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**OPPOSE THE ANTIFARMER LOWEY AMENDMENT**

(Mr. CHAMBLISS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, having lived in the middle of Georgia's farm belt all my adult life, I want to make sure the facts are on the table as we debate this year's agriculture appropriations bill.

It concerns me that big city representatives think that cutting farm programs is the simple solution to budget problems. For example, Mrs. LOWEY of New York plans to offer an amendment which would lower the support price of peanuts from \$678 per ton to \$550 per ton.

Now, she thinks that a cut like this will produce savings, but according to USDA it would cost taxpayers around \$100 million. That's right, a cut that would cost taxpayers millions.

But that is not all. She also believes that this cut will spell out savings for consumers. Wrong again. Reduction in the farm price for peanuts will not be passed on to the consumers.

In fact, 74 percent of the consumer's cost for peanut butter is added on by food processors after peanuts are sold by farmers. This amendment would actually increase profits for multinational commodity traders and food companies by paying farmers less for their peanuts.

Oppose the antifarmer Lowey amendment. It will not lower Government costs, it will not lower consumer prices, but it will devastate small, family farmers across the country.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2020, TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996**

**H. RES. 190**

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2020) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered by title rather than by paragraph. Each title shall be considered as read. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: beginning with "Provided further" on page 33, line 2, through "Maryland:" on line 13; and page 42, line 9, through page 43, line 6. Where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, points of order against a provision in another part of such paragraph may be made only against such provision and not against the entire paragraph. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. For purposes of debate only, Mr. Speaker, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILEN-SON], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consid-

eration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

(Mr. DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to include extraneous material.)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 190 is an open rule, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2020, the Treasury, Postal Service, and general government appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996. H.R. 2020 provides funds for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certainly independent agencies.

The rule waives clause 2, prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions, and clause 6, prohibiting reappropriations, of rule XXI against provisions in the bill, except as otherwise specified in the rule.

The rule also provides for the reading of the bill by title, rather than by section, for amendment, and each title is considered as read. In addition, the Chair is authorized to accord priority in recognition to members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. And finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

I would like to stress that this rule is an open rule, so open that it does not even restrict dilatory tactics. We are hopeful that Members will not utilize stalling techniques that do not advance debate nor improve the substance of legislation.

This rule does not provide waivers of the rules for any amendments to H.R. 2020. It is a standard open rule, and Members who want to move funds around or reduce funding for certain programs will be able to do so within the parameters of House rules. Any battles regarding the level of funding for particular programs or projects can be decided on the floor in a deliberative manner.

I would like to commend Subcommittee Chairman LIGHTFOOT and Chairman LIVINGSTON for their hard work on this bill. As an open rule on this \$23 billion measure, House Resolution 190 could not be more fair, and I urge its adoption. Mr. Speaker, for the RECORD, I include the following information regarding amendments:

THE AMENDMENT PROCESS UNDER SPECIAL RULES REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE,<sup>1</sup> 103D CONGRESS V. 104TH CONGRESS  
[As of July 17, 1995]

Rule type	103d Congress		104th Congress	
	Number of rules	Percent of total	Number of rules	Percent of total
Open/Modified-open <sup>2</sup> .....	46	44	35	73
Modified Closed <sup>3</sup> .....	49	47	12	25
Closed <sup>4</sup> .....	9	9	1	2
Totals: .....	104	100	48	100

<sup>1</sup> This table applies only to rules which provide for the original consideration of bills, joint resolutions or budget resolutions and which provide for an amendment process. It does not apply to special rules which only waive points of order against appropriations bills which are already privileged and are considered under an open amendment process under House rules.

<sup>2</sup> An open rule is one under which any Member may offer a germane amendment under the five-minute rule. A modified open rule is one under which any Member may offer a germane amendment under the five-minute rule subject only to an overall time limit on the amendment process and/or a requirement that the amendment be preprinted in the Congressional Record.

<sup>3</sup> A modified closed rule is one under which the Rules Committee limits the amendments that may be offered only to those amendments designated in the special rule or the Rules Committee report to accompany it, or which preclude amendments to a particular portion of a bill, even though the rest of the bill may be completely open to amendment.

<sup>4</sup> A closed rule is one under which no amendments may be offered (other than amendments recommended by the committee in reporting the bill).