

House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and allows for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule also provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of either measure to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule tables House Resolution 849.

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF  
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY RULES  
COMMITTEE—TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF  
ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 3996, the “Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007.” The rule provides that it is in order for the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to make a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3996.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. It further provides that the motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker.

**BRIEFINGS—HOTS SPOTS AND NATIONAL  
INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE; COMMITTEE  
BUSINESS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots—Ven-

ezuela, Australia and Pakistan. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on National Intelligence Estimate. The Committee was briefed by Mike McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The Committee also met in executive session to consider pending Committee business.

**AFTER BALI-U.N. CONFERENCE AND THE  
IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE  
CHANGE POLICY**

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled “After Bali—UN Conference and the Impact on International Climate Change Policy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 20, 2007**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on the Judiciary,* hearing on Applicability of Federal Criminal Laws to the Interrogation of Detainees, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Pakistani Elections: Will They Be Free and Fair or Fundamentally Flawed?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.