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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 1332) TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS TO CAPITAL PROGRAMS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

APRIL 24, 2007.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 330]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 330, by a non-record 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. 1332, the Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007, 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 Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair

may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI), the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waivers are prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

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. 138

Date: April 24, 2007.
Measure: H.R. 1332.
Motion by: Mr. Dreier.
Summary of motion: To grant an open rule.
Results: Defeated 4–8.
Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 139

Date: April 24, 2007.
Measure: H.R. 1332.
Motion by: Mr. Dreier.
Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Buyer (IN), which would add to the bill a new Title 3 amending Section 8 of the Small Business Act to authorize federal contracting officials to treat small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans under the same contracting rules as those applied to businesses in the 8(a) program.
Results: Defeated 4–8.
Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. Matheson (UT): The amendment would add "members of reserve components of the armed forces" as eligible to receive loans under the Community Express Program and the Increased Veteran Participation Program. (10 minutes)
2. Matheson (UT): The amendment would include "members of qualified Indian tribes" as eligible to participate in the Community Express Program. (10 minutes)
3. Cuellar (TX): The amendment would allow rural small business owners, who do not have a rural lender in their area, to receive the benefits of the Rural Lending Outreach Program through

loans issued by any lender enrolled in the 7(a) loan program. (10 minutes)

4. Inslee (WA): The amendment would add to public policy goals of the section 504 of Small Business Lending program a purpose area that would increase small-businesses access to sustainable design or low-impact design to ultimately reduce carbon-emissions and environmental impact. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

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

Page 6, line 4, insert after "Forces" the following: "or members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces".

Page 8, line 14, insert after "Forces" the following: "or members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces".

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2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MATHESON OF UTAH, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 6, line 1, insert after "women," the following: "members of qualified Indian tribes,".

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3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CUELLAR OF TEXAS, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 5, line 2, strike the period and insert the following: "or, in the case of a small business concern located in a rural area that does not have a lender located within 30 miles of the principal place of business, through any lender that is enrolled in, and administers, the 7(a) loan program that the small business concern chooses.".

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4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE INSLEE OF WASHINGTON, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 26, strike lines 3 through 8 and insert the following:

(2) in subparagraph (H) by striking the period at the end and inserting a comma; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the following:

"(I) reduction of energy consumption by at least 10 percent, or

"(J) increased use of sustainable design or low-impact design to produce buildings that reduce the use of non-renewable resources, minimize environmental impact, and relate people with the natural environment.".

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