

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2055) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JUNE 1, 2011.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 288]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 288, 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. 2055, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, under an open rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. Under the Rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The resolution authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The resolution requires the Chair to put the question on retaining Title II (Department of Veterans Affairs). After disposition of the question, the Chair shall put the question on engrossment and third reading on those portions of the bill as retained and perfected by the House. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the resolution directs the Clerk, in the engrossment of H.R. 2055, to make technical and conforming changes in the event a portion of the bill is not retained.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(c) of rule XIII, which prohibits consideration of a general appropriations bill reported by the Committee on Appropriations from being considered in the House until the third calendar day on which printed hearings of the Committee on Appropriations thereon have been available to Members.

The resolution includes a waiver of points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI, which prohibits unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill. This waiver is necessary because the bill contains unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions.

