

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1252, THE
JUDICIAL REFORM ACT OF 1998

APRIL 22, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 408]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 408, 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. 1252, the “Judicial Reform Act of 1998” 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 the Judiciary.

The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new budget authority, changes in revenues, or changes in the public debt for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that year has been agreed to).

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by striking section 9 (and redesignating succeeding sections accordingly). The rule provides that each section of that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

The rule waives points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) or section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The rule provides that Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consider-

ation will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules.

The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote.

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