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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4340, UNITED STATES-BAHRAIN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 583]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 583, 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. 4340, the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, under a closed rule. The rule provides two hours of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chainnan and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion.

Finally, section 2 of the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker in consonance with section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report), because the Committee on Ways and Means did not file its report (H. Rept. 109–318) until Tuesday, November 6, 2005, and the bill may be considered by the House as early as Wednesday, November 7, 2005. The waiver of all points of

order also includes a waiver of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act (consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a subcommittee's 302(b) allocation of such authority). The bill violates 302(f) because its direct spending will exceed, by $1 million in the first year, the Committee on the Ways and Means's allocation.

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