

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2356, BIPARTISAN
CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 2001

FEBRUARY 7, 2002.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 344]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 344, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House without recommendation.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, under a structural rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for debate on the legislative day following the adoption of the resolution immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance. The rule provides that no amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the Congressional Record.

The rule provides that before consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the amendments in the nature of a substitute as specified in section 2(b) of the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment in the nature of a substitute that may be offered shall be considered in the order specified in section 2(b), shall be offered only by the Member specified or his designee, shall be considered as read, and shall each be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments in the nature of a substitute, except clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) or clause 5(a) of rule

XXI (prohibiting tax or tariff provisions in a bill not reported by a committee with jurisdiction over such measures).

The rule provides that if more than one amendment in the nature of a substitute is adopted, the one receiving the most affirmative votes shall be considered as adopted. In the case of a tie for the greater number of affirmative votes, only the last such amendment to receive that number of affirmative votes shall be considered as adopted.

The rule further provides that after disposition of the amendments in the nature of a substitute no other amendment shall be in order except those specified in section 3(b) of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments specified in section 3(b) may only be offered by the Member designated in the resolution or his designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes 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 division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment specified in section 3(b), except clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) or clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting tax or tariff provisions in a bill not reported by a committee with jurisdiction over such measures).

The rule specifies that on the legislative day on which the resolution is adopted a Member must print the amendments specified in section 2(b) in the Congressional Record and make one announcement from the Floor describing each amendment by the number printed in the Congressional Record, which must include any amendment the Member intends to offer, but must be limited to the number of amendments specified in section 3(b), for the bill or for each substitute specified in section 2(b).

The rule provides that if the Committee of the Whole should rise without coming to a resolution on the bill, it shall continue consideration immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance on each ensuing legislative day until the Committee reports the bill back to the House.

The rule provides that any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that House Resolution 203 is laid on the table.

The waiver of all points of order includes a waiver of clause 3(b) of rule XIII (requiring the inclusion in the report of any record votes on a motion to report, or on any amendment to a bill reported from committee), which is necessary because the report failed to contain an accurate report of record votes, and clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII (requiring the inclusion in the report of a statement of general performance goals and objectives for which the measure authorizes funding), which is necessary because the report failed to contain a report on performance goals. Finally, the waiver includes a waiver of clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII (requiring the availability of a cost estimate in the report).