

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3610, THE
DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

JUNE 12, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 453]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 453, 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. 3610, the Defense Appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997, under an open rule. The rule provides for one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failing to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (the 3-day requirement for availability of the committee report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings and reports on appropriations bills), or section 302(c) of the Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing new budget or spending authority within the jurisdiction of a committee until that committee makes allocations in connection with the most recent budget resolution).

The rule also waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) or clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances).

The rule makes in order, without intervention of any point of order, the amendment printed in this report to be offered by Mr. Young of Florida or his designee, prior to consideration of any other amendments.

The rule provides that such amendment shall be debatable for 20 minutes divided equally between the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

The rule also provides that if such amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for purposes of further amendment.

The rule further provides that after disposition of such amendment, the appropriate allocation of new discretionary budget authority within the meaning of section 302(f)(1) of the Budget Act of 1974 shall be \$245,065,000,000. The corresponding level of budget outlays shall be \$243,372,000,000.

The rule grants the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole the authority to accord priority in recognition to those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record.

The rule provides that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone recorded votes on any amendment and that the Chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote takes place immediately following another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of questions be not less than 15 minutes.

The rule also provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the majority leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill.

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

THE AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG OF FLORIDA, OR HIS DESIGNEE, IS AS FOLLOWS

On page 17, line 9, strike \$1,044,767,000" and insert "\$988,567,000".

On page 17, line 10, strike all after "1999" through the end of line 12, except the period.

On page 22, line 6, strike \$4,719,930,000" and insert "\$4,469,930,000".

On page 24, line 17, strike \$7,326,628,000" and insert "\$7,274,628,000".

On page 24, line 19, strike \$54,700,000" and insert "\$2,700,000".

On page 29, line 10, strike \$14,969,573,000" and insert "\$14,869,573,000".

On page 29, line 15, strike \$1,698,486,000" and insert "\$1,598,486,000".

On page 82, line 6, strike \$350,000,000" and insert "\$400,000,000".

On page 82, line 11, strike \$226,400,000" and insert "\$276,400,000".