

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 special rule reported on the legislative day of December 8, 2006. The rule provides that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 8, 2006. The rule further provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX COURT MAY REVIEW CLAIMS FOR EQUITABLE INNOCENT SPOUSE RELIEF AND TO SUSPEND THE RUNNING ON THE PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS WHILE SUCH CLAIMS ARE PENDING

Committee on Rules. Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending. The rule makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means to concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule waives all points of order against the motion. The rule provides for 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and means. Finally, the rule provides one motion to amend, which shall be separately debatable for 5 minutes by the proponent and 5 minutes by an opponent.

TO MODIFY TEMPORARILY CERTAIN RATES OF DUTY AND MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE LAWS, TO EXTEND CERTAIN TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules. Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on

H.R. 6406, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws, to extend certain trade preference programs, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommend. The rule provides that, in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 6111, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 6406, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of such engrossment; (2) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (3) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

OVERSIGHT—SERVICEMEMBERS/VETERANS TRANSITION ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing to review the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor, and Defense actions regarding the recommendations of the 1999 Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance Report. Testimony was heard from Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Charles S. Ciccolella, Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Leslye Arsht, Deputy Under Secretary, Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; and Anthony J. Principi, Chairman, Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, December 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Friday, December 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur thereon. Also, Senate will consider any cleared legislative and executive matters.

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