Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

Resolved,

That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations
for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and the amendments made in order by this resolution and shall not exceed two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and those made in order by a subsequent order of the House. Each amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only in the order printed in the report (except as specified in section 2 of
this resolution), may be offered only by a Member des-
ignated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall
be debatable for the time specified in the report equally
divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent,
shall not be subject to amendment (except that the chair-
man and ranking minority member of the Committee on
Armed Services each may offer one pro forma amendment
for the purpose of further debate on any pending amend-
ment), and shall not be subject to a demand for division
of the question in the House or in the Committee of the
Whole. All points of order against amendments printed in
the report are waived. After disposition of the amend-
ments printed in the report, the Committee of the Whole
shall rise without motion. No further consideration of the
bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the
House.

Sec. 2. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole
may recognize for consideration of any amendment printed
in the report of the Committee on Rules out of the order
printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman
of the Committee on Armed Services or a designee an-
nounces from the floor a request to that effect.

Sec. 3. During consideration of the bill under this
resolution or by a subsequent order of the House—
(1) after a motion that the Committee rise has been rejected on a legislative day, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may entertain another such motion on that day only if offered by the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or the Majority Leader or a designee; and

(2) after a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII) has been rejected, the Chairman may not entertain another such motion.
RESOLUTION

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