

of the House today and appear on pages H5892, H5892-93, H5894-95, and H5895. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY DEPARTMENT WASTE-SITE CLEAN-UP CONTRACTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Randall F. Smith, Director, Office of Environmental Cleanup for Region 10, EPA; and Kathleen E. Trever, Coordinator-Manager, INEEL Oversight Program, Division of Environmental Quality, State of Idaho.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI (the 3-day requirement for availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings on appropriations bills), or section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of bills containing matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget which have not been reported by the Budget Committee). The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances). The rule provides for priority in recognition for those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the voting time on the first in a series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Florida, Smith of New Jersey, and Murtha.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill and clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules which may only be offered by the Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report and except pro forma amendments offered for the purpose of debate, 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 are waived. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency amendments to be offered to a bill containing an emergency designation under the Budget Act) against amendments to the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Porter, Hyde, Goodling, Istook, Manzullo, Riggs, Obey, and Lowey.

COMPUTER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1903, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D790)

S.J. Res. 29, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the