

HAWAIIAN HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 835, Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides 1 motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Abercrombie and Hirono.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D389)

H.R. 584, to designate the Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the "Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building". Signed on March 23, 2007. (Public Law 110-15)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James R. Clapper, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, with the possibility of an executive session in SR-222 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a closed briefing on Special Operations Command's global operation, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine competition and consumer choice relating to exclusive sports programming, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress, time to be announced, SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges in the U.S.-China economic relationship, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the Employee Free Choice Act, focusing on restoring economic opportunity for working families, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring safe medicines and medical devices for children, 1 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on health care issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review credit availability in rural America, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on State and Local Grants, 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Prisons/U.S. Marshal Service/Office of Federal Detention Trustee, 2 p.m., H-309 Capital.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on SEC, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Priorities in Enforcing Immigration Laws and Temporary Worker Program, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on National Park Service, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, Government Printing Office: Budget/Printing Technology in the 21st Century, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on International Organizations and International Peacekeeping Programs, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Housing Needs of Special Populations, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Army ground force acquisition programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the state of the military health care system, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the readiness of the Army and Air National Guard, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for missile defense programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Providing Fairness to Workers Who Have Been Misclassified as Independent Contractors, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “Climate Change—International Issues, Engaging Developing Countries,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Insuring Bright Futures: Improving Access to Dental Care and Proving A Healthy Start for Children,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, hearing entitled “Subprime and Predatory Lending: New Regulatory Guidance, Current Market Conditions, and Effects on Regulated Financial Institutions,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Perspectives on Natural Disaster Insurance,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 982, ADVANCE Democracy Act of 2007; H.R. 1405, Wildlife GAINS Act of 2007; H.R. 1441, Stop Arming Iran Act; H.R. 1469, Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007; the American Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007; the Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007; H. Res. 100, Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes; H. Res. 158, Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world; H. Res. 196, Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day; and H. Res. 240, Urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) who have yet to ratify the May 2006 Amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords Treaty, to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, hearing on U.S.-China Relations, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, joint hearing on Can Iraq Pay for its Own Reconstruction? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Criminal Justice Responses to Offenders with Mental Illness; followed by a markup of H.R. 1593, To reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on Access Denied: The Growing Conflict Between Fishing, Hunting, and Energy Development on Federal Lands, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, to mark up H.R. 1124, To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 1538, Wounded Assistance Act of 2007; and H. Con. Res. 99, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Crimes Against Americans on Cruise Ships, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on the Structure of the Federal Fuel Tax and the Long-Term Viability of the Highways Trust Fund, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Integration of Domestic Intelligence, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.