

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2) TO AMEND TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO REPEAL THE MEDICARE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE AND STRENGTHEN MEDICARE ACCESS BY IMPROVING PHYSICIAN PAYMENTS AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, TO REAUTHORIZE THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 27, 2015, THROUGH APRIL 10, 2015

MARCH 25, 2015.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 173]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 173, 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. 2, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, under a closed rule. The resolution provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the amendment printed in this report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 27, 2015 through April 10, 2015: (a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and (b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

Section 3 of the resolution provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration

of the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

Section 4 of the resolution provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546).

Section 5 of the resolution provides that the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Ways and Means each may, at any time before 5 p.m. on April 6, 2015, file reports to accompany measures.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of the following:

- Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a 302(a) allocation of such authority;
- Section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act, prohibiting consideration of legislation, providing a change in revenues for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that year has been agreed to;
- Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, which prohibits consideration of legislation that would cause the level of total new budget authority for the first fiscal year to be exceeded; and
- Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits the consideration of a bill if it has the net effect of increasing mandatory spending over the five-year or ten-year period.

Although the rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

1. Burgess (TX): Makes technical corrections.

TEXT OF AMENDMENT CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

Page 130, line 23, strike “File” and insert “file”.

Page 147, strike line 17 and all that follows through page 148, line 14.

Page 148, line 15, strike “(c)” and insert “(b)”.

Page 154, line 8, strike “(d)” and insert “(c)”.

Page 158, line 4, strike “(e)” and insert “(d)”.

Page 175, lines 9 through 10, strike “premiums (and other individuals costs as” and insert “individual costs (as”.

Page 175, beginning on lines 11 through 12, strike “the estimated premiums (and such costs)” and insert “such costs”.

Page 193, line 20, insert a space before “and inserting”.

Page 197, line 22, strike “301(b)(2)” and insert “301(b)(3)”.

Page 199, line 16, strike “301(b)(2)” and insert “301(b)(3)”.

Page 200, strike lines 7 through 12.

Page 201, line 6, insert “each place it appears” before the semicolon.

Page 202, line 18, strike “paragraph (3)” and insert “paragraph (4)”.

Page 202, line 20, strike “(1)(C)” and insert “(1)(G)”.

Page 203, line 18, insert “fiscal year” before “2017”.

Page 203, line 24, insert “fiscal year” before “2017”.

Page 210, line 23, strike “(6)(A)(i)” and insert “(6)(A)”.

Page 210, line 25, insert “each place it appears” before the period.

Page 215, line 8, insert “section 631(b) of” before “the American”.

Page 222, line 9, strike “subparagraph (a)” and insert “subsection (a)”.

Page 224, beginning on line 3, strike “PROGRAM.–” and all that follows through “Section 1874A” on line 5 and insert “PROGRAM.– Section 1874A”.

Page 224, line 7, strike “(A)” and insert “(1)” and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 224, line 8, strike “(i)” and insert “(A)” and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 224, line 10, strike “(ii)” and insert “(B)” and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 224, line 16, strike “(B)” and insert “(2)” and adjust the margins accordingly.

Page 225, line 10, insert a comma after “appropriate”.