

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2528, MILITARY
QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2006

MAY 25, 2005.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 298]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 298, 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. 2528, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2006, 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). 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 Committee is not aware of any points of order against consideration of the bill. The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill is prophylactic in nature.

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.

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. 77

Date: May 25, 2005.

Measure: H.R. 2528, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2006.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Representative Obey which provides an additional \$2.6 billion for veterans programs including: \$26 million for VA compensation and pensions; \$1.5 billion for VA medical services; \$500 million for VA medical administration; \$300 million for VA medical facilities; \$76 million for VA medical and prosthetic research; \$11 million for VA general operating expenses; \$150 million for major construction projects; and, \$51 million for minor construction projects. Offsets this funding increase by reducing the amount of tax reduction by 8.125 percent for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$1 million for 2006.

Results: Defeated 4 to 5.

Vote by members: Sessions—Nay; Capito—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.