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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. Ros-Lehtinen) presided over the House, 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.

Madam Speaker, the Speaker, House Resolution 183 is an open rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 2330, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule further provides that the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph, and that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the rule shall be considered as adopted.

The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI, prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill.

Finally, the rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accredit priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record, and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Madam Speaker, the House Appropriations Committee has made appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, this is a fair bill.

I urge my colleagues to support both this open rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 2330.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for yielding me the customary time.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, this is an open rule. It has everything to do with the bill that makes appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and other related agencies for fiscal year 2002. As my colleague from Washington describes, this rule provides for 1 hour of general debate to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

This allows germane amendments under the 5-minute rule. This is the normal amending process in the House. All Members, on both sides of the aisle, will have the opportunity to offer amendments that do not violate the rules for appropriations bills.

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Madam Speaker, this is a fair bill. It funds a number of high-priority programs while cutting out wasteful, unnecessary and duplicative spending. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support both this open rule and the underlying bill, H.R. 2330.

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