

by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report; Amendment #2 (tax extenders) consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–40. The rule provides one hour of debate on House amendment #1 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides one hour debate on House amendment #2 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the question shall be divided between the two House amendments. No further division of the question is in order. The rule provides that either portion of the divided question may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule XX and shall be considered in the order specified by the chair. The rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI shall not apply to the motion. In section 4, the rule provides that if only House amendment #2 is adopted, that amendment shall be engrossed as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2029. In section 5, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the first session of the 114th Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendment and the motion. In section 6, the rule provides that on any legislative day of the first session of the 114th Congress after December 18, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 7, the rule provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the 114th Congress before January 5, 2016: the Speaker may dispense with organizational and legislative business; the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved if applicable; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 8, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by sections 6 and 7. In section 9, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by sections 6 and 7 of the resolution shall not constitute calendar days for the purposes of sec-

tion 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 10, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by sections 6 and 7 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). In section 11, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 18, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Finally, in section 12, the rule waives 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 any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of December 18, 2015. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rogers of Kentucky, Chairman Brady of Texas, and Representatives Lowey, Levin, Amash, Carney, Griffith of Virginia, Tonko, Lummis, and Mulvaney.

Joint Meetings

KHADIJA ISMAYILOVA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Azerbaijan's persecution of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty reporter Khadija Ismayilova, after receiving testimony from Shelly Han, Policy Advisor, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe; and Nenad Pejic, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Delphine Halgand, Reporters Without Borders, and T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, all of Washington, D.C.

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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the status of Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action implementation and related issues, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Terrorist Travel: Vetting for National Security Concerns”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 6 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2029—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 (Subject to a Rule).

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