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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2, JOBS AND GROWTH RECONCILIATION TAX ACT OF 2003

MAY 8, 2003.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 227]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 227, by a record vote of 9 to 4, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2, the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended, and against its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill in the rule includes a waiver of clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report), which is necessary because the committee report (H. Rept. 108–94) was not filed until Thursday, May 8, 2003, and the bill may be considered by the House as early as Friday, May 9, 2003.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House rule XIII 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. 61

Date: May 8, 2003.

Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.

Motion by: Mr. Frost.

Summary of motion: To make in order and grant the appropriate waivers to the amendment offered by Representative Rangel which provides $27 billion for long-term extension of unemployment benefits. Provides $3 billion in tax credits for businesses hiring the unemployed. Accelerates the child tax credit to $800, with 15% and $7,500 threshold for refundability. Accelerates widening of the 10% tax rate bracket. Accelerates marriage tax penalty relief. Provides $18 billion in Medicaid assistance to the states. Provides $26 billion for infrastructure, homeland security, and education. Allows small businesses to expense up to $75,000 of the cost of new investments through 2004. Restructures bonus depreciation provisions so that firms can write off a 50% bonus for the balance of 2004. Provides a 3.5 percentage point corporate tax rate reduction for U.S. manufacturers and producers. Partial tax freeze on top two rates. Prevents trade sanctions by repealing WTO non-compliant Extraterritorial Income provisions. Provides anti-tax shelter, anti-expatriation, and deferred compensation reform.

Results: Defeated 4 to 8.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 62

Date: May 8, 2003.

Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Kanjorski which allows a credit against income tax to holders of bonds issued to finance land and water reclamation of abandoned mine land areas.

Results: Defeated 4 to 9.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 63

Date: May 8, 2003.

Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Marshall which expands the Dependent Care Tax Credit to help working families to pay for the cost of childcare services.

Results: Defeated 4 to 9.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 64

Date: May 8, 2003.
Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.
Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.
Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Sanchez which provides $2.71 billion for homeland security related funds and directs $1.29 billion to be placed in a Homeland Security Trust Fund. Offset by delaying the implementation of the dividend tax cuts for one year.
Results: Defeated 4 to 9.
Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 65

Date: May 8, 2003.
Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.
Motion by: Mr. McGovern.
Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Weiner which provides $40 billion in one-time grants to states and local governments. Provides that it is the sense of Congress that priority for the funds be given to homeland security, Medicaid, public health, highway construction, child care, education and the prevention of additional property tax increases.
Results: Defeated 4 to 9.
Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 66

Date: May 8, 2003.
Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.
Motion by: Mr. McGovern.
Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Emanuel which extends the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses for higher education to 2007. Includes corporate expatriation language and a reduction in bonus depreciation.
Results: Defeated 4 to 9.
Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 67

Date: May 8, 2003.
Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.
Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Stenholm which provides that none of the provisions of the bill would take effect until Congress and the President enact a separate bill increasing the debt limit by the amount of additional debt that would be incurred as a result of the bill over the next ten years, including associated debt service costs.

Results: Defeated 4 to 9.

Vote my Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 68

Date: May 8, 2003.

Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.

Motion by: Mr. Hastings of Florida.

Summary of motion: To make in order the amendment offered by Representative Baird which allows taxpayers who itemize their deductions the option to deduct their state income tax or state sales taxes paid in a given year. The provision sunsets after 5 years.

Results: Defeated 4 to 9.

Vote by Members: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Reynolds—Nay; Frost—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 69

Date: May 8, 2003.

Measure: H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.

Motion by: Mr. Lincoln Diaz-Balart.

Summary of motion: To report the resolution.

Results: Agreed to 9 to 4.

Vote by Members: Goss—Yea; Linder—Yea; Pryce—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Myrick—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Reynolds—Yea; Frost—Nay; Slaughter—Nay; McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Dreier—Yes.

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