

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 54, CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

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JANUARY 25, 2005.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 42]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 42, 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 the consideration of H.R. 54, the Congressional Gold Medal Enhancement Act of 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 of Financial Services. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. The rule provides that the amendments made in order 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. The rule provides one motion to recommit with are without instructions.

Finally, section 2 of the rule provides that notwithstanding clause 11(a)(1) of rule XI, during the One Hundred Ninth Congress the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence shall be composed of not more than 19 members, of whom not more than 11 may be from the same party.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER TO H.R. 54—  
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

(Summaries of amendments derived from information provided by the sponsor)

1. Oxley: Manager's Amendment. Changes the effective date of the bill from "after December 31, 2005" to instead make the new limitation on the number of congressional gold medals effective on enactment of the bill. The change would insure that the guideline governing the medal program would be in effect for the whole of the 109th Congress and beyond, and not change in the middle of a Congress. (10 minutes)

2. Crowley: Increases the limit of gold medals provided for under the bill from 2 per calendar years to 6 per Congress. (20 minutes)

3. Crowley: Provides for an equitable distribution of gold medals under the bill between the majority party and the minority party. (20 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OXLEY OF OHIO, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 2, beginning on line 2, strike "During any calendar year beginning after December 31, 2005," and insert "Beginning on the date of the enactment of the Congressional Gold Medal Enhancement Act of 2005,".

Page 2, line 6, insert "in any calendar year" before the period at the end.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWLEY OF NEW YORK, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Page 2, strike line 2 and all that follows through line 6 and insert the following new paragraph:

"(1) MAXIMUM NUMBER.—During the 2-year period comprising each Congress (beginning with the 109th Congress), the Secretary of the Treasury may strike not more than 6 congressional gold medals for presentation pursuant to an Act of the Congress."

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CROWLEY OF NEW YORK, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Page 2, line 6, insert "and the Secretary may not strike any congressional gold medal, notwithstanding an Act of the Congress providing for the striking and presentation of such congressional gold medal during a period referred to in this paragraph, if at least half the total number of congressional gold medals permitted to be struck under this paragraph during such period were already authorized to be struck during such period pursuant to Acts of the Congress that were originally introduced as bills or joint resolutions by Members associated with the same political party as the political party with which the Member is associated who introduced the bill or resolution that resulted in the Act of the Congress that

authorized the striking of such congressional gold medal” before the period at the end.

