

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 927, THE  
CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY  
(LIBERTAD) ACT OF 1995

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SEPTEMBER 19, 1995.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 225]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 225, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 927, the “Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995” under a modified closed rule. The rule provides two and one-half hours of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

The rule waives clause 2(l)(2)(B) of rule XI (requiring the publication of rollcall votes in committee reports) against consideration of the bill. The rule also makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five minute rule as an amendment in the nature of a substitute the text of H.R. 2347.

Under the rule, clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting consideration of nongermane amendments) is also waived against consideration of that amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Furthermore, it provides that prior to the consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider a further amendment in the nature of a substitute if offered by Representative Hamilton of Indiana or his designee. This amendment is debatable for one hour, equally divided between a proponent and an opponent and provides that the amendment be considered as read and not be subject to amendment.

The rule makes in order only the amendments printed in Part 1 of the Rules Committee report, in the order specified, by Members designated in the report, debatable for the time specified in the report (20 minutes of debate for each amendment) and equally divided between a proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides that the amendments be considered as read.

In addition, the rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone and cluster votes on amendments.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER BY THE RULE FOR  
H.R. 927 PRINTED IN PART I OF THE RULES COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
THE RULE

1. Hamilton (Ind.)—Amendment in nature of a substitute (not submitted). (one hour)

2. Wynn (Md.)—Attempts to provide the President the flexibility to support Cuba's membership in international financial institutions once a transition government is in power; strikes the language requiring the U.S. to withhold payment to an IFI an amount equal to any loan that such an institution might make to Cuba over the opposition of the U.S. government. (20 minutes)

3. Burton (Ind.)—Seeks to ensure that reciprocal news bureaus operating in Cuba and the United States are free to operate in an unhindered manner. (20 minutes)

4. Stearns (Fla.)—Prohibits the President from expending any funds on activities that relate to the normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba without consulting the leadership of the House. (20 minutes)

## PART I

### I.-1 AN AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAMILTON OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR ONE HOUR

The rule does not require that the amendment be preprinted in this report or in the Congressional Record.

### I.-2 AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WYNN OF MARYLAND OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Page 22, strike line 4 and all that follows through page 23, line 7 and insert the following:

(a) OPPOSITIONH TO CUBAN MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—(1) Until such time as the President determines that a transition government in Cuba is in power, the Secretary of the Treasury should instruct the United States executive director to each international financial institution to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose the admission of Cuba as a member of such institution.

(2) Once a transition government in Cuba is in power, the President is encouraged to take steps to support the processing of Cuba's application for membership in any financial institution sub-

ject to the membership taking effect at such time as the President deems most likely to facilitate the transition to a democratically elected government in Cuba.

Page 23, line 8, strike "(c)" and insert "(b)".

I.-3 AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURTON OF INDIANA OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Page 29, add the following after line 25:

**SEC. 112. AUTHORIZATION FOR RECIPROCAL NEWS BUREAUS.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF RECIPROCAL NEWS BUREAUS.—The President is authorized to establish and implement an exchange of news bureaus between the United States and Cuba, if—

- (1) the exchange is fully reciprocal;
- (2) the Cuban Government agrees not to interfere with the establishment of news bureaus or with the movement in Cuba of journalists of any United States-based news organizations;
- (3) the Cuban Government agrees not to interfere with the news-gathering activities of individuals assigned to work as journalists in the news bureaus in Cuba of United States-based news organizations;
- (4) the United States Government is able to ensure that only accredited journalists regularly employed with a news gathering organization travel to Cuba under this section; and
- (5) the Cuban Government agrees not to interfere with the transmission of telecommunications signals of news bureaus or with the distribution within Cuba of any United States-based news organization that has a news bureau in Cuba.

(b) ASSURANCE AGAINST ESPIONAGE.—In implementing this section, the President shall take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of the United States against espionage by Cuban journalists it believes to be working for the intelligence agencies of the Cuban Government.

I.-4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEARNS OF FLORIDA OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Add at the end of title I the following:

**SEC. 112. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CONTACTS WITH CUBAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.**

(a) ADVANCED NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—No funds made available under any provision of law may be used for the costs and expenses of negotiations, meetings, discussions, or contacts between United States Government officials or representatives and officials or representatives of the Cuban Government relating to normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba unless 15 days in advance the President has notified the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in accordance with procedures applicable to reprogramming notifications under section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

(b) REPORTS.—Within 15 days of any negotiations, meetings, discussions, or contacts between individuals described in subsection

(a), with respect to any matter, the President shall submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate detailing the individuals involved, the matters discussed, and any agreements made, including agreements to conduct future negotiations, meetings, discussions, or contacts.

