

Committee Meetings

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT

The Committee on Rules: granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2314, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, if offered by Representative Abercrombie or his designee, which shall be separately debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute in part A except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order the amendments printed in part B of the report to the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report. The amendments may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be in order without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments in part B of the report except for clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that during consideration of an amendment printed in part B of the report, the Chair may postpone the question of adoption as though under clause 8 of rule XX. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representatives Abercrombie and Hirono.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D94)

H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt. Signed on February 12, 2010. (Public Law 111-139)

H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics

capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, and for other purposes. Signed on February 16, 2010. (Public Law 111-140)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges presented in increasing the number of electric vehicles in the light duty automotive sector, 10:15 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2011 for the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SDG-50.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the defense budget and war costs, focusing on an independent look, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, to hold hearings to examine improving energy efficiency through technology and communications innovation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on the next steps to protect our critical infrastructure, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine trade and tax issues relating to small business job creation, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the U.S.-Nigeria relationship in a time of transition, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, with the Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues, to hold joint hearings to examine Afghan women and girls, focusing on building the future of Afghanistan, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine census day, focusing on the progress report on the Census Bureau's preparedness for the enumeration, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine foreign libel lawsuits, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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