

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
PREPRINTING OF AMENDMENTS
TO H.R. 2506, FOREIGN OPERATIONS,
EXPORT FINANCING,
AND RELATED PROGRAMS AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, a Dear Colleague letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules plans to meet tomorrow on Wednesday, July 18, 2001, to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 2506, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2002.

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The Committee on Rules may grant a rule which would require that amendments be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration on the floor.

The Committee on Appropriations filed its report on the bill today. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Appropriations.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 2500, DEPARTMENTS OF
COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND
STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RE-
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 192 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 192

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill 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 for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: beginning with "Provided" on page 19, line 13, through "workyears:" on line 19. Where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, points of order against a provision in another part of such paragraph may be made only against such provision

and not against the entire paragraph. 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 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COOKSEY). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS); pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purposes of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 192 is an open rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 2500, the FY 2002 Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and related agencies appropriations bill. Overall, this bill provides roughly \$38 billion in funding for a variety of Federal departments and agencies, about \$600 million over the President's budget request.

H. Res. 192 provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations, and all points of order are waived against consideration of the bill.

The rule also provides that the bill be considered for amendment by paragraph. H. Res. 192 waives clause 2 of rule XXI, prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill, against provisions in H.R. 2500, except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule also authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions, as is the right of the minority.

Once H. Res. 192 is approved, the House can begin its consideration of the fiscal year 2002 Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary appropriations bill. A number of critically important Federal agencies receive their funding from this measure, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Communications Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Small Business Administration, among others.

I want to commend my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Virginia

(Mr. WOLF), for the manner in which he and his ranking minority member, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO) have crafted this bill. It is funded within the guidelines of FY 2002 Budget Resolution we passed earlier this year, and they have done so while still providing for some significant funding increases for certain departments and agencies within H.R. 2500.

The Committee on Rules approved this rule by voice vote yesterday, and I urge my colleagues to support it so that we may proceed with the general debate and consideration of this bipartisan bill.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

First, Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) for yielding me this time. This seems to be my and his day for rulemaking here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary, and related agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2002 and in support of the rule. I want to congratulate the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF), the chairman of this subcommittee, and the ranking member, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO), for their work on this bill and for their recognition of the importance to the entire country of the necessary departments and agencies it funds. In years past, this has been a very controversial bill. I am satisfied that this year we have a bill that is fair, balanced, and enjoys wide bipartisan support.

For a moment, let me just say how important to the American people this bill is. It funds programs like the Legal Services Corporation and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It increases funding for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Additionally, this bill funds the very critical programs that our embassies around the world carry out every day. These hardworking unheralded women and men work hard for the American people every day and everywhere. From Baku to Buenos Aires, and from Quito to Cairo, our foreign service personnel have some of the most difficult jobs in the world. The increases in funding in this bill for embassy and consular security are most needed and should, in my opinion, be increased.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the programs of national interest that I alluded to above, this bill contains a number of significant projects important to my south Florida district that I would like to highlight briefly. I am pleased this bill contains more than \$1.4 million for the continued restoration of the south Florida ecosystem.