

purposes. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce 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 committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment 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 division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Upton; Rep. Waxman; Michael Doyle; Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas; Rep. Crowley; Rep. Welch; Rep. Connolly; and Rep. Garamendi.

POLICY PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO REFORM THE NATION'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Policy Proposals from Members of Congress to Reform the Nation's Surface Transportation Programs. Testimony was heard from Members of the 112th Congress.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Deconstructing the Department of Veterans Affairs Construction Planning. Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lorelei St. James, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team; GAO; Robert L. Neary, Jr., Acting Director of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and public witnesses.

DUPLICATE OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: FOCUS ON WELFARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on duplication in welfare and related programs under the Subcommittee's jurisdiction. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—CIA

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on Central Intelligence Agency Program FY 2012 Budget Overview. This was a CLOSED hearing. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee membership, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense Health Programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic systems in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of the accounting profession in preventing another financial crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the state of community banking, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold hearings to examine state and local perspectives on transportation, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine perspectives on the crisis in Libya, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and

Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the census, focusing on learning lessons from 2010 and planning for 2020, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold hearings to examine the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, focusing on government perspectives on protecting privacy in the digital age, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits and Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: To hold hearings to examine the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids and stimulants, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the state of the beef industry, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Bureau of Investigations—FY 2012 Budget Request, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FEMA budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing on National Labor Relations Board—FY 2012, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the United Nations and other International Organizations, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal Aviation Administration—FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts—FY 2012 Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on the Army, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on the fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on improving management and acquisition of information technology systems in the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for Fiscal Year 2012, 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing on “Streamlining Federal Education and Workforce Programs: A Look at the GAO Report on Government Waste.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The U.S. Government Response to the Nuclear Power Plant Incident in Japan”, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Cost of the Medical Liability System Proposals for Reform, including H.R. 5, the Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2011.” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Improve the Structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance and Housing, markup of H.R. 1309, flood insurance reform act of 2011, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, continued markup on the following: H.R. 31, the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Accountability and Transparency for Taxpayers Act; H.R. 1221, the Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2011; H.R. 1222, the GSE Subsidy Elimination Act of 2011; H.R. 1223, GSE Credit Risk Equitable Treatment Act of 2011; H.R. 1224, the Portfolio Risk Reduction Act of 2011; H.R. 1225, the GSE Debt Issuance Approval Act of 2011; H.R. 1226, the GSE Mission Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1227, the GSE Risk and Activities Limitation Act of 2011. This markup was continued to April 6, time and room TBA.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Is America's Overseas Broadcasting Undermining our National Interest and the Fight Against Tyrannical Regimes? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Park Stout, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Philo L. Dibble, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Financial Hardball: Corraling Terrorists and Proliferators, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Unrest in the Middle East and North Africa: Ramifications for U.S. Homeland Security.” 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing on Promoting Investment and Protecting Commerce Online: Legitimate Sites v. Parasites, Part II, 10:45 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1229, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico; H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act; and H.R. 1231, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and

Government, hearing entitled “Assessing the Impact of Greenhouse Gas Regulations on Small Business”, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Behavioral Science and Security: Evaluating TSA’s SPOT Program, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Offshore Drilling Safety and Response Technologies, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Help Wanted: How Passing Free Trade Agreements Will Help Small Businesses Create New Jobs”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Can a Civilian BRAC Commission Consolidate Federal Office Space and Save Taxpayers Billions? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.