

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1956, BUSINESS  
ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2006

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JULY 24, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 939]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 939, by a nonrecord vote, reports 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. 1956, the Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2006, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The Congressional Budget Office has identified H.R. 1956 as containing an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), the cost of which is expected to exceed the annual threshold established by UMRA (\$64 million in 2006, adjusted annually for inflation). The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of Section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (Unfunded Mandates Reform Act), which prohibits the consideration of legislation exceeding the Federal intergovernmental mandate threshold.

## 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. 236*

Date: July 24, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2006.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Representative Conyers which ensures that the legislation does not take effect in a State until the Governor of that State certifies the Act will not reduce the State's revenues affecting the State's educational, health care, or homeland security needs.

Results: Defeated 5 to 7.

Vote by Members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.