

amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill. All points of order are waived against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, and provides that it shall be considered as read. Only the amendments referenced in the report of the Committee on Rules are in order and shall be considered 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 (except as specified in the report), and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee on the Whole. All points of order against the amendments referenced in the report of the Committee on Rules are waived. The rule further provides that a separate vote may be demanded in the House on any amendment adopted to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule also provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The chairman of the Committee on Agriculture or a designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments not previously disposed of which are printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or germane modifications thereof which may include a perfecting amendment to text proposed to be stricken by such an amendment. The amendments offered en bloc shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture or their designees. Finally, the rule permits the original proponent of an amendment included in an en bloc amendment to insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately prior to the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Roberts and Representatives Barrett of Nebraska, Smith of Michigan, Foley, Chambliss, Stenholm, Volkmer, Peterson of Minnesota, Dooley, Pomeroy, Farr, Jacobs, Petri, Roth, Shays, Kingston, Miller of Florida, Chabot, Tiahrt, Hamilton, Obey, Schumer, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Olver, Sanders, Waters, and Deutsch.

The Committee approved its Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings to review the role of the Department of Defense Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC), 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, focusing on the Administration's views, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings to review the United States/Euratom Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence, on proposed legislation to combat economic espionage, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings on the changing nature of youth violence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, Business Meeting, to consider pending calendar business, time and room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on S. 917, to facilitate small business involvement in the regulatory development processes of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, on proposed legislation to combat economic espionage, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine mental illness among the elderly and the potential savings to the overall health care system that can result from prompt, accurate diagnosis and treatment of mental diseases, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to continue on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Indian Programs (public witnesses), 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., B308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to continue on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Economic Committee and Capitol Police Board, 9:30 a.m., and on Congressional Budget Office, Architect of the Capitol, and Botanic Garden, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Marsh Task Force, 9:30 a.m., B300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to continue on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to consider pending Committee business, 9:45 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Threat that Organized Criminal Groups Pose to the International Banking System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 2967, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing and markup of H.R. 2972, Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, hearing on H.R. 1963, Postmark Prompt Payment Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, hearing on Haiti: After The Departure of the U.S. Contingent from UNMIH, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue hearings on Health Care Reform Issues: Antitrust, Medical Malpractice Liability, and Volunteer Liability, including discussion of the following measures: H.R. 2925, Antitrust Health Care Advancement Act of 1996; H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act; and H.R. 2938, Charitable Medical Care Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to mark up H.R. 1975, Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification Act of 1995, 1:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on Allocating Federal Funds for Science and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on small business' access to capital, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue hearings on the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2778, to provide that members of the Armed Forces peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina be entitled to certain tax benefits; H.R. 2853, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of Bulgaria; and H.R. 2969, Federal Tea Tasters Repeal Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro Government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Conferees, on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for the United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, 4 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold a briefing on the forthcoming elections in Bosnia and the role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.