

on H.R. 3824, to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Resources Committee Print dated September 26, 2005 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 that committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report 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. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pombo and Representatives Saxton, Gilchrest, Calvert, Flake, Boehlert, Kirk and George Miller of California.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO THE SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any resolution reported on the legislative day of September 29, 2005, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2360) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

OVERSIGHT—COMMERCIAL AIRLINE INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on

Current Situation and Future Outlook of the U.S. Commercial Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATUS OF TRANSITION BETWEEN DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing regarding the status of seamless transition between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans Health and Benefits Issues; and Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues; Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stephen L. Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant, Office of Health Affairs, Office of Personnel and Readiness; MG Ronald G. Young, Director, National Guard Bureau Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau; and COL Sheila Hobbs, USA, Senior Patient Administrator, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Susan McAndrew, Senior Health Information Privacy Policy Specialist, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on United States-Japan Economic and Trade Relations. Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Kansas; Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Japan, Korea and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Affairs; David Loevinger, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Africa, Middle East, and Asia, Department of the Treasury; A. Ellen Terpstra, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; A. G. Kawamura, Secretary of Agriculture, Department of Food and Agriculture, State of California; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. military strategy and operations in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, and Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, both of the Department of the Treasury, Keith E.

Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel, and Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, and Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, and David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Export Administration, all of the Department of Commerce, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine communications for first responders in disaster, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine communications for first responders in disaster, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Protocol of 1997 Amending MARPOL Convention (Treaty Doc. 108-7), Agreement with Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. 108-24), Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109-1), Convention Strengthening Inter-American Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. 109-2), and the Convention on Supplementary Compensation on Nuclear Damage (Treaty Doc. 107-21), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-Japan relations, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness and cost of the Defense Travel System (DTS) of the Department of Defense, focusing on whether DTS can deliver on the increased efficiency and cost savings that were anticipated when the program was established, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine certain activities of the General Services Administration, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Mary Sweeney, of Virginia, and Thomas Craig Wheeler, of Maryland, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, John Richard Smoak, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Brian Edward Sandoval, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William F. Tuerk, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Robert Joseph Henke, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Lisette M. Mondello, of

Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, and George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, all of Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the impact of direct-to-consumer drug advertising on seniors' health and health care costs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the current state of the farm economy and the economic impact of Federal policy on agriculture, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on operations in Iraq, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on understanding the Iran threat, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "Closing the Achievement Gap in America's Schools: the No Child Left Behind Act," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Assessing the Present Environmental Status, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Public Safety Communications from 9/11 to Katrina: Critical Public Policy Lessons," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Licensing and Registration in the Mortgage Industry," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "The Last Frontier: Bringing the IT Revolution in Healthcare," 10 a.m., and to consider the following measures: H.R. 1317, Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act; H.R. 3134, Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program and Management Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 3699, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005; H. Res. 15, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month; H. Res. 276, Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; H.R. 3549, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 3830, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building;" H.R. 3853, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the "Willie Vaughn Post Office;" H.R. 923, Mailing Support to Troops Act of 2005; and H. Res. 389, Supporting the goals of The Year of the Museum, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "Incident Command, Control, and Communications during Catastrophic Events," 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Evolving Counterterrorism Strategy, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3648, To impose additional fees with respect to immigration services for intracompany transferees; H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1065, United States Boxing Commission Act; H.R. 3647, To render nationals of Denmark eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors; and H.R. 1400, Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H. Res. 97, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States, following full Committee mark up, 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "Dual Citizenship, Birthright Citizenship, and the Meaning of Sovereignty," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure, joint hearing on S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 326, To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act; H.R. 1436, To remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona; and H.R. 1972, Franklin National Battlefield Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing to discuss the Entrepreneur Soldiers Empowerment Act (ESEA), 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on H.R. 1749, Pest Management and Fire Suppression Flexibility Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Implementation of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 3617, Medicare Value-Based Purchasing for Physicians' Services Act of 2005, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.