

### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the calendar day of September 28, 2008. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this rule.

### 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 26, 2008, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

### SMALL BUSINESS COMPETITION POLICY

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Small Business Competition Policy: Are Markets Open for Entrepreneurs? Testimony was heard from William E. Kovacic, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

### RUNWAY SAFETY: AN UPDATE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Runway Safety: An Update. Testimony was heard from Hank Krakowshi, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in open and executive sessions to consider pending business.

### BRIEFING ON HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### FUTURE OF LIHEAP FUNDING

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing on The Future of LIHEAP Funding: Will Families Get The Cold Shoulder this Winter? Testimony was heard from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Deval Patrick, Governor, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

### FINAL REPORT—SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE VOTING IRREGULARITIES OF AUGUST 2, 2007

*Select Committee To Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007:* The Select Committee approved the Final Report and Summary of Activities of the Select Committee.

## Joint Meetings

### AMERICAN FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to reduce the number of American families living in poverty, after receiving testimony from Mayor David N. Cicilline, Providence, Rhode Island; Rebecca M. Blank, Brookings Institution, and Robert Rector, Heritage Foundation Domestic Policy Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; Angela Glover Blackwell, PolicyLink, Oakland, California; and John W. Edwards, Jr., Community Action Partnership, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1132)

S. 2617, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify increases in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans that were effective as of December 1, 2007, to provide for an increase in the rates of such compensation effective December 1, 2008. Signed on September 24, 2008. (Public Law 110-324)

S. 3406, to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Signed on September 25, 2008. (Public Law 110-325)