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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2985, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

JUNE 21, 2005.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 334]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 334, 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. 2985, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by 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 provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill). The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report.

The rule provides that the amendments printed in this report may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report.

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

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EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriation bill). The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) is necessary because there are numerous legislative provisions included in the bill.

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. 82

Date: June 21, 2005.

Measure: H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2006.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Representative Tierney, which establishes a select committee to study, among other things, the bidding, contracting, and auditing standards in the issuance of government contracts to conduct activities in Iraq and Afghanistan; the oversight procedures and forms of payment and safeguards against money laundering; the accountability of contractors and government officials involved in procurement; and the allocation of contracts to foreign companies and small businesses.

Results: Defeated 3 to 8.

Vote by Members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 83

Date: June 21, 2005.

Measure: H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2006.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Representative Hoyer, which redirects $5 million for the Architect of the Capitol (AoC)'s 2006 budget to the Government Accountability Office's 2006 budget to enable the GAO to establish a satellite office in the U.S. Embassy in Iraq.

Results: Defeated 3 to 8.

Vote by Members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

(Summaries derived from information provided by sponsor.)

1. Baird: Strikes Title III, relating to Continuity in Representation. (10 minutes)

2. Davis (VA), Jo Ann: (Strikes the language in the bill prohibiting the Capitol Police from operating a mounted horse unit, and requiring the transfer of the current horses and equipment to the U.S. Park Police. (10 minutes)

3. Flake/Blumenauer: Decreases GPO Congressional Printing and Binding budget by $5.4 million. Reduces the "Congressional Record program" by $5.4 million. Intended to address the excess number of copies of the Congressional Record that are printed (i.e. reducing the number of copies printed daily from 6000 to 1000. (10 minutes)

4. McCaul: Decreases the GPO Congressional Printing and Binding funds by $2 million and increases Capitol Police general expenses funds (for security equipment, weapons, etc.) by $2 million. Intended to address the excess and unsolicited copies of bills, resolutions, and amendments that GPO prints and distributes to each sponsor and original co-sponsor. (10 minutes)

5. Hefley: Reduces the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill by 1%. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAIRD OF WASHINGTON, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 44, strike line 4 and all that follows through page 49, line 25.

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2. AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JO ANN DAVIS OF VIRGINIA, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Strike section 1002.

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3. AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FLAKE OF ARIZONA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 35, line 22, insert "(reduced by $5,400,000)" after "$88,090,000".

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4. AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCAUL OF TEXAS, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 9, line 23, insert "(increased by $2,000,000)" after "$29,345,000".

Page 35, line 22, insert "(reduced by $2,000,000)" after "$88,090,000".

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5. AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HEFLEY OF COLORADO, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of title II the following new section:

SEC. 210. Each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise

made available by a provision of law is hereby reduced by 1 percent.

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