

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3666, THE
VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIA-
TIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

JUNE 19, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 456]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 456, 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. 3666, the “VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997” under an open rule.

The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (the three day availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the three-day requirement for availability of printed hearings and reports on appropriation bills) and section 302(f) of the Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing budget authority, new entitlement authority, or new credit authority in excess of subcommittee’s 302(b) allocation of such authority).

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 further waives points of order against provisions in the bill (other than sections 204 and 205) for failure to 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 also provides for the adoption of the amendment printed in section 2 of the resolution (to remedy the Budget Act violation).

The rule accords priority in recognition to those amendments that are preprinted in the Congressional Record.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote.

The rule 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.