

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2490, TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

JULY 14, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 246]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 246, by a non-recorded vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2490, the “Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2000,” under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule also waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill.

The rule authorizes the chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote.

Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration may be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(a)(1) of House rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report), clause 4(c) of House rule XIII (requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill), section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) and section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the current fiscal year).

The waiver of clause 4(a)(1) of House rule XIII is necessary because the Appropriations Committee report (H. Rept. 106-231) was not filed until July 14, 1999, and the bill may be considered as early as July 15, 1999. The waiver of clause 4(c) of House rule XIII is necessary because hearing transcripts are not yet available. The waiver of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because section 638 of the bill, which would establish a chief financial officer in the Executive Office of the President, contains a provision which would require that the President's budget contain a separate statement of the amount of appropriations requested for the Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President. The waiver of section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because the salary for the newly established chief financial officer would take effect in the current fiscal year. Similarly, section 646 of the bill, which would raise the pay classification for the commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service, would take effect in the current fiscal year. The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI is necessary because the bill contains appropriations for several unauthorized programs and includes over 48 legislative provisions contained in Title XI of the bill.