

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 1911) TO AMEND THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 TO ESTABLISH INTEREST RATES FOR  
NEW LOANS MADE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013, AND FOR OTHER PUR-  
POSES

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MAY 22, 2013.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Ms. FOXX, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 232]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 232, by a record vote of 7 to 2, 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. 1911, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act, under a closed rule. The resolution provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-12 shall be considered as adopted. The resolution provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 1911, add the text of H.R. 1949 as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1911 and make conforming modifications in the engrossment.

Section 3 of the resolution provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 24, 2013, through May 31, 2013: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

Section 4 of the resolution provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

Section 5 of the resolution provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

Section 6 of the resolution provides that the Committee on Agriculture may, at any time before 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, file a report to accompany H.R. 1947.

#### EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes waivers of:

- Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation that exceeds a committee's 302(a) or 302(b) allocations. However, it is important to note that while the bill does exceed the Committee's 302(a) allocation, the bill reduces direct spending over the 5 and 10-year periods, by \$1.0 billion and by \$3.7 billion respectively.

- Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation if it would cause the level of total new budget authority or total outlays for the first fiscal year to be exceeded. However, it is important to note that while the bill does provide new budget authority in excess of applicable budgetary limits in the first year, the bill reduces direct spending over the 5 and 10-year periods, by \$1.0 billion and by \$3.7 billion respectively.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

#### 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. 37*

Motion by Ms. Slaughter to report an open rule. Defeated: 2–7.

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Nay	Ms. Slaughter .....	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah .....	Nay	Mr. McGovern .....	.....
Mr. Cole .....	.....	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	.....
Mr. Woodall .....	Nay	Mr. Polis .....	Yea
Mr. Nugent .....	Nay		
Mr. Webster .....	Nay		
Ms. Ros-Lehtinen .....	.....		
Mr. Burgess .....	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Nay		

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 38*

Motion by Mr. Polis to a make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #5, offered by Rep. Davis (CA), which would add a section of Congressional findings to the bill with projections of student loan interest rates; amendment #6, offered by

Rep. Courtney (CT), Rep. Horsford (NV), Rep. Miller (CA), Rep. Tierney (MA), Rep. Welch (VT), Rep. Kuster (NH), Rep. Peters (MI), Rep. Sinema (AZ), Rep. Duckworth (IL) and Rep. Titus (NV), which extends the current 3.4% interest rate on subsidized Stafford student loans for a period of two years; amendment #9, offered by Rep. Edwards (MD), which reduces the cap on Stafford loans to 6.8 percent and PLUS loans to 7.9 percent in the underlying bill; amendment #10 offered by Rep. Edwards (MD), which reduces the Stafford loan cap in the underlying bill to 3.4 percent for students pursuing a degree in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics; amendment #11 offered by Rep. Miller (CA), which implements President Obama's revenue neutral student loan proposal and sets fixed variable interest rates to save students \$30 billion in the next six years while expanding Income Based Repayment to support struggling borrowers. Defeated: 2-7.

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Nay	Ms. Slaughter .....	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah .....	Nay	Mr. McGovern .....	.....
Mr. Cole .....	.....	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	.....
Mr. Woodall .....	Nay	Mr. Polis .....	Yea
Mr. Nugent .....	Nay		
Mr. Webster .....	Nay		
Ms. Ros-Lehtinen .....	.....		
Mr. Burgess .....	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 39*

Motion by Mr. Bishop of Utah to report the rule. Adopted: 7-2.

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Yea	Ms. Slaughter .....	Nay
Mr. Bishop of Utah .....	Yea	Mr. McGovern .....	.....
Mr. Cole .....	.....	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	.....
Mr. Woodall .....	Yea	Mr. Polis .....	Nay
Mr. Nugent .....	Yea		
Mr. Webster .....	Yea		
Ms. Ros-Lehtinen .....	.....		
Mr. Burgess .....	Yea		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Yea		