

points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. In the case of sundry amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oberstar and Representatives Taylor, Scott of Virginia and LoBiondo.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3791, Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 3820, Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2009.

BIOMASS ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Biomass for Thermal Energy and Electricity Through a Research and Development Portfolio for the Future. Testimony was heard from Scott M. Klara, Director, Strategic Center for Coal, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported H.R. 3854, Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Subcommittee Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 761, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act.

BRIEFING—UPDATE COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS IN MEXICO

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Update on Counternarcotics Efforts in Mexico. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Patriot Act Reauthorization, Testimony was heard from David Kris, Assistant Attorney General, National Security, Department of Justice; Michael Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Robert Joyce, Associate Deputy Director, Counterterrorism, NSA, Department of Defense.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1186)

H.R. 1687, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as the “Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–74)

H.R. 2053, to designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the “Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–75)

H.R. 2121, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the Galveston Historical Foundation. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–76)

H.R. 2498, to designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the “William O. Lipinski Federal Building”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–77)

H.R. 2913, to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the “Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse”. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–78)

S. 1289, to improve title 18 of the United States Code. Signed on October 19, 2009. (Public Law 111–79)

H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes. Signed on October 21, 2009. (Public Law 111–80)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on a strategic concept for transatlantic security, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing to examine Iran, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine keeping America's families safe, focusing on reforming the food safety system, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the past, present, and future of policy czars, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian energy and energy efficiency, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 1340, to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund, and S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, and the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Benjamin B. Wagner, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry, hearing to review the economic conditions facing the pork industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Afghanistan and Iraq: Perspectives on U.S. Strategy, 2 p.m., 210 HVC.

Subcommittee on Terrorism Threats and Capabilities, hearing on counterterrorism within the Afghanistan counterinsurgency, 10:30 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Video Competition in a Digital Age," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Assistance, to continue mark up of the Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009), 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Concerns Regarding Possible Collusion in Northern Ireland: Police and Paramilitary Groups, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Cargo Security at Land Ports of Entry: Are We Meeting the Challenge?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Too Big to Fail: The Role for Bankruptcy and antitrust Law in Financial Regulation Reform, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Engineering in K-12 Education, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Strengthening NASA's Technology Development Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Cybersecurity Activity at NIST's Information Technology Laboratory, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following: H.R. 2504, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 2559, Help Our Homeless Veterans Act; H.R. 2735, To amend title 38, United States Code, to mark certain improvements to the comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; H.R. 3885, Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act, and a draft bill, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on administration of the first-time homebuyer tax credit, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Statutory Requirements for Congressional Notifications, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Building U.S. Resilience to Global Warming Impacts," 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the economic outlook, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on new media in authoritarian regimes, 2 p.m., 1539, Longworth Building.