

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2587,  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

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JULY 26, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 260]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 260, by a nonrecord 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. 2587, the “District of Columbia 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 clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill), section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee’s jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) and section 401 (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the current fiscal year) of the Congressional Budget Act 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.

The rule makes in order the amendments printed in this report which may be offered only by a Member designated in this report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill. Amendments printed in this report shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled between the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report.

The rule authorizes the chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time 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.

The waiver of clause 4(c) of rule XIII is necessary because printed hearings are not yet available and H.R. 2587 may be considered on the floor as early as Tuesday, July 27. The waiver of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because sections 123 and 124 of the bill concern the sequestration process. The waiver of section 401 of the Congressional Budget Act is necessary because section 120, regarding compensation of District of Columbia employees, may be construed as entitlement authority. The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI is necessary because the bill contains at least 66 legislative provisions which are detailed in the Appropriations Committee's report.

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. Tiahrt—Prohibits the use of District and Federal funds on a needle exchange program for illegal drugs, or for any payment to any individual or entity who carries out any such program. (30 minutes).

2. Largent—Prohibits the use of funds contained in this Act from being used to allow joint adoptions by persons who are unrelated by either blood or marriage. (30 minutes).

3. Bilbray—Prohibits a minor's possession of tobacco products in the District of Columbia. Contains a penalty section, which is modeled after the Commonwealth of Virginia's penalty section for minors found in violation of tobacco possession. (20 minutes).

4. Barr—Prohibits the use of funds contained in this Act from being used to legalize or reduce penalties for the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 802) or any tetrahydrocannabinols derivative. (20 minutes).

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

##### 1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TIAHRT OF KANSAS, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 30 MINUTES

Amend section 150 to read as follows:

##### STERILE NEEDLES FUNDS RESTRICTION

SEC. 150. None of the funds contained in this Act may be used for any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug, or for any payment to any individual or entity who carries out any such program.

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2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LARGENT OF OKLAHOMA, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 30 MINUTES

Page 65, insert after line 24 the following:

SEC. 167. None of the funds contained in this Act may be used to carry out any joint adoption of a child between individuals who are not related by blood or marriage.

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3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BILBRAY OF CALIFORNIA, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Page 65, insert after line 24 the following:

BANNING POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY MINORS

SEC. 167. (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any individual under 18 years of age to possess any cigarette or other tobacco produce in the District of Columbia.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) POSSESSION IN COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to an individual making a delivery of cigarettes or tobacco products in pursuance of employment.

(2) PARTICIPATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to an individual possessing products in the course of a valid, supervised law enforcement operation.

(c) PENALTIES.—Any individual who violates subsection (a) shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) For any violation, the individual may be required to perform community service or attend a tobacco cessation program.

(2) Upon the first violation, the individual shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$50.

(3) Upon the second and each subsequent violation, the individual shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100.

(4) Upon the third and each subsequent violation, the individual may have his or her driving privileges in the District of Columbia suspended for a period of 90 consecutive days.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply during fiscal year 2000 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF GEORGIA, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Page 65, insert after line 24 the following new section:

SEC. 167. None of the funds contained in this Act may be used to enact or carry out any law, rule, or regulation to legalize or otherwise reduce penalties associated with the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802) or any tetrahydrocannabinols derivative.