

making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

(2) The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

(3) Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: beginning with “: Provided” on page 41, line 26, through “\$2,245,000,000” on page 42, line 3. Where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, points of order against a provision in another part of such paragraph may be made only against such provision and not against the entire paragraph.

(4) The amendments printed in House Report 105-214 may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except pro forma amendments offered for the purpose of debate, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived.

(5) During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read.

(6) The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes.

(7) During consideration of the bill, points of order against amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI are waived.

(8) At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, it shall be in order to consider in lieu of amendments numbered 1 and 2 in House Report 105-214 the amendment I have placed at the desk. That amendment shall otherwise be considered as though printed as the amendment numbered 1 in House Report 105-214.

(10) House Resolution 199 is laid on the table.

□ 1645

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Page 94, strike lines 16 through 21 and insert the following (and redesignate the succeeding sections accordingly):

SEC. 508. (a) None of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be expended for any abortion.

(b) None of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be expended for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion.

(c) The term “health benefits coverage” means the package of services covered by a managed care provider or organization pursuant to a contract or other arrangement.

SEC. 509. (a) The limitations established in the preceding section shall not apply to an abortion—

(1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest; or

(2) in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

(b) Nothing in the preceding section shall be construed as prohibiting the expenditure by a State locality, entity, or private person of State, local, or private funds (other than a State’s or locality’s contribution of Medicaid matching funds) for abortion services or coverage of abortion by contract or other arrangement.

(c) Nothing in the preceding section shall be construed as restricting the ability of any managed care provider or organization from offering abortion coverage or the ability of a state or locality to contract separately with such a provider for such coverage with state funds (other than a State’s or locality’s contribution of Medicaid matching funds).

Mr. SOLOMON (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. LAHOOD]. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I think it would be helpful if the resolution was read.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and leave the original unanimous consent standing.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will re-report paragraph 8.

The Clerk read as follows:

(8) At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, if I may ask of the chairman, does this rule provide for a chairman’s amendment that could be brought to the floor when the bill comes for debate?

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MCINTOSH. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, no, it does not.

This rule that we would adopt by unanimous consent would bring to the

floor under regular rules of order, regular rules of the House so that any amendment, any cutting amendment, any offsetting amendment, or any limitation amendment ordinarily allowed under normal rules of the House should the bill have come directly to the floor instead of through the Committee on Rules, those amendments would be made in order.

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I object to this unanimous consent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTY SHABAZZ

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 183) honoring the life of Betty Shabazz, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL].

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California so much for giving me the opportunity to explain that seldom in the United States do we get a chance to pay tribute to the life of those people who live an ordinary life and yet have done extraordinary things.

When the late Betty Shabazz died, having known her husband and her for so many years, I almost thought that she belonged to Harlem and she belonged to African-Americans, and I was so pleasantly surprised when she passed away, as a result of a sad and cruel act of her grandson, that so many Republicans and Democrats came over and offered sympathy to me because we had lost in this country a great American.

And so, in August, there will be communities all over the country attempting to say, thank you, Betty Shabazz, for the life that you led, that you lost your husband, he was assassinated, but instead of just weeping and crying, which she did do, was pick your life up, go to school, educate 6 children, and become a role model for Americans, whether they are white or black or Jewish or Christian.

And so, as we leave and America pays tribute to this great woman, I would like to have the Congress join in in just honoring a great life who serves as a model for all Americans and people throughout the world.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution and my good friend, the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL] in honor of an outstanding constituent from Yonkers, New York, Betty Shabazz.

We have worked on so many issues, fighting for families, fighting for women, fighting for children. Just recently, I served on a panel with Betty Shabazz, could not have been more than probably a couple months ago. So I thank my good friend from New York, [Mr. RANGEL] for introducing this resolution which I support.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Further reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, there were some other reservations for other bills that were made under all of these unanimous consent requests. And although I support the initiative of the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL] and his bill, I would have to object until these reservations can be worked out by the leadership.

We were told these UC's were worked out and, at the last moment someone from his side of the aisle was going to object to one of these UC's. If that is the case, I will object until that can be worked out.

Mr. RANGEL. If the gentleman will yield further, I understand the concern of the gentleman. But I would just like to share with him that I knew about this problem before I dealt with the Republican leadership; and because so many Members of Congress felt that strongly about it, what we did was went to the leadership and asked our side not to go through these extraordinary parliamentary procedures that they could have gone through in order to show their deep concern about it.

When you think about it, yes, there has to be ways that our concerns are met and we have to be able to use the parliamentary procedure to do it. But I ask my friend to really consider what we are doing when communities throughout this country are going to commemorate a life anyway, with or without this resolution.

It would seem to me that, even when we have to use the parliamentary cause to emphasize how deep we feel about an issue, that we are sensitive to the communities that are affected, we are sensitive to the daughters that we pay tribute to, and that we just do not use the parliamentary procedures when we have just lost a great American.

I would ask the gentleman to reconsider using the life of Betty Shabazz and the memories that are held by so many Americans and the memories held by her children and family as they go through life.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Further reserving the right to object, I would say to my friend, and I would reiterate that I fully support the words that he just spoke and would associate, but unfortunately, we have the same kind of concerns on another UC request that affects the lives of many of the people on the West Coast, thousands of people, as a matter of fact. And it is not the

loss of someone, but this is the loss of jobs, the loss of livelihood.

There was an agreement made under these UC's, and evidently the agreement has been broken. I would still be willing to work this out in a matter of a few minutes. If this is not the case and this is worked out, if the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL] would bring up the same UC a few moments later and we can work this out among us, I think I would support the gentleman.

Mr. RANGEL. I would just hope that, with all the good work that my colleague has done for this country throughout his life, that he would not want to be recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as having been the person that, for whatever reason, has caused this Congress not to commemorate the life of this great American.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. I would say to my friend that I will support the gentleman in commemorating it in a few minutes if this can be worked out. After the agreement is made, I will be very happy and I will not object. But until that is made, the lives and livelihood of many of my constituents are at stake.

And I would say to the same gentleman, someone on his side of the aisle was just about ready to make that decision, which would affect adversely and in which a vote in the Senate was 99-to-0, and because there is an objection to the UC, would affect negatively many of the lives. And until that point, I am going to be forced to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

PROVIDING FOR ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2264, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I again ask unanimous consent that the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2264) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, may proceed according to the order that I have placed at the desk and that the explanation be considered as read, but that the Clerk be directed to read the amendment.

□ 1700

(For text of the unanimous-consent request, see prior proceedings of the House of today.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

The amendment to be offered by Representative HYDE of Illinois or a designee:

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(c) Nothing in the preceding section shall be construed as restricting the ability of any managed care provider or organization from offering abortion coverage or the ability of a state or locality to contract separately with such a provider for such coverage with state funds (other than a State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid matching funds).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 207) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution constitutes a question of privilege.

The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 207

Resolved, That James M. Eagen, III, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be, and he is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER] and the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I have known and worked with Jay since I came to Congress in 1990 and have grown to admire and respect his professionalism and his work product. I am honored today to be able to stand on the floor and introduce this resolution to make him the chief administrative officer of the House of Representatives.

Jay has worked on the Hill since 1982. He started out in Congressman Steve Gunderson's office and moved over to work for the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. GOODLING] in 1985. He then went to work for the Committee