

rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1995, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2684, SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS LIMIT INCREASE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Ways and Means have until midnight tomorrow, Friday, December 1, 1995, to file a report to accompany H.R. 2684, Social Security earnings limit increase.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN RULES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order, without intervention of any point of order, to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 254), making technical corrections in the Rules of the House of Representatives; that the amendments recommended by the Committee on Rules now printed in the resolution be considered as adopted; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to its adoption, without intervening motion or demand for division of the question, except a further amendment, if offered by the chairman of the Committee on Rules or his designee, and one hour of debate on the resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

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Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 254) making technical corrections in the Rules of the House of Representatives, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina). Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the amendments printed in House Report 104-340 are adopted.

The text of the resolution, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 254

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives are amended as follows:

(1) In clause 3 of rule III, insert "as may be requested by such State officials" after "the legislature of every State".

(2) In clause 3(d) of rule VI, insert "the minority leader," after "the majority leader."

(3) In clause 1(k)(8) of rule X, strike "the Defense" and insert "Defense".

(4) In clause 1(o)(2) of rule X, strike "and (its)" and insert "(and its)".

(5) In clause 3(e) of rule X, strike "and non-military nuclear energy and research and development including the disposal of nuclear waste".

(6) In clause 3(h) of rule X, strike "energy" and insert "energy, and nonmilitary nuclear energy and research and development including the disposal of nuclear waste".

(7) In clause 2(l)(5) of rule XI, strike "(excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays)" and insert "(excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day)".

(8) In clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI, strike "the third calendar day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays" and insert "the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day)".

(9) In the designation of clause 3 of rule XI, insert "and Meetings" after "Hearings".

(10) In clause 3(f) of rule XI, amend the matter before subparagraph (1) to read as follows:

"(f) Each committee of the House shall adopt written rules to govern its implementation of this clause. Such rules shall include provisions of the following effect:"

(11) In clause 6(b)(2) of rule XI, strike "This paragraph" and insert "Subparagraph (1)".

(12) In clause 4(a) of rule XIII, place the period after the designation of the "Corrections Calendar" inside the closing quotation mark.

(13) In clause 4(b) of rule XIII—
(A) insert "shall be" before "debatable";
(B) insert "and" before "shall not be subject to amendment"; and

(C) strike "committee, and the previous question" and insert "committee or a designee. The previous question".

(14) In clause 4(c) of rule XIII, strike "members" and insert "Members".

(15) In clause 9 of rule XVI, strike "bills raising revenue, or".

(16) In clause 7 of rule XXI, strike "(excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays)" and insert "(excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day)".

(17) In clause 5(c) of rule XXIII, strike "section 424(a)(1) of the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995" and insert "section 424(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974".

(18) In clause 2(a) of rule XXVIII, strike "(excluding any Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday)" and insert "(excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day)".

(19) In clause 2(b)(1) of rule XXVIII, strike "(excluding any Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday)" and insert "(excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day)".

(20) Clause 4 of rule XLIII is amended to read as follows:

"4. A Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives shall not accept gifts excepted as provided by the provisions of rule LII (Gift Rule)."

(21) The last designated paragraph of rule XLIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is repealed.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by the first section of this resolution shall be effective on the date of the adoption of this resolution except that paragraphs (20) and (21) of that section shall be effective on January 1, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER]

will be recognized for 30 minutes and the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER].

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, debate on House Resolution 254 should not take more than a few minutes, because the resolution makes technical and conforming changes to reflect the intent of the amendments adopted in the 104th Congress.

January 4, 1995, ushered in the era of the reform Congress when the House of Representatives approved sweeping changes to the rules under which the House previously operated. That legacy of reform continued this month with adoption of a gift ban resolution and lobbying disclosure reform.

Also this year, the House approved changes in House rules to discourage the imposition of unfunded Federal mandates on State and local governments, and to establish a Corrections Calendar.

As a result of these changes, a number of duplicative provisions and grammatical and typographical errors need to be corrected to ensure that the rules of the House reflect their true intent. In addition, the resolution clarifies a number of longstanding parliamentary interpretations to ensure consistency of parliamentary practice in the House.

House Resolution 254 is not intended to address any of the controversial aspects of House rules. I understand the minority's concerns regarding the three-fifths vote requirement on tax rate increase, subcommittee assignment limits, and committee meetings while the House is considering amendments under the 5-minute rule. Chairman SOLOMON and I will be undertaking a comprehensive review of all of the House rules in a continuing effort to improve deliberation and accountability, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the minority on the effort.

In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, it is important that we make these technical and conforming corrections to the rules of the House to reflect the intent of changes adopted this year.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. DREIER

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. DREIER: Page 4, insert after line 25 the following:

(22) Clause 1(c) of rule LII, as in effect January 1, 1996, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(22) Donations of products from the State that the Member represents that are intended primarily for promotional purposes, such as display or free distribution, and are of minimal value to any individual recipient.

"(23) An item of nominal value such as a greeting card, baseball cap, or a T-shirt."