

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2956) TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO COMMENCE THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN IRAQ TO A LIMITED PRESENCE BY APRIL 1, 2008, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JULY 11, 2007.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mrs. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 533]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 533, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2956, the “Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act,” under a closed rule. The resolution provides for four hours of debate, with three hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services and one hour equally divided and controlled by the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The resolution waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the resolution permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration (except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI), the Committee is not aware of any points of order against the bill or its consideration. The waivers of all points of order against the bill and its consideration are prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

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. 244

Date: July 11, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2956.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: To grant an open rule.

Results: Defeated 3–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 245

Date: July 11, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2956.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment in the nature of a substitute by Rep. Wolf (VA), #2, which inserts the text of the Iraq Study Group Recommendations Implementation Act of 2002.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 246

Date: July 11, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 2956.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: To revise the amendment in the nature of a substitute by Rep. Wolf (VA), #2, which inserts the text of the Iraq Study Group Recommendations Implementation Act of 2002, by dropping the non-germane sections 2 and 10, and make it in order and provide the appropriate waivers.

Results: Defeated 4–9.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.