

Committee Report Description: Rollcall No. 5. Ms. Jackson-Lee offered an amendment that would have exempted sexual predators from prosecution under the bill if they were clergy, godparents, aunts, uncles, or first cousins of a minor, and would require a study by the Government Accounting Office. By a rollcall vote of 13 yeas to 20 nays, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

**REPORT ON RESOLUTION DISMISSING ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM TENNESSEE'S SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Mr. NEY, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-57) on the resolution (H. Res. 239) dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

**PROVIDING FOR EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN ONE HUNDRED NINTH CONGRESS**

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 224) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Ninth Congress, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 224

*Resolved,*

**SECTION 1. COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH CONGRESS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the One Hundred Ninth Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, in accordance with this primary expense resolution, not more than the amount specified in subsection (b) for the expenses (including the expenses of all staff salaries) of each committee named in such subsection.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$11,257,009; Committee on Armed Services, \$12,826,208; Committee on the Budget, \$12,026,478; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$15,493,286; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$19,925,687; Committee on Financial Services, \$15,203,100; Committee on Government Reform, \$20,497,085; Committee on Homeland Security, \$14,000,000; Com-

mittee on House Administration, \$9,554,568; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$9,527,870; Committee on International Relations, \$16,299,018; Committee on the Judiciary, \$15,312,992; Committee on Resources, \$14,520,962; Committee on Rules, \$6,365,600; Committee on Science, \$12,327,996; Committee on Small Business, \$5,586,973; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$4,290,536; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$18,108,082; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$6,474,418; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$17,819,494.

**SEC. 2. FIRST SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2005, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2006.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$5,495,805; Committee on Armed Services, \$6,292,249; Committee on the Budget, \$6,013,239; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$7,705,970; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$9,812,619; Committee on Financial Services, \$7,427,648; Committee on Government Reform, \$10,121,443; Committee on Homeland Security, \$6,100,026; Committee on House Administration, \$4,648,683; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$4,500,653; Committee on International Relations, \$7,946,084; Committee on the Judiciary, \$7,461,565; Committee on Resources, \$7,178,224; Committee on Rules, \$3,074,229; Committee on Science, \$6,101,648; Committee on Small Business, \$2,721,600; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$1,891,890; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$8,856,869; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$3,075,732; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$8,674,514.

**SEC. 3. SECOND SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not more than the amount specified in such subsection shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2006, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2007.

(b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee on Agriculture, \$5,761,204; Committee on Armed Services, \$6,533,959; Committee on the Budget, \$6,013,239; Committee on Education and the Workforce, \$7,787,316; Committee on Energy and Commerce, \$10,113,068; Committee on Financial Services, \$7,775,452; Committee on Government Reform, \$10,375,642; Committee on Homeland Security, \$7,899,974; Committee on House Administration, \$4,905,885; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, \$5,027,217; Committee on International Relations, \$8,352,934; Committee on the Judiciary, \$7,851,427; Committee on Resources, \$7,342,738; Committee on Rules, \$3,291,371; Committee on Science, \$6,226,348; Committee on Small Business, \$2,865,373; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, \$2,398,646; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, \$9,251,213; Committee on Veterans' Affairs, \$3,398,686; and Committee on Ways and Means, \$9,144,980.

**SEC. 4. VOUCHERS.**

Payments under this resolution shall be made on vouchers authorized by the committee involved, signed by the chairman of such committee, and approved in the manner directed by the Committee on House Administration.

**SEC. 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF FUNDS FOR MASS MAILINGS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the amounts made available under this resolution may be used by a committee for the production of material for a mass mailing unless—

(1) the mailing is of a press release to the communications media, a notice of the schedule of a hearing or markup of the committee (the content of which shall be limited to date, time, location, topic, witness list, and ADA services), a committee document printed pursuant to the applicable provisions of title 44, United States Code, or a request for the views of the public or the views of other authorities of government essential to the conduct of the study, investigation, or oversight of matters within the jurisdiction and related functions assigned to the committee under rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives;

(2) prior to mailing, the chairman or ranking minority member of the committee (as the case may be) submits a sample of the material to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards and the Commission determines that—

(A) the mailing is ordinary and necessary to the conduct of the normal and regular business of the committee, and

(B) the mailing would be in compliance with the requirements of subsections (a)(3)(A), (a)(3)(C), (a)(3)(C), (a)(3)(G), (a)(4), and (a)(5) of section 3210 of title 39, United States Code, if mailed by a Member of the House of Representatives;

(3) the mailing would not be prohibited under section 3210(a)(6)(A) of title 39, United States Code, if mailed by a Member of the House of Representatives; and

(4) the aggregate amount that will be spent in franking costs by the committee for mass mailings during the session involved, after taking into account the franking costs of such mass mailing, will not exceed \$5,000.

(b) MASS MAILING DEFINED.—In this section, the term "mass mailing" has the meaning given such term in section 3210(a)(6)(E) of title 39, United States Code.

**SEC. 6. REGULATIONS.**

Amounts made available under this resolution shall be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on House Administration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

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

Mr. Speaker, we are here to consider H. Res. 224, an omnibus funding resolution providing for the expenses of certain committees of the United States House of Representatives in the 109th Congress.

In February of this year, the chairman and ranking member of each committee presented a budget request to the Committee on House Administration and introduced individual resolutions, as is our process, to support their funding request.

H. Res. 224, the Omnibus Primary Expense Resolution, combines all of the individual resolutions into one bill, including our new permanent committee, the Committee on Homeland Security.

I am pleased to put before the House a bipartisan resolution that can be supported by a majority of Members on