

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2204, COAST
GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

OCTOBER 9, 1997.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 265]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 265, by a non-record 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. 2204, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997” under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The rule waives section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the current fiscal year) against the consideration of the bill. The rule also makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The resolution waives clause 7 of rule XVI (relating to germaneness) and section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the current fiscal year) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Also, the rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the

bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

