

provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, 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. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule tables H. Res. 894. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barney Frank of Massachusetts, and Representatives Waters, Capito and Neugebauer.

WOMEN'S PROCUREMENT PROGRAM— SBA'S PROGRESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "SBA's Progress in Implementing the Women's Procurement Program." Testimony was heard from Steven Preston, Administrator, SBA; Elizabeth Papez, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; GSA CAPITOL INVESTMENT AND LEASING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3913, To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met; H.R. 4140. To designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the "Richard B. Anderson Federal Building;" H. Res. 832, Honoring the Texas Water Development Board on its selection as a recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 Clean Water State Revolving and Innovation Award; H. Res. 845, amended, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park; H.R. 866, Honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard

whose tireless work, dedication, and commitment to protecting the United States have led to the Coast Guard seizing over 350,000 pounds of cocaine at sea during 2007, far surpassing all of our previous records.

The Committee also approved General Services Administration Capitol and Leasing Program Resolutions.

ECONOMICALLY VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES—SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Benefits for Economically Vulnerable Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from David A. Rust, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; Laura R. Haltzel, Specialist In Social Legislation, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

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

CIA TAPES INVESTIGATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Tapes Investigation. Testimony was heard from John Rizzo, Acting General Counsel, CIA.

Joint Meetings

RECESSION AVOIDANCE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine potential efforts by the federal government to avoid a recession, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Lawrence Mishel, Economic Policy Institute, and William W. Beach, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Status of Efforts to Develop Iraqi Security Forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Near-Term Outlook for the U.S. Economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “Administration Perspectives on United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Naturalization Delays: Causes, Consequences and Solutions, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Assessing Veterans’ Charities—Part II, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Export-Import Bank’s Implementation of its Small Business Mandate,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission Report, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing to review pending Montgomery G.I. Bill legislation, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2790, To amend title 38, United States Code,

to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; H.R. 3458, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the provision of traumatic brain injury care in rural areas; H.R. 3819, Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2007; H.R. 4053, Mental Health Improvements Act of 2007; H.R. 4107, Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act; H.R. 4146, To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the availability of emergency medical care for veterans in non-Department of Veteran Affairs medical facilities; H.R. 4204, Veterans Suicide Study Act; and H.R. 4231, Rural Veterans Health Care Access Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on U.S. Hostages in Colombia, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “On Thin Ice: the Future of the Polar Bear,” 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.