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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3666, DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 456 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H.RES. 456

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3666) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI, clause 7 of rule XXI, or section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill (other than sections 204 and 205) for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived. The amendment printed in section 2 of this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a re-

corded vote on any amendment. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce to not less than five minutes the time for voting by electronic device on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote by electronic device without intervening business, provided that the time for voting by electronic device on the first in any series of questions shall be not less than fifteen minutes. After the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall, if offered by the majority leader or a designee, have precedence over a motion to amend. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. The amendment considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole is as follows:

Page 68, line 23, strike "future legislation" and insert in lieu thereof "future appropriations legislation".

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. QUILLEN] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. QUILLEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 456 is an open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Housing and

Urban Development and independent agencies for fiscal year 1997.

The rule waives points of order against the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI and clause 7 of rule XXI, which require the 3-day availability of the printed hearings and committee reports on appropriations bills. However, I'd like to inform Members that the committee report has been available since last Wednesday.

The rule additionally waives clause 2 of rule XXI prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on an appropriations bill, and clause 6 of rule XXI, prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances, against the bill with the exception of sections 204 and 205. These two sections pertain to housing matters, and have been left unprotected at the request of the chairman of the authorizing committee, Mr. LEACH.

Section 302(F) of the Budget Act is waived against consideration of the bill, and the rule provides for adoption of the amendment printed in section 2 of this resolution to remedy the Budget Act violation.

The rule allows for 1 hour of general debate, and provides priority in recognition to those amendments that are preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Under the rule, the Chair may postpone and cluster rollcall votes, and may reduce voting time to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15-minute vote.

This rule allows the majority leader or his designee to offer a motion to rise and report the bill after the final lines of the bill have been read.

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

Mr. Speaker, once again, Chairman JERRY LEWIS and Ranking Minority Member LOU STOKES have done an outstanding job of addressing the needs of our country's veterans by ensuring

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