

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2577) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2578) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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JUNE 1, 2015.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

## R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 287]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 287, by a record vote of 9 to 3, 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. 2577, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, and H.R. 2578, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, under modified-open rules. The resolution provides one hour of general debate on each bill 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 each bill. The resolution waives points of order against provisions in each bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that after general debate each bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule except that: 1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and 2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The resolution authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The resolution provides one motion to recommit each bill with or without instructions.

## EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2577 includes a waiver of clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII (“Ramseyer”), requiring a committee report accompanying a bill amending or repealing statutes to show, by typographical device, parts of statute affected.

The waiver is provided because the submission provided by the committee was insufficient to meet the standards established by the rule in its current form. The Committee on Rules continues to work with the House Office of Legislative Counsel and committees to determine the steps necessary to comply with the updated rule.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2578, the committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

The resolution includes a waiver of points of order against provisions in H.R. 2577 and H.R. 2578 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 each bill contains unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions.

## 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. 56*

Motion by Ms. Slaughter to report open rules for H.R. 2578 and H.R. 2577. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Nay	Ms. Slaughter .....	Yea
Mr. Cole .....	Nay	Mr. McGovern .....	Yea
Mr. Woodall .....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	Yea
Mr. Burgess .....	Nay	Mr. Polis .....	.....
Mr. Stivers .....	Nay		
Mr. Collins .....	Nay		
Mr. Byrne .....	Nay		
Mr. Newhouse .....	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 57*

Motion by Mr. Cole to report the rule. Adopted: 9–3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Yea	Ms. Slaughter .....	Nay
Mr. Cole .....	Yea	Mr. McGovern .....	Nay
Mr. Woodall .....	Yea	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	Nay
Mr. Burgess .....	Yea	Mr. Polis .....	.....
Mr. Stivers .....	Yea		
Mr. Collins .....	Yea		
Mr. Byrne .....	Yea		
Mr. Newhouse .....	Yea		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Yea		