

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5, THE
COLLEGE STUDENT RELIEF ACT OF 2007

JANUARY 16, 2007.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mrs. MATSUI, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 65]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 65, by a record vote of 8 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 consideration of H.R. 5, the College Student Relief Act of 2007 under a closed rule. The rule provides three hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor.

The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration except for clause 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against the consideration of the bill (except for clause 9 and 10 of Rule XXI) includes a waiver of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting the consideration of legislation providing new budget authority for any fiscal year that would cause the applicable allocation of new budget authority made pursuant to section 302(a) or (b) to be exceeded). The bill violates section 302(f) because its direct spending will exceed the Committee on Education and Labor's allocation.

COMMITTEE VOTES

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. 4

Date: January 16, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 5.

Motion by: Mr. Diaz-Balart.

Summary of motion: To report an open rule.

Results: Defeated 4–8.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 5

Date: January 16, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 5.

Motion by: Mr. Hastings (WA).

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Bishop (UT) to return to state and local education officials the power to determine what constitutes a “rigorous secondary school program of study” when determining eligibility for the Academic Competitiveness Pell Grant program. This power was given to the U.S. Secretary of Education in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

Results: Defeated 4–8.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 6

Date: January 16, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 5.

Motion by: Mr. Sessions.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. Keller to add a Sense of Congress to H.R. 5. The Sense of Congress states that the money being saved in the bill should be used to increase grant aid for students rather than provide interest rate cuts to college graduates.

Results: Defeated 4–8.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 7

Date: January 16, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 5.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide appropriate waivers for an amendment by Rep. McKeon to increase disclosure

to students and families about the cost of college. It would also provide for increased accountability for institutions of higher education through establishing a userfriendly college affordability comparison, creating quality efficiency task forces, and authorizing the Secretary to waive burdensome regulations so that institutions could experiment with cost saving processes.

Results: Defeated 4–8.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Cardoza—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Slaughter—Nay.

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 8

Date: January 16, 2007.

Measure: H.R. 5.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To report the rule.

Results: Adopted 8–4.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Cardoza—Yea; Welch—Yea; Castor—Yea; Sutton—Yea; Dreier—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Slaughter—Yea.