

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE BILL (H.R. 644) TO REAUTHORIZE TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL (H.R. 2250) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

DECEMBER 10, 2015.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 560]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 560, 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 the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. The resolution waives all points of order against its consideration. The resolution provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII.

Section 2 of the resolution provides for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 2250, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016. The resolution makes in order a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2250. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that it is not subject to a demand for division of the question. The resolution provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The resolution provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 644 and its consideration includes a waiver of the following:

- Clause 9 of rule XXI, which requires a list of all earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits contained in the measure, or a certification that the measure does not contain any of those items. It is important to note that while the waiver is necessary the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means has submitted a statement for the record stating that the conference report does not contain earmarks, limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits; and
- Clause 9 of rule XXII, which prohibits the inclusion of matter in a conference report not committed to the conference by either House.

The waiver of all points of order against the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2250 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 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget unless referred to or reported by the Budget Committee; and
- Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, prohibiting consideration of legislation that would cause the level of total new budget authority for the first fiscal year to be exceeded, or would cause revenues to be less than the level of total revenues for the first fiscal year or for the total of that first fiscal year and the ensuing fiscal years for which allocations are provided.