

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4112,
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1999

JUNE 24, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 489]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 489, 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. 4112, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 1999” under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report), clause 3 of rule XXI (requiring that the report include a list of unauthorized accounts), clause 7 of rule XXI (requiring relevant printed hearings and reports to be available for three days prior to the consideration of a general appropriations bill), and section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of budget-related legislation, as reported, that is not subject to appropriations) against consideration of the bill.

The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill), and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill, except against section 108 (mandating participation in government transit programs). The rule provides that no amendments will be in order except those printed in this report.

The rule provides that each amendment may be considered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a mem-

ber designated in this report, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report. It further 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 voting time on the first in a series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(2)(B) of House rule XI the results of each rollcall vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Rollcall No. 98

Date: June 24, 1998.

Measure: Rule for consideration of H.R. 4112, Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 1999.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Makes in order an amendment by Representative Hoyer which prohibits funds in the bill from being used for the "reserve fund for unanticipated expenses" authorized by clause 5(a) of rule XI, or to pay the salary of any House officer or employee who certifies, approves or processes a disbursement from the reserve fund pursuant to an allocation approved by the Committee on House Oversight on or after October 1, 1998.

Results: Defeated 2-6.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; McInnis—Nay; Hastings—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Hall—Yea; Solomon—Nay.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE FOR H.R. 4112, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1999

Farr—10 minutes: Clarifies that of the funds appropriated in the bill for the "operation and maintenance" of House office buildings, \$100,000 shall be made available for the Office Waste Recycling Program alone.

Gutierrez—10 minutes: Mandates the establishment of a comprehensive energy conservation plan for the congressional buildings administered by the Architect of the Capitol, thus bringing Congress into compliance with the energy efficiency standards established under the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER BY THE RULE

1. THE AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FARR OF CALIFORNIA OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES

In the item relating to "HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS" under the heading "ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL—CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS", strike the period at the end and insert the fol-

lowing: “: *Provided*, That of the total amount provided under this heading, not less than \$100,000 shall be used exclusively for waste recycling programs.”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GUTIERREZ OF ILLINOIS, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In Title III—General Provisions—after the last section insert the following new section:

SEC. 310. The Architect of the Capitol—

(1) shall develop and implement a cost-effective energy conservation strategy for all facilities currently administered by Congress to achieve a net reduction of 20 percent in energy consumption on the congressional campus compared to fiscal year 1991 consumption levels on a Btu-per-gross-square-foot basis not later than 7 years after the adoption of this resolution;

(2) shall submit to Congress no later than 10 months after the adoption of this resolution a comprehensive energy conservation and management plan which includes life cycle costs methods to determine the cost-effectiveness of proposed energy efficiency projects;

(3) shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations in the Senate and the House of Representatives a request for the amount of appropriations necessary to carry out this resolution;

(4) shall present to Congress annually a report on congressional energy management and conservation programs which details energy expenditures for each facility, energy management and conservation projects, and future priorities to ensure compliance with the requirements of this resolution.

(5) shall perform energy surveys of all congressional buildings and update such surveys as needed;

(6) shall use such surveys to determine the cost and payback period of energy and water conservation measures likely to achieve the required energy consumption levels;

(7) shall install energy and water conservation measures that will achieve the requirements through previously determined life cycle cost methods and procedures;

(8) may contract with nongovernmental entities and employ private sector capital to finance energy conservation projects and achieve energy consumption target;

(9) may develop innovative contracting methods that will attract private sector funding for the installation of energy-efficient and renewable energy technology to meet the requirements of this resolution;

(10) may participate in the Department of Energy’s Financing Renewable Energy and Efficiency (FREE Savings) contracts program for Federal Government facilities; and

(11) shall produce information packages and “how-to” guides for each Member and employing authority of the Congress that detail simple, cost-effective methods to save energy and taxpayer dollars.