

rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 4281 with or without instructions.

Section 4 of the resolution provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 4279 the clerk shall add the texts of H.R. 4280 and H.R. 4281 as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4279, and then lay H.R. 4280 and H.R. 4281 on the table. Finally, the rule provides that if H.R. 4279 is disposed of without reaching the stage of engrossment, H.R. 4280 shall be treated in the manner specified for H.R. 4279 and only H.R. 4281 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives McCrery, Greenwood, Shadegg, Smith of Texas, Andrews, Kind, Wynn, Scott of Virginia, Sandlin and Baird.

PERMANENTLY EXTEND 10-PERCENT INDIVIDUAL TAX RATE BRACKET

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4275, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 10-percent individual income tax rate bracket, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Sessions.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Defense, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to conduct a telecommunications policy review, focusing on a view from the industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the environmental regulatory framework

affecting oil refining and gasoline policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine continuing challenges in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to continue hearings to examine tax payer dollars subsidizing diploma mills, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine S. 2013, to amend section 119 of title 17, United States Code, to extend satellite home viewer provisions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Library of Congress; Architect of the Capitol; and Capitol Visitor Center, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services: to mark up the following: H.R. 4323, To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide rapid acquisition authority to the Secretary of Defense to respond to combat emergencies; H.R. 4322, To provide for the establishment of the headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security in the District of Columbia, to require the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Nebraska Avenue Naval Complex; and H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on H.R. 4283, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 107, Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "NIH Ethics Concerns: Consulting Arrangements and Outside Awards," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to consider H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Cutting Through the Red Tape: Regulatory Relief for America's Community-Based Banks," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2004; H.R. 2432, Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2003; H.R. 4302, District of Columbia Civil Commitment Modernization Act of 2004; and H. Res. 612, Recognizing and honoring the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the devastating fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “Decades of Terror: Exploring Human Rights Abuses in Kashmir and the Disputed Territories,” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled “The Science of Voting Machine Technology: Accuracy, Reliability, and Security,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Ukraine’s Future and United States Interests, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 319, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing repression of the religious freedom and human rights of the Iranian Baha’i community by the Government of Iran; H. Con. Res. 363, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; H. Res. 615, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations; and H. Res. 617, Expressing support for the accession of Israel to the Organization for Economic Co-operation Development (OECD), 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 12, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003; H. Con. Res. 414, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*; H.R. 3754, Fraudulent Online Identity Sanctions Act; H.R. 1731, Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act; S. 1301, Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2003; H.R. 1678, Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act of 2003; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act; H.R. 2179, Securities Fraud Deterrence and Investor Restitution Act of 2003; and private relief bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on the current reorganization of trust management at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on H.R. 4107, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Reauthorization Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Women’s Entrepreneurship: Successes and Challenges,” 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: a Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolution; H.R. 3428, To designate a portion of the United States courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the “Justin W. Williams United States Attorney’s Building;” H.R. 3734, To designate the Federal building at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the “Joe Skeen Federal Building;” H.R. 3742, To designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the “Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building;” H.R. 3884, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 4056, Commercial Aviation MANPADS Defense Act of 2004; H.R. 4226, Cape Town Treaty Implementation Act of 2004; H.R. 4251, Maritime Transportation Amendments of 2004; a resolution on National Transportation Week; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Iraqi Prisoner Situation Update, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Aligning CIA HUMINT, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security. Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, hearing entitled “The Transportation Security Administration’s Progress in Enhancing Security,” 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.