

consent of all members present. The questioning of witnesses in both committee and subcommittee hearings shall be initiated by the chairman, followed by the ranking minority party member and all other members alternating between the majority and minority. In recognizing members to question witnesses in this fashion, the chairman shall take into consideration the ratio of the majority to minority members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in such a manner as not to disadvantage the members of the majority.

(2) So far as practicable, each witness who is to appear before the committee or a subcommittee shall file with the clerk of the committee, at least 48 hours in advance of the appearance of the witness, a written statement of the testimony of the witness and shall limit any oral presentation to a summary of the written statement.

(3) When a hearing is conducted by the committee or a subcommittee on any measure or matter, the minority party members on the committee shall be entitled, upon request to the chairman, of a majority of those minority members before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of the hearing thereon.

Media coverage of proceedings

(e) Any meeting of the committee or its subcommittees that is open to the public shall be open to coverage by radio, television, and still photography in accordance with the provisions of clause 3 of House rule XI.

Subpoenas

(f) Pursuant to clause 2(m) of House rule XI, a subpoena may be authorized and issued by the committee or a subcommittee in the conduct of any investigation or series of investigations or activities, only when authorized by a majority of the members voting, a majority being present.

RULE 3—GENERAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

(a) In order to assist the House in:

(1) Its analysis, appraisal, evaluation of (A) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of the laws enacted by the Congress, or (B) conditions and circumstances which may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation, and

(2) its formulation, consideration and enactment of such modifications or changes in those laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate, the committee and its various subcommittees, consistent with their jurisdiction as set forth in Rule 4, shall have oversight responsibilities as provided in subsection (b).

(b)(1) The committee and its subcommittees shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the applications, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the committee or subcommittee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof, in order to determine whether such laws and the programs thereunder are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the Congress and whether such programs should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated.

(2) In addition, the committee and its subcommittees shall review and study any conditions or circumstances which may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation within the jurisdiction of the committee or subcommittee (whether or not any bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto), and shall on a continuing basis undertake future

research and forecasting on matters within the jurisdiction of the committee or subcommittee.

(3) Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, the committee shall meet in open session, with a quorum present, to adopt its oversight plans for that Congress for submission to the Committee on House Oversight and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of House rule X.

RULE 4—SUBCOMMITTEES

Establishment and Jurisdiction of Subcommittees

(a)(1) There shall be three subcommittees of the committee as follows:

(A) Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, which shall have legislative, oversight and investigative jurisdiction over veterans' hospitals, medical care, and treatment of veterans.

(B) Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs, which shall have legislative, oversight and investigative jurisdiction over compensation, pensions of all the wars of the United States, general and special, life insurance issued by the Government on account of service in the Armed Forces, cemeteries of the United States in which veterans of any war or conflict are or may be buried, whether in the United States or abroad, except cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, and burial benefits.

(C) Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing, which shall have legislative, oversight and investigative jurisdiction over education of veterans, vocational rehabilitation, veterans' housing programs, and readjustment of servicemen to civilian life.

In addition, each subcommittee shall have responsibility for such other measures or matters as the Chairman refers to it.

(2) Any vacancy in the membership of a subcommittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of that subcommittee.

Referral to Subcommittees

(b)(1) The chairman of the committee may refer a measure or matter, which is within the general responsibility of more than one of the subcommittees of the committee, jointly or exclusively as the chairman deems appropriate.

(2) In referring any measure or matter to a subcommittee, the chairman of the committee may specify a date by which the subcommittee shall report thereon to the committee.

Powers and Duties

(c)(1) Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the full committee on all matters referred to it or under its jurisdiction. Subcommittee chairmen shall set dates for hearings and meetings of their respective subcommittees after consultation with the chairman of the committee and other subcommittee chairmen with a view toward avoiding simultaneous scheduling of committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings wherever possible.

(2) Whenever a subcommittee has ordered a bill, resolution, or other matter to be reported to the committee, the chairman of the subcommittee reporting the bill, resolution, or matter to the full committee, or any member authorized by the subcommittee to do so, may report such bill, resolution, or matter to the committee. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the subcommittee to report or cause to be reported promptly such bill, resolution, or matter, and to take or cause to be taken the necessary steps to

bring such bill, resolution, or matter to a vote.

(3) In any event, the report of any subcommittee on a measure which has been approved by the subcommittee shall be filed within seven calendar days (exclusive of days on which the House is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the clerk of the committee a written request, signed by a majority of the members of the subcommittee, for the reporting of that measure. Upon the filing of any request, the clerk of the committee shall transmit immediately to the chairman of the subcommittee notice of the filing of that request.

(4) A member of the committee who is not a member of a particular subcommittee may sit with the subcommittee during any of its meetings and hearings, but shall not have authority to vote, cannot be counted for a quorum, and cannot raise a point of order at the meeting or hearing.

(d) Each subcommittee of the committee shall provide the committee with copies of such records of votes taken in the subcommittee and such other records with respect to the subcommittee as the chairman of the committee deems necessary for the committee to comply with all rules and regulations of the House.

RULE 5—TRANSCRIPTS AND RECORDS

(a)(1) There shall be a transcript made of each regular meeting and hearing of the committee and its subcommittees. Any such transcript shall be a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks involved.

(2) The committee shall keep a record of all actions of the committee and each of its subcommittees. The record shall contain all information required by clause 2(e)(1) of House rule XI and shall be available for public inspection at reasonable times in the offices of the committee.

(3) The records of the committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with House rule XXXVI. The chairman shall notify the ranking minority member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of the rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the committee for a determination on written request of any member of the committee.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GEPHARDT (at his own request), after 5 p.m. today, on account of official business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ORTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FATTAH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTIERREZ, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. ORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HORN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KOLBE for 5 minutes each day, today and on February 8 and 9.

Mr. MARTINI, for 5 minutes on February 8.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, on February 8.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ORTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. STARK.
 Mr. SISISKY.
 Mr. HAYES.
 Mr. STOKES.
 Mr. HINCHEY.
 Mr. COLEMAN.
 Mr. CLAY.
 Ms. WOOLSEY in two instances.
 Mr. WARD.
 Mr. FAZIO of California.
 Mr. DINGELL.
 Mr. CARDIN.
 Mr. TORRICELLI.
 Mr. ROEMER.
 Mr. BORSKI.
 Mrs. LINCOLN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HORN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. RADANOVICH.
 Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
 Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
 Mr. DAVIS in two instances.
 Mr. CRANE.
 Mr. FAWELL.
 Mr. LINDER.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; according (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8, 1995, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

309. A letter from the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's Annual Enforcement Report covering the period

of January 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1833; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

310. A letter from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 1993," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7267; to the Committee on Commerce.

311. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 1993, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2076(j); to the Committee on Commerce.

312. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the annual report on science, technology and American diplomacy for fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2656c(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

313. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the audit of the American Red Cross for the year ending June 30, 1994, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 6; to the Committee on International Relations.

314. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that a reward has been paid pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2708(h); to the Committee on International Relations.

315. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that a reward has been paid pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2708(h); to the Committee on International Relations.

316. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-381, "bilingual and Multicultural Government Personnel Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

317. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-392, "District of Columbia Nonviolent Offenses Mandatory-Minimum Sentences Amendment Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

318. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-393, "Recreation Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

319. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-394, "Health Occupation Revision Act of 1985 Amendment Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

320. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-395, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 253, S.O. 88-107, Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

321. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-396, "Uniform Commercial Code—Negotiable Instruments Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

322. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-397, "D.C. Resident Tax Credit Temporary Amendment Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

323. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a

copy of D.C. Act 10-398, "Solid Waste Facility Permit Temporary Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

324. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-399, "Commercial Piracy Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

325. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-401, "Multiyear Budget Spending and Support Temporary Act of 1994," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

326. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 10-402, "Term Limits Initiative of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

327. A letter from the Potomac Electric Power Co., transmitting a copy of the balance sheet of Potomac Electric Power Co. as of December 31, 1994, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 43-513; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

328. A letter from the Director, Congressional Budget Office, transmitting a report on unauthorized appropriations and expiring authorizations by CBO as of January 15, 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 602(f)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

329. A letter from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting notification of the determination that it is in the public interest to use other than competitive procedures to award a contract to the city of Manassas to establish a pilot telecommuting center in Manassas, VA, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

330. A letter from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1994, through September 30, 1994, pursuant to Public Law 95-452, section 5(b) (102 Stat. 2526); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

331. A letter from the Chief Administrator, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

332. A letter from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

333. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting notification of the Department's intent to award a sole-source contract to the Management and Training Corp. for the operation of the Cleveland Job Corps Center in Cleveland, OH; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

334. A letter from the Director of Operations and Finance, The American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

335. A letter from the Special Assistant to the President for Management and Administration and Director of the Office of Administration, the White House, transmitting the