

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 400, THE  
21ST CENTURY PATENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ACT

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APRIL 16, 1997.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 116]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 116, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 400, the “21st Century Patent System Improvement Act” under an open rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate divided equally between 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 also makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified as specified in section 2 of the resolution.

The rule further waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, and provides that it shall be considered as read. Also, the rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to reduce votes to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15-minute vote.

Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules.

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Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

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