

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Boucher or his designee. The amendment shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in this report except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boucher, Smith of Texas and Pence.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H. Res. 734, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution and provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit which may not contain instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Waxman and Representative Tom Davis of Virginia.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Thursday, October 11, 2007, Commission concluded a hearing to examine United States and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) efforts to combat human trafficking for forced labor purposes, after receiving testimony from Mark P. Lagon, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of International Organization Affairs; Charlotte M. Ponticelli, Deputy Under Secretary of Labor for International Affairs; Michael E. Feinberg, Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Eva Biaudet, OSCE Special Representative, Helsinki, Finland; Roger Plant, Spe-

cial Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour, Geneva, Switzerland; and Kevin Bales, Free the Slaves, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1309)

S. 1983, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to expend and improve the collection of maintenance fees. Signed on October 9, 2007. (Public Law 110-94)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) efforts and progress on H.R. 1, "Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007", 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold closed briefings to examine issues relative to security in the Persian Gulf, 11:45 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act (Public Law 109-347) one year after its enactment, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial and business management at the Department of Defense, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

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

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 15 through October 20, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, October 16, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3093, Commerce and Justice, and Science Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 17, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007”, an original bill entitled “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007”, and an original bill entitled “Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007”, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 16, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) efforts and progress on H.R. 1, “Implementing the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007”, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine consumer wireless issues, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 18, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 17, Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health, to hold oversight hearings to examine the federal Superfund Program’s activities to protect public health, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine lead and children’s health, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: October 18, to hold hearings to examine international trade, focusing on import health and safety for today and the future, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 16, to hold closed briefings to examine issues relative to security in the Persian Gulf, 11:45 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, and Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 16, to hold hearings to examine the Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port Act (Public Law 109-347) one year after its enactment, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 16, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine improving financial and business management at the Department of Defense, 3:15 p.m., SD-342.

October 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on contractors and the work of the government, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine politics in government, focusing on the scope and enforcement of the Hatch Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

October 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 17, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: October 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense collaboration, focusing on the report of the President’s Commission on Care for America’s Returning Wounded Warriors, the report of the Veterans Disability Benefit Commission, and other related reports, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 16, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 18, Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 18, hearing to review structural changes that are taking place in the agricultural economy and their impacts, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on incentives, benefits, and medical care for federal civilian employees deployed to combat zones, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on measuring and increasing the effectiveness of Provincial Reconstruction Teams, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, October 18, hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, October 18, to mark up the following bills: H.R., 3796, Early Warning and Health Care for Workers Affected by Globalization Act; and H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 16, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; and H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Internet, hearing entitled “Status of the DTV Transition—Part 2,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 16, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to continue hearings on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing on U.S.-Russia Economic Relationship: Implications of the Yukos Affair, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on The Impacts of Late Housing Payments on Tenants and Owners in the Project-Based Rental Assistance Program, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 17, Subcommittee on Asia, Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on the Crisis in Burma: Can the U.S. Bring about a Peaceful Resolution? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 18, full Committee, hearing on International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 16, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Aviation Security: Are We Truly Protected?" 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 17, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science, and Technology, hearing entitled "The Cyber Threat To Control Systems: Stronger Regulations Are Necessary To Secure the Electric Grid," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

October 18, full Committee, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Failures: TWIC Examined," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, October 16, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on Expanding and Improving Opportunities to Vote by Mail or Absentee, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

October 17, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 3690, U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act of 2007, followed by an oversight hearing on The Capitol Visitor Center: the Visitor Experience, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 16, hearing on Jena 6 and the Role of Federal Intervention in Hate Crimes and Race-Related Violence in Public Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 17, full Committee, hearing on Sex Crimes and the Internet, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 18, Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, hearing on the Impact of our Antitrust Laws on Community Pharmacies and their Patients, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on International Piracy: The Challenges of Protecting Intellectual Property in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 16, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1497, Legal Timber Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 16, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 123, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007; H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act; and H.R. 2498, To provide for

a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 18, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 18, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1975, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 16, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, Census and District of Columbia, hearing on Doing Time: Are DC Prisoners Being Adequately Prepared for Re-Entry? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 18, full Committee, hearing on Black Carbon and the Arctic, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 18, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on Technology for Secure Identity Documents, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, October 16, to consider H.R. 3773, RESTORE Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, October 16, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3776, Energy Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007, and H.R. 3775, Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Disappearing Polar Bears and Permafrost: Is a Global Warming Tipping Point Embedded in the Ice? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Women in Academic Science and Engineering, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 17, hearing entitled "Small Business Energy Priorities," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Regulations, Health Care and Trade, hearing on SGR formula, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

October 18, full Committee, hearing on the FCC's 700 MHz Wireless Spectrum Auction, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 16, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Railroad-Owned Solid Waste Transload Facilities, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 16, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on The Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to Know Act, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on NextGen: The FAA's Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (AD-B) Contract, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 17, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Mariner Education and Work Force, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 18, full Committee, hearing on the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act: Successes and Future Challenges, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, October 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing on Disability Claims Ratings and Benefits Disparities within the Veterans' Benefits Administration, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

October 17, full Committee, hearing on the Long-Term Costs of the Current Conflicts, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 18, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Updating the Montgomery G.I. Bill, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

October 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Care Professionals—Recruitment and Retention, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, October 16, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Over-

sight, joint hearing on Medicare Advantage: Required Audits of Limited Value, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

October 17, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, joint hearing on the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, October 16, full Committee, executive, briefing on Amerithax, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

October 16, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on CIA Activity, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

October 17, full Committee, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, October 18, hearing entitled "Energy and Global Warming Solutions for Vulnerable Communities," 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007, October 18, briefing on Voting in the House of Representatives—The Rostrum and the Electronic Voting System: a Walkthrough by the Clerk of the House, 8 a.m., House Floor.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: October 18, to hold hearings to examine parliamentary perspective of challenges facing today's Europe, 9:30 a.m., 318-BRHOB.