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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4759, UNITED STATES-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

JULY 13, 2004.—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. 712]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 712, 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 consideration of H.R. 4759, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, under a closed rule. The rule provides two hours of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion.

Finally, section 2 of the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report), because the Committee on Ways and Means did not file its report (H. Rept. 108–597) until Monday, July 12, 2004, and the bill may be considered by the House as early as Wednesday, July 14.

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