PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1658, CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM ACT

JUNE 22, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 216]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 216, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 1658, the "Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act," under a modified open rule. The rule provides one 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 provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute modified by the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule provides that prior to the consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in this report, which may be offered by Representative Hyde or his designee, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, and shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for the consideration of only those amendments preprinted in the Congressional Record, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee.

The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Text of the amendment made in order under the rule:

Page 11, strike line 3 and all that follows through line 3 on page 12 and redesignate sections 4, 5, and 6 as sections 3, 4, and 5, re-

Page 12, line 17, strike "forfeiture" and insert "forfeiture under any provision of Federal law (other than the Tariff Act of 1930 or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) providing for the forfeiture of property other than as a sentence imposed upon conviction of a criminal offense".

Page 13, beginning in line 20 strike "under any Act of Congress" and insert "under any provision of Federal law (other than the Tariff Act of 1930 or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) providing for the forfeiture of property other than as a sentence imposed upon conviction of a criminal offense".

Page 13, line 25, strike "pre-judgment interest" and insert "for pre-judgment interest in a proceeding under any provision of Federal law (other than the Tariff Act of 1930 or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) providing for the forfeiture of property other than as a sentence imposed upon conviction of a criminal offense".

Page 14, line 17, strike "any intangible benefits" and insert "any intangible benefits in a proceeding under any provision of Federal law (than the Tariff Act of 1930 or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) providing for the forfeiture of property other than as a sen-

tence imposed upon conviction of a criminal offense".