

considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule provides that, unless otherwise specified in the report, each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services may each offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate on any pending amendment). The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution.

The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendment, which shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported), shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that, for the purpose of inclusion in such amendments en bloc, an amendment printed in the form of a motion to strike may be modified to the form of a germane perfecting amendment to the text originally proposed to be stricken. The rule provides that the original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone until a time during further consideration of the bill a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen vote.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for the consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides that, after disposition of the amendments printed in the report, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Kasich, Talent, Thornberry,

Ryun of Kansas, Gibbons, Cox, Camp, Bachus, Bryant, Shays, Sanford, Wamp, Weldon of Florida, Whitfield, Thune, Vitter, Skelton, Taylor of Mississippi, Allen, Sanchez, Rodriguez, Tauscher, Andrews, Hill of Indiana, Moakley, Markey, Stenholm, Frank of Massachusetts, Berman, Kanjorski, Traficant, Kaptur, McCarthy of New York, Velazquez, Strickland, Luther, Lofgren, Blagojevich, Shows, Udall of Colorado, Baird, Baca and Berkley.

TRADE WITH CHINA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on Trade with China Helps Small Business Exporters Work. Testimony was heard from Representative Crane; Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF AVIATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Future of Aviation Technology "Is the Sky the Limit?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Dan Goldin, Administrator; and Bruce Holmes, General Aviation Manager; Herman A. Rediess, Director, Office of Aviation Research, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE—FAMILIES LEAVING WELFARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Health Care Coverage for Families Leaving Welfare. Testimony was heard from Representative Stark; Jean Hearne, Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Don Winstead, Welfare Reform Administrator, Department of Children and Families, State of Florida; Kathleen Gifford, Assistant Secretary, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, State of Indiana; Lynn V. Mitchell, M.D., Medicaid Director, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

INTERNET TAX ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Internet tax issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine global warming issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

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

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the operation, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, of the Flathead Irrigation Project in Montana, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Clean Air Act, focusing on an incentive-based utility emissions reduction approach, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to markup proposed legislation extending Permanent Normal Trading Relations to China, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold oversight hearings to examine satellite export controls, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on Indian arts and crafts programs, 2 p.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1148, to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan project; and S. 1658, to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings on S. 1816, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the Administration's proposal for permanent normal trade relations with China, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 4209, Bank Reserves Modernization Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, to

ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; a measure concerning the authority of the Secretary of Energy under the Price-Anderson Act; H.R. 4201, Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000; H.R. 3489, Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act; and H.R. 2498, Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Status of Embassy Security Enhancements, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the U.S. and the Caribbean in the New Millennium: What is the Agenda? 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 4227, Technology Worker Temporary Relief Act, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4267, Internet Tax Reform and Reduction Act; and H.R. 4460, Internet Tax Simplification Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up H.R. 297, Lewis and Clark Rural Water System Act of 1999, followed by a hearing on H.R. 3999, Virgin Islands and Guam Constitutional Self-Government Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Assessing future needs and uses of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund established under Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, 2:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on a Plan to Renew Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education in Kindergarten through 12th Grade: H.R. 4271, National Science Education Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA/DOD health care sharing, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China; and H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services, 12:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.