

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 1695) TO AMEND TITLE 17, UNITED STATES CODE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

APRIL 25, 2017.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 275]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 275, by a record vote of 8 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. 1695, the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017, under a structured rule. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115-13 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The resolution makes in order only those further amendments printed in this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides that H. Res. 254 shall be laid on the table.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

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

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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. 47

Motion by Mr. Polis to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers to amendment #1, offered by Rep. Lofgren (CA) and Rep. DeGette (CO) and Rep. Doyle (PA) and Rep. Brady (PA) and Rep. Butterfield (NC) and Rep. Cummings (MD), which ensures that the Librarian of Congress would remain responsible for filling just the current Register of Copyrights vacancy. Defeated: 3–8

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

Rules Committee record vote No. 48

Motion by Mr. Cole to report the rule. Adopted: 8–3

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

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. Deutch (FL): Requires the Register of Copyrights to be capable of identifying and supervising a Chief Information Officer or similar official responsible for managing information technology systems. (10 minutes)

2. Chu (CA): Specifies that nothing in the bill shall impact the mandatory deposit requirements of title 17. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEUTCH OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 1, line 18, insert after “law” the following: “, shall be capable of identifying and supervising a Chief Information Officer or other similar official responsible for managing modern information technology systems,”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHU OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

SEC. 3. CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act may be construed to impact the mandatory deposit requirements in title 17, United States Code.