

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2466, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

JULY 12, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 243]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 243, by a record vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2466, the “Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000,” 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 Appropriations.

The rule waives section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee’s jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) and section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing new contract, borrowing, or entitlement authority not subject to appropriation) against consideration of the bill. The rule also waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill, except as otherwise specified in the rule.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in this report, which may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, 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. All points of order are waived against the amendment printed in this report.

The rule further waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropria-

tions bill containing an emergency designation) against amendments offered during consideration of the bill.

Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce 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.

The waiver of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because sections 101 and 102 of the bill contain provisions that provide an emergency designation for firefighter benefits. The emergency designations are within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, but were not reported by that committee. Similar provisions have been included in Interior appropriations bills for previous fiscal years.

The waiver of section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because section 109 of the bill, which concerns the annual leave provision for Helium Operations Employees, and the Salaries and Expenses provision of the National Capital Planning Commission both create new entitlement authority. Similar provisions have been in Interior appropriations bills for previous fiscal years.

The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI is necessary because there are several unauthorized or legislative changes in the bill. Title III of the Appropriations Committee report (106-222) lists legislative changes, transfers of funds, and unauthorized provisions contained in the bill. Some of the unauthorized programs include Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fossil Energy Research and Development, and the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

The waiver of clause 2(e) of rule XXI is necessary because the bill contains emergency designations for provisions in sections 101 and 102. Offering an amendment containing an emergency designation would in turn violate section 306 of the Budget Act. Consequently, in order for any amendments to be offered to this bill, this prohibition needs to be waived.

Finally, the waiver of all points of order against the amendment printed in this report is necessary because the amends sections of the bill not yet read for amendment and the proviso clause, which makes the percent cut apply evenly, contains legislative language.

Text of the amendment made in order under the rule:

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE

On page 6, line 13, strike "\$20,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$15,000,000".

On page 68, line 20, strike "\$190,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$256,000,000".

And at the end of the bill insert the following:

"SEC. . Each amount of budget authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, provided in this Act for payments not required by law, is hereby reduced by 0.48 percent: *Provided*, That

such reductions shall be applied ratably to each account, program, activity, and project provided for in this Act.”

