

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1143,  
MICROENTERPRISE FOR SELF-RELIANCE ACT OF 1999

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APRIL 12, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 136]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 136, 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. 1143, the “Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 1999,” 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 International Relations.

The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. This waiver is necessary because the committee report was not filed until Monday, April 12, and the bill is scheduled to be considered on the floor on Tuesday, April 13. The rule provides that the bill shall be read by section.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for 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.

