

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 463, TO ESTABLISH THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND MILITARY/COMMERCIAL CONCERNS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

JUNE 17, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 476]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 476, 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 House Resolution 463, to “Establish the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People’s Republic of China” under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules.

The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule also provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted.

Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motion.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(2)(B) of House Rule XI the results of each rollcall vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Rollcall No. 96

Date: June 17, 1998.

Measure: House Resolution 463, a resolution Establishing the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order an amendment by Representative Condit that would transfer funds available to the Government Reform and Oversight Committee for its campaign finance investigation to the new Select Committee.

Results: Defeated 8-2.

Vote by members: Dreier—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; McInnis—Nay; Hastings—Nay; Myrick—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Solomon—Nay.

The Rules Committee includes the following letter from House Oversight Chairman Thomas regarding House Resolution 463:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT,
Washington, DC, June 10, 1998.

Hon. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON,
*Chairman, Committee on Rules,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR JERRY: I am writing regarding H. Res. 463, establishing the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial concerns with the People's Republic of China (Select Committee) to investigate the transfer of technology that may have contributed to the enhancement of the accuracy, reliability and capability of nuclear-armed intercontinental ballistic missiles or other weapons of the People's Republic of China.

As you know, the Committee on House Oversight normally authorizes amounts for committee salaries and expenses, pursuant to House Rule X(h)(1) and House Rule XI, clause 5(a). However, due to the serious national security implications of the issues that the Select Committee will examine, the Committee on House Oversight chooses not to exercise its jurisdiction prior to consideration by the House of H. Res. 463. This will allow the House to address this important issue as expeditiously as possible.

I look forward to continuing consultation and cooperation on matters within the jurisdiction of both committees. Please contact me immediately if I can be of any assistance with the establishment of the Select Committee.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS, Chairman.