

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 975, REDUCING THE VOLUME OF STEEL IMPORTS AND ESTABLISHING A STEEL IMPORT NOTIFICATION AND MONITORING PROGRAM

MARCH 16, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 114]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 114, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 975, “Reducing the Volume of Steel Imports and Establishing a Steel Import Notification and Monitoring Program,” under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule further provides ninety minutes of debate in the House divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The waiver of all points of order includes the following points of order which would lie against consideration of the bill. First, the bill violates Section 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation or an amendment that would cause the total level of new budget authority or outlays in the most recent budget resolution to be exceeded or would cause revenues to be less). According to the Congressional Budget Office cost estimate, if enacted, H.R. 975 would cause revenues to be reduced by \$500,000 in fiscal year 1999, and by \$43 million over the 1999 through 2004 period. Consequently, revenue levels would be below those assumed in the budget process for FY 1999. Secondly, the bill violates clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of

the committee report). The report was filed on Monday, March 15, and the bill may be considered as early as Wednesday, March 17.

