

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1905,
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

MAY 25, 1999.—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. 190]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 190, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 1905, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000,” 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 points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee’s jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) or section 401 (prohibiting consideration of budget related legislation, as reported, that is not subject to appropriations) of the Congressional Budget Act. The rule also waives all points of order against provisions of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) except as specified in the rule.

The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in this report, and pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate. The rule waives points of order against the amendment printed in the report for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment made in order may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for the

time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The waiver of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because sections 105 and 106 of the bill, relating to staff recruitment and levels of compensation for the Director and Deputy Director of the Congressional Budget Office, are within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction. The waiver of section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because section 106 of the bill, relating to the levels of compensation for the Director and Deputy Director of the Congressional Budget Office, and section 209 of the bill, relating to compensation for the Librarian of Congress, the Deputy Librarian of Congress, and the Director of the Congressional Research Service, provides for an increase in direct spending. The waiver of clause 2 of House Rule XXI against provisions of the bill is necessary because the bill contains at least 30 provisions which would change existing law which are listed in the Appropriations Committee report. Finally, the waiver of clause 2 of Rule XXI against the amendment made in order by the rule is necessary because the amendment changes the way amounts remaining in the Members' Representational Allowance account are handled by directing their use for deficit or debt reduction.

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. 29

Date: May 25, 1999.

Measure: H.R. 1905, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: To make in order the Conyers Amendment consisting of the text of H.R. 1501 and that the amendment be given the appropriate waivers.

Results: Defeated 3 to 8.

Vote by Members: Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 30

Date: May 25, 1999.

Measure: H.R. 1905, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order an amendment offered by Representative DeLauro which requires federally licensed firearms dealers to provide a gun locking device when a firearm is sold or

transferred; and an amendment by Representative Hoyer which extends the Brady background checks to gun shows; and an amendment by Representative Lowey which makes it illegal to sell a handgun to anyone under the age of 21 and raises the minimum age for possession of a handgun from 18 to 21 years old.

Results: Defeated 3 to 9.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER TO H.R. 1905, LEGISLATIVE
BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Camp/Roemer/Upton—(20 Minutes): Provides that amounts remaining after payments are made from the account for Members' Representational Allowances shall be used for annual deficit or debt reduction; and requires that at the end of each session of Congress amounts returned by individual Members, and the House as a whole, shall be published in the Congressional Record.

TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CAMP OF MICHIGAN, OR REPRESENTATIVE ROEMER OF INDIANA, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Page 10, insert after line 9 the following (and redesignate the succeeding sections accordingly):

SEC. 104. (a) REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any amounts appropriated under this Act for "HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SALARIES AND EXPENSES—MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES" shall be available only for fiscal year 2000. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for fiscal year 2000 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

(b) PUBLICATION.—After each session of Congress or other period for which the amounts described in subsection (a) are made available, there shall be published in the Congressional Record a statement showing, with respect to such session or period, the amount deposited with respect to each Member under subsection (a) and the total deposited with respect to all Members.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(d) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "Member of the House of Representatives" means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.