inter-

governmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

HEALTH OF THE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health of the Private Health Insurance market. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session for a briefing on the CIA's Clandestine Service. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term ending May 21, 2014, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold joint hearings to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 Midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the imbalance in United States-Korea automobile trade, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the safety and security of spent nuclear fuel transportation, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Bush Administration's environmental record at the Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Africa's management of its extractive industries, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, and Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to Libya, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, with the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold joint hearings to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 Midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine domestic partner benefits for federal employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) future preparedness planning, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine extracting natural resources, focusing on corporate responsibility and the rule of law, 10:45 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Visa Waiver Program, focusing on mitigating risks to ensure the safety of all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine cooperation and collaboration by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense on information technology efforts, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine ways to respect Americans' choices at the end of life, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Capitol Visitor Center, oversight, 11 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Consideration for an American Grand Strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Federal Response to Market Turmoil: What's the Impact on the Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Hazardous Substance Releases and Reporting under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on The Future of Financial Services: Exploring Solutions for the Market Crisis, 12:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing on A Report Card on Homeland Security Information Sharing, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Subcommittee on Elections of the Committee on House Administration, joint hearing on Federal, State and Local Efforts to Prepare for the 2008 General Election, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on recent trends concerning annual budgets for the National Wildlife Refuge System and implications for management activities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Passing the Baton: Preparing for the Presidential Transition, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on How Information Policy Affects Competitive Viability in Minority Contracting, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Oversight of U.S.-Pakistan Relations: From Ad Hoc and Transactional to Strategic and Enduring, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology, hearing on Small Business Recovery from the Midwest Disasters of 2008, 2 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: H.R. 6707, Taking Responsible Action for Community Safety Act; GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolution; and other matters, 11 a.m., and a hearing on National Mediation Board Oversight of Elections for Union Representation, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to continue oversight hearings on G.I. Bill Implementation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-106.