

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5576, DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

JUNE 13, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 865]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 865, 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. 5576, the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007, under an open 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.

Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. 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), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record.

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

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4 of rule XIII (availability of reports and printed hearings from the Committee on Appropriations). The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill also

includes a waiver of section 401(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new borrowing authority) because the bill provides borrowing authority for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, which is in violation of section 401(a).

The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill is necessary because there are numerous unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in the bill.

The exemptions specified in the resolution to the waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in H.R. 5576 are as follows:

1. beginning with "to" on page 5, line 23 through the comma on line 24;
2. beginning with the colon on page 6, line 22 through "year" on line 26;
3. beginning with "for" on page 13, line 1 through "Code" on line 6;
4. beginning with the colon on page 13, line 17 through "expended" on line 25;
5. section 120;
6. section 127;
7. section 129;
8. section 206;
9. section 530;
10. section 707;
11. section 931.

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. 222

Date: June 13, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 5576, the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Rep. Olver which provides the following increases: \$400 million more for Amtrak; \$40 million more for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; \$144 million more to restore the cut in Tenant-based housing vouchers; \$261 million more for the Public Housing Capital Fund; \$636 million more for the Public Housing Operating Fund, which is the amount that HUD's own budget admits its request leaves "unfunded"; \$100 million for the HOPE VI program; \$30 million for Rural Housing and Economic Development; \$65.4 million more for Housing for the Elderly; and, \$24.4 million more for Housing for Persons with Disabilities. It is fully offset by a 4.11 percent reduction to the tax cut that was provided to individuals earning more than \$1 million.

Results: Defeated 3 to 4.
Vote by Members: Hastings (WA)—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

