

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2605, THE
ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS
BILL, 2000

JULY 26, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 261]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 261, 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. 2605, the “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, 2000” under an open 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 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a 3 day lay-over of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule further waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting a tax or tariff provision in a bill not reported by a committee with jurisdiction over revenue measures) against provisions in the bill, except as otherwise specified in the rule.

Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The waiver of clause 4(a) of rule XIII is necessary because the report was not printed until Monday, July 26, and the bill may be considered on the floor on Tuesday, July 27. The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI is necessary because there are several unauthorized and legislative provisions, as well as transfers of funds. Those provisions are described in pages 146–152 of the Committee Report on the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, 2000 (106–581). Finally, the waiver of clause 5(a) of rule XXI is necessary because sec. 504 of the bill (Nuclear Regulatory Commission fee) is a revenue provision. Similar provisions have been included in previous Energy and Water Appropriations bills because the fee funds the commission.