

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2389, THE
COUNTY SCHOOLS FUNDING REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1999

NOVEMBER 2, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 352]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 352, 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. 2389, the County Schools Funding Revitalization Act of 1999, 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 Agriculture.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, modified by the amendments printed in this report.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, and provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point.

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. Members who have preprinted 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. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of leg-

islation providing new budget authority in excess of a committee's allocation) and section 311(a) (prohibiting consideration of legislation or an amendment that would cause the total level of new budget authority or outlays in the most recent budget resolution to be exceeded or would cause revenues to be less) of the Congressional Budget Act which is necessary because the bill provides \$1.1 billion in direct spending over 5 years. The Agriculture Committee received no allocation for this direct spending. The same waivers are included for the same reason in the waiver of all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified. The waiver of all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, also includes a waiver of clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) which is necessary because the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, includes provisions that were not in the bill as introduced, such as the provisions in Title II that allow funds to be used for community projects. Finally, the waiver of all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, includes a waiver of clause 4 of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in legislative bills) which is necessary because Title II of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, provides that funds generated by the community projects be placed in a special fund from which the communities can spend, without having the funds appropriated.

SUMMARY¹ OF THE AMENDMENTS MODIFYING THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE PRINTED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD AND NUMBERED 1

Page 1 of the en bloc amendment modifies paragraphs 102(b)(2) and 103(b)(2) to further clarify that additional payments authorized by such paragraphs are provided only to the extent discretionary funding in appropriations bills is provided.

Page 2 of the en bloc corrects two typographical errors and makes one clarifying change in section 302 relating to the pay grade status for the executive director of the forest counties payments committee established by such section.

Text of amendments modifying the amendments in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1:

Page 11, strike lines 13 through 17, and insert the following:

(2) If the amount under paragraph (1) is less than the full payment amount in effect for that State for that fiscal year, such additional funds as may be appropriated to provide a total payment not to exceed the full payment amount, but only to the extent such additional funds are provided in advance as discretionary appropriations included in appropriation Acts.

Page 14, strike lines 4 through 8, and insert the following:

(2) If the amount under paragraph (1) is less than the full payment amount in effect for that county for that fiscal year, such additional funds as may be appropriated to provide a total payment not to exceed the full payment amount, but only to the extent such additional funds are provided in advance as discretionary appropriations included in appropriation Acts.

¹ Summary provided by the amendment sponsor.

Page 14, line 18, strike “25-percent payments” and insert “50-percent payments”.

Page 41, line 25, strike “shall be paid at a rate of” and insert “shall be paid at a rate not in excess of” .

Page 46, line 10, strike “the”.

