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H.R. 5351— Rule for the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act

H.R. 5351, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act (sponsored by Rep. Charles Rangel, D-NY), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor today, Wednesday, February 27, 2008, subject to a modified closed rule ([H.Res. 1001](#)), making in order only an amendment in the nature of a substitute, **if pre-filed in the *Congressional Record*** and offered by Rep. McCrery or his designee. No other amendment is allowed.

NOTE: Because the Rules Committee gave little more than an hour's notice about the pre-filing requirement, no Republican amendment in the nature of a substitute was able to pre-filed in the *Congressional Record*. The Rules Committee meeting on this bill began after 4:00pm yesterday, and the House adjourned at 5:57pm.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except those regarding PAYGO and earmarks, waives all points of order against the bill itself, and allows the Chair to postpone consideration of the legislation at any time during its consideration. The rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The rule would also lay on the table (i.e. prevent further legislative action on) [H.Res. 983](#), which is an unused rule that would have waived the two-thirds vote requirement for the same-day-as-reported consideration on the House floor of a rule for a foreign intelligence surveillance bill on February 14, 2008. H.Res. 983 also would have made it in order, at any time on the legislative day of February 14, 2008, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a bill addressing foreign intelligence surveillance.

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