

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2746, THE HELPING EMPOWER LOW-INCOME PARENTS (HELP) SCHOLARSHIPS AMENDMENTS OF 1997 AND H.R. 2616, THE CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS OF 1997

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Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 288]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 288, 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. 2746, the “Helping Empower Low-income Parents (HELP) Scholarships Amendments of 1997” under a closed rule. The rule provides two hours of debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

Next, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2616 under an open rule, with one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for the consideration of the manager’s amendment printed in this report, if offered by Representative Goodling or his designee, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record.

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.

The rule also provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Additionally, the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 2616, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2746, as passed by the House, as a new matter at the end of H.R. 2616 and make conforming and designation changes within the engrossment. Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 2746 to the engrossment of H.R. 2616, H.R. 2746 shall be laid on the table.

Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 280 is laid on the table.

AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLING OF PENNSYLVANIA, OR REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS OF CALIFORNIA, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 12, strike lines 15 through 18, and insert the following:

“(4) describe how the State educational agency will use administrative funds provided under section 10304(f)(4) to disseminate best or promising practices of charter schools in such State to each local educational agency in the State, except that such dissemination shall result, to the extent practicable, in a minimum of paperwork for a State educational agency, eligible applicant, or charter school.”.

Page 18, line 7, insert “out” after “carrying”.

Beginning on page 19, strike line 17 and all that follows through page 20, line 9, and insert the following:

“SEC. 10306. FEDERAL FORMULA ALLOCATION DURING FIRST YEAR AND FOR SUCCESSIVE ENROLLMENT EXPANSIONS.

“For purposes of the allocation to schools by the States or their agencies of funds under part A of title I, and any other Federal funds which the Secretary allocates to States on a formula basis, the Secretary and each State educational agency shall take such measures not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this part as are necessary to ensure that every charter school receives the Federal funding for which it is eligible not later than 5 months after first opening, notwithstanding the fact that the identify and characteristics of the students enrolling in that school are not fully and completely determined until that school actually opens. These measures shall similarly ensure that every charter school expanding its enrollment in any subsequent year of operation receives the Federal funding for which it is eligible not later than 5 months of such expansion.”.

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2746) to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children and for consideration of the bill (H.R.

2616) to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools.

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2746) to amend title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to give parents with low-incomes the opportunity to choose the appropriate school for their children. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The bill shall be debatable for two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. After disposition of the bill (H.R. 2746), the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2616) to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. 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 Education and the Workforce. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Goodling of Pennsylvania or his designee. That amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes 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. If that amendment is adopted, the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. During consideration of the bill for further 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. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee on the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows an 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. 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. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. 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.

SEC. 3. (a) In the engrossment of H.R. 2616, the Clerk shall—

(1) add the text of H.R. 2746, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 2616;

(2) conform the title of H.R. 2616 to reflect the addition of the text of H.R. 2746 to the engrossment;

(3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and

(4) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

(b) Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 2746 to the engrossment of H.R. 2616, H.R. 2746 shall be laid on the table.

SEC. 4. House Resolution 280 is laid on the table.