

a substitute for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI (relating to appropriations in a legislative bill). Before the consideration of any other amendment, the rule provides that it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 1997, if offered by Representative Lazio of New York or his designee. The rule provides that the amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and all points of order against the amendment are waived. The rule provides that if the amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules, and provides that pre-printed amendments will be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Leach, Representatives Lazio, Gonzalez, and Kennedy of Massachusetts.

#### WETLANDS—RECENT REGULATORY AND JUDICIAL DEVELOPMENTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Wetlands—recent regulatory and judicial developments. Testimony was heard from Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; Robert H. Wayland, III, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, EPA; and public witnesses.

#### COORDINATED CARE OPTIONS FOR SENIORS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Coordinated Care Options for Seniors. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### EXPANDING U.S. TRADE WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Expanding U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade

Representative; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the structure and modernization of the National Guard, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense, natural disaster relief and other emergency assistance, and other non-emergency assistance, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on social security investment in the securities markets, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Andrew J. Pincus, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of emerging trade issues on the U.S. consumer, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on the use of "Telepresence", the enabling technology for telemedicine and distance learning, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings on increasing children's access to health care, and the nominations of Kevin L. Thurm, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Richard J. Tarplin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, 9:45 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on fighting crime and violence in the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to hold hearings to examine the operations of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine equal opportunity issues in the Federal construction industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on the Administration's Proposal, 11 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medical Devices: Technological Innovation and Patient/Provider Perspectives, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Product Liability Reform and How the Legal Fee Structure Affects Consumer Compensation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to markup H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Federal Employees Group Life Insurance: Could We Do Better?" 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Post FTS-2000 Procurement, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Bureau of Labor Statistics Oversight: Fixing the Consumer Price Index", 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to markup the Foreign Policy Reform Act, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997, and H.R. 120, Bankruptcy Law Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of

the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to markup H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on Safeguarding the Integrity of the Naturalization Process, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to markup H.R. 1420, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and to hold a hearing on H.J. Res. 59, to disapprove a rule affecting polar bear trophies from Canada under the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act issued by the U.S. and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 105th Congress; and an Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to markup the following: H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 16th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; and two amended GSA resolutions, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to markup the following: H.R. 408, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act; and H.R. 1463, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.