

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3822, THE
OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

MARCH 21, 2000.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 445]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 445, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 3822, the Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000, under a modified open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

The rule makes in order the Committee on International Relations amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by striking subsection 6(c). The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment by section. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read.

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

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House Rule XIII the results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 70

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Markey amendment to amend Section 160(g) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (ECPA), to authorize the establishment of a regional refined petroleum reserve in the Northeast.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 71

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Sanders amendment to authorize the Department of Energy to establish a home heating oil reserve in the Northeast and would require the President to enter into agreements with the oil industry for the swap of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for both crude oil and 6.7 million barrels of home heating oil for creation of the home heating oil reserve.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 72

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Gejdenson amendment consisting of a Sense of Congress that the President and the Secretary of Energy should draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and prepare for future threats to the economy and energy supply and that the Congress should pass and the President should sign into law legislation reauthorizing the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 73

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Baldacci amendment to provide tax credits for energy efficiency improvements (a) to existing homes and (b) by small businesses.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 74

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Hastings (FL) amendment to repeal the current federal tax on diesel fuel for one year and reduce the federal tax on diesel fuel for the following five years.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 75

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Barcia amendment to authorize the President's FY 2001 budget request for the Department of Energy's energy efficiency and conservation research and development programs.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 76

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Larson amendment to provide oil price safeguards by drawing down from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve under certain conditions.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 77

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Dingell amendment to reauthorize the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until September 30, 2003.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 78

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: Make in order the DeFazio amendment to temporarily suspend oil exports from Alaska until the President determines that the domestic economy is not experiencing a shortage of foreign crude oil and an inflationary impact due to the demand for foreign crude oil.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 79

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: Make in order the DeFazio amendment to strongly urge the President to file a case against oil-producing nations that are members of the World Trade Organization.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 80

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Sandlin amendment to use tax incentives to promote oil and gas production.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 81

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Udall amendment to authorize the President's FY 2001 budget request for the Department of Energy's solar and renewable energy research programs.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 82

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Thurman amendment containing the text of H.R. 2380, which includes tax credits for: energy efficient equipment in new and existing homes and buildings; new energy efficient homes; rooftop solar systems; combined heat and power systems; highly fuel efficient vehicles; and electricity produced from wind and biomass.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 83

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Inslee amendment to allow Washington State to reinstate state regulations that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down earlier this month which imposed requirements for oil tankers traveling in the Puget Sound to abide by safety regulations beyond those required by the federal government; and eliminates the over-broad “field preemption,” while preserving the federal supremacy of this regulatory area.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 84

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Crowley amendment consisting of a Sense of Congress recommending that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve be opened in times when oil and gas prices in the U.S. rise sharply because of anti-competitive activity by foreign governments or cartels, particularly OPEC member states and their allies, working in collusion.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 85

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Crowley amendment consisting of a Sense of Congress that international oil price fixing results in wide price fluctuations which are not beneficial to the U.S. economy; and calls upon the Administration to use all powers nec-

essary to reduce U.S. domestic oil and gas prices when international anti-competitive practices by OPEC member states adversely affect the price paid by American consumers.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 86

Date: March 21, 2000.

Measure: H.R. 3822, The Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Traficant amendment making it a federal offense for a domestic oil company to unfairly raise the price of gasoline, diesel fuel or home heating oil; directs the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to analyze the price of gasoline, diesel fuel and home heating oil to determine whether or not domestic oil companies are unreasonably raising prices; defines an unreasonable price increase as a price increase that goes beyond any concurrent price in an oil company's production and operating costs; allows the EIA to pass information along to the Justice Department for possible prosecution if it finds that an oil company has unreasonably raised prices; and allows for the imposition of a fine of up to \$100 million on any company found guilty of price gouging.

Results: Defeated 3 to 5.

Vote by Members: Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.