

the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting re-appropriations in a general appropriations bill) of Rule XXI, except as specified in the rule. The rule also waive all points of order against each amendment printed in Part 2 of the Rules Committee report which may be offered in the order specified, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall be offered only by the member designated in the report, and is not amendable. The rule accords priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule also allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the vote to five minutes on a postponed question provided that the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives points of order against all amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston, Representatives Sabo, Miller of Florida, Nethercutt, Neumann, McHugh, Ramstad, Spence, Gilman, Shuster, Goodling, Barcia, Roukema, Gekas, Smith of Oregon, Morella, Shays, Stearns, Crapo, Jackson-Lee, McKeon, Riggs, Coburn, Foley, Weldon of Florida, Obey, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Kleczka, Kaptur, Olver, Meek of Florida, Dingell, Oberstar, Cannon, Norton, Peterson of Minnesota, Condit, Harmon, Stupak, Maloney of New York, Wynn, Romero-Barceló, Pomeroy, Jones, Minge, Strickland, Barr of Georgia, Davis of Virginia, Hilleary, and Thune.

URBAN EMPOWERMENT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on regulatory, tax, and licensing initiatives that empower businesses and citizens in impoverished communities. Testimony was heard from Representative Weller; and the following Mayors: Paul Helmke, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Victor Ashe, Knoxville, Tennessee; and a public witness.

Hearings continue May 20.

BRIEFING—CHINA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on China. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission resumed hearings to examine the process to enlarge the membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), receiving testimony from Ernest Petric, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the United States; Mircea Dan Geoana, Ambassador of Romania to the United States; and Alexandr Vondra, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States.

Commission recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine program efficiencies at the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on S. 39, to revise the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on the campaign finance system for presidential elections, focusing on the growth of soft money and other effects on political parties and candidates, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

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

Full Committee, to resume closed hearings on the nomination of George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the information technology procurement practices of the USDA, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on Financial Modernization, including H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up the Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Resolution, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Financial Services Reform, focusing on Consolidation in the Brokerage Industry, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 1377, Savings Are Vital to Everyone's Retirement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on National Guard Support in the Fight Against Illegal Drugs, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider pending business, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Caribbean: An Overview, 9:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up of the following measures: H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act; and H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecra-

tion of the flag of the United States, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1494, Apprehension of Tainted Money Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1486, Foreign Policy Reform Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on Department of Energy Posture, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Commercial Vessel Safety, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on operations within the VA's Compensation and Pension Service using Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) principles, to review the adequacy of VA's efforts in the processing of Persian Gulf War claims for compensation, and to discuss legislation to limit the liability for compensating and treating veterans with smoking-related diseases, 8:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.