

equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton of Texas, Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Peterson of Pennsylvania, Flake, Tiahrt, Gutknecht, Dingell, Stupak, Inslee, Bishop of New York, Abercrombie, Larson of Connecticut, Edwards, and Dicks.

OVERSIGHT—KATRINA RECOVERY ENSURING FEMA IS UP TO THE TASK

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing entitled “Recovering after Katrina: Ensuring that FEMA is up to the task.” Testimony was heard from Representative Baker; from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Ken Burris, Chief, Operating Officer, FEMA; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and an original bill to repeal the increased micro-purchase threshold, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to consider the following: a motion to adopt a bipartisan staff report regarding the E-rate program; and a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for testimony in connection with the Sub-

committee’s investigation into the health and welfare of jockeys and other workers in the thoroughbred horse-racing industry; followed by a hearing to review GAO’s findings and recommendations regarding the Department of Energy’s efforts to consolidate Surplus Plutonium Inventories, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 972, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 252, Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country; H. Res. 192, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives encouraging the active engagement of Americans in world affairs and urging the Secretary of State to take the lead and coordinate with other governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations in creating an online database of international exchange programs and related opportunities; H. Res. 368, Congratulating the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly; and H. Res. 472, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing entitled “Restoration after Recent Hurricanes and Other Natural Disasters: Federal Role in Recovery after Catastrophic Events Affecting Forest Lands,” 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on NOAA Hurricane Forecasting, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “Small Businesses and Hurricane Katrina: Rebuilding the Economy,” 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Gainsharing, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for September, 9:30 a.m., 1334 LHOB.