

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5684, UNITED STATES-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

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JULY 19, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 925]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 925, by a record vote of 7 to 3, 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. 5684, the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, under a closed rule. The rule provides two hours of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion.

Finally, the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker in consonance with section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against the consideration of the bill includes a waiver of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting the consideration of legislation providing new budget authority for any fiscal year that would cause the applicable allocation of new budget authority made pursuant to section 302(a) or (b) to be exceeded). The bill violates section 302(f) because its

direct spending will exceed the Committee on Ways and Means' allocation by \$1 million over the first year.

In addition, the waiver against all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII (requiring the inclusion of a statement of general performance goals and objectives in the committee report).

#### 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. 233*

Date: July 19, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 5684, United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Mr. Cardin, which would establish that the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement may not be entered into effect until the United States withdraws its commitment to allow Omani companies to operate "landside aspects of [U.S.] port activities, including operation and maintenance of docs; loading and unloading of vessels directly to or from land; marine cargo handling; operation and maintenance of piers; ship cleaning; stevedoring; transfer of cargo between vessels and trucks, trains, pipelines, and wharves; and waterfront terminal operations."

Results: Defeated 3 to 7.

Vote by Members: Hastings (WA)—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 234*

Date: July 19, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 5684, United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Mr. Cardin, which would ensure that the agreement will not come into effect until Oman has enacted and implemented all of the changes to its labor laws set forth in the legal documents and letters provided by the Government of Oman in relation to the free trade agreement, so that workers on the ground in Oman are provided with their rights under the basic standards of the International Labor Organization.

Results: Defeated 3 to 7.

Vote by Members: Hastings (WA)—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 235*

Date: July 19, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 5684, United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Motion by: Mr. Hastings of Washington.

Summary of motion: To report the rule.

Results: Agreed to 7 to 3.

Vote by Members: Hastings (WA)—Yea; Putnam—Yea; Capito—Yea; Cole—Yea; Bishop—Yea; Gingrey—Yea; Slaughter—Nay; McGovern—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Dreier—Yea.

