

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2771) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JUNE 20, 2007.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 502]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 502, 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. 2771, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act of 2008, under a structured rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The resolution makes in order only those amendments printed in this report and waives all points of order against such amendments except those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of Rule XXI. The amendments shall be considered as read. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the resolution permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration to a time designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill (except for those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI) includes a waiver of (1) clause 4(a) of rule XIII, which requires a three-day layover of a committee report and (2) section 401(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legisla-

tion, as reported, providing new contract authority or new borrowing authority that is not limited to amounts provided in appropriations acts).

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

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. 223

Date: June 20, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2771.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Kingston (GA), #21, which prohibits funds in the bill from being used to enter into a contract with an entity that does not participate in the basic pilot program in the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

Results: Defeated 3–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 224

Date: June 20, 2007

Measure: H.R. 2771.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Kingston (GA), #22, which reduces funding for Architect of the Capitol—House Office Buildings by \$16,000,000.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 225

Date: June 20, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2771.

Motion by: Mr. Diaz-Balart.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Bilirakis (FL), #9, which increases funding for the Books for the Blind program at the Library of Congress by \$7,882,000 and decreases funding for the Architect of the Capitol—House Office Buildings by the same amount.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay;

Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 226

Date: June 20, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2771.

Motion by: Mr. Diaz-Balart.

Summary of motion: To make in order en bloc and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Issa (CA), #18, which prohibits the Chief Administrative Officer from using funds in this bill to study the availability free trade or fair trade coffee in House food service facilities, and an amendment by Rep. King, Steve (IA), #12, which states that no funds may be allocated to the House Appropriations Committee unless earmarks approved by the Committee are fully disclosed to the general public in a searchable and sortable format at least 48 hours before their consideration on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 227

Date: June 20, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2771.

Motion by: Mr. Hastings (WA).

Summary of motion: To make in order en bloc and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Price, Tom (GA), #1, which reduces by one percent the amount appropriated by this bill, and an amendment by Rep. Conaway (TX), #2, a Sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members:

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 228

Date: June 20, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2771.

Motion by: Mr. Sessions.

Summary of motion: To make in order en bloc and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Hensarling (TX), #15, which reduces funding for House of Representatives—Salaries and Expenses by \$3,934,000 and also reduces funding for House of Representatives—Committee Employees—Committee on Appropriations by \$3,934,000, an amendment by Rep. Hensarling (TX), #16, which reduces funding for House of Representatives—Salaries and Expenses by \$26,284,000 and also reduces funding for MRA accounts by \$26,284,000, and an amendment by Rep. Hensarling

(TX), #17, which reduces funds for all Republican and Democratic leadership offices by between \$12,000 and \$826,000 per item.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 229

Date: June 20, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2771.

Motion by: Mr. Sessions.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Flake (AZ), #20, which prohibits funds in the bill from going to any entity not specified in law.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. Harman (CA)/Upton (MI)/Inglis (SC)/Lipinski (IL): The amendment provides that none of the funds in the bill may be used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the “ENERGY STAR” or “Federal Energy Management Program” designation. (10 minutes)

2. Flake (AZ): The amendment reduces funding for the Government Printing Office—Congressional Printing and Binding by \$3,200,000. (10 minutes)

3. Jordan (OH): The amendment reduces appropriations in the bill by 4% across the board. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HARMAN OF CALIFORNIA, OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:
SEC. _____. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulbs have the “ENERGY STAR” or “Federal Energy Management Program” designation.

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

In the item relating to “Government Printing Office—Congressional Printing and Binding”, insert after the dollar amount the following: “(reduced by \$3,200,000)”.

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

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. _____. ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION.—Each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is hereby reduced by 4 percent.

