

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4755,
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

JULY 7, 2004.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 707]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 707, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 4755, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2005, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill). The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report.

The rule provides that the amendments printed in this report may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriation bill), and it includes a waiver of section 401(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new contract authority or new borrowing authority that is not limited to amounts provided in appropriations acts). The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) is necessary because there are numerous legislative provisions included in the bill.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House rule XIII the results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 304

Date: July 7, 2004.

Measure: H.R. 4755, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Sherman which provides that none of the funds in the heading "Allowances and Expenses" may be used for mailing expenses of any committee in an aggregate amount exceeding \$25,000.

Results: Defeated 2 to 5.

Vote by Members: Linder—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

(Summaries derived from information provided by sponsor.)

1. Holt: Adds \$30 million to the salaries and expense account of the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) to establish within GAO a Center for Science and Technology Assessment. Reduces by \$15 million the general administration account from the Architect of the Capitol. Also reduces by \$15 million the congressional printing and binding account of the Government Printing Office. (10 minutes)

2. Hefley: Provides that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is reduced by 1%. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLT OF NEW JERSEY, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 Minutes

Page 20, line 7, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

Page 33, line 21, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

Page 38, line 4, after the dollar amount insert "(increased by \$30,000,000)".

2. AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HEFLEY OF COLORADO, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following new section:

SEC. _____. Each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is hereby reduced by 1 percent.

