

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 513, 527
REFORM ACT OF 2005

APRIL 4, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 755]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 755, by a recorded vote of 9 to 3, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 513, the 527 Reform Act of 2005, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in this report, shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that all points of order against the bill, as amended, are waived.

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

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The Committee on Rules is not aware of any points of order against consideration of the bill. The waivers of all points of order are prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House rule XIII the results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 164

Date: April 4, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Representative Emanuel which amends the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) to provide that any 501(c)(6) that makes any "electioneering communications" aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year becomes a Federal political committee, required to register and report with the FEC.

Results: Defeated 3 to 9.

Vote by members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 165

Date: April 4, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005.

Motion by: Mrs. Matsui.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Representative Wynn which clarifies the ability of Federal officeholders to attend and participate in State and local party fundraisers and allows them to endorse Federal, State, and local candidates.

Results: Defeated 3 to 9.

Vote by members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Capito—Nay; Cole—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee record vote No. 166

Date: April 4, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005.

Motion by: Mr. Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida.

Summary of motion: To report the rule.

Results: Agreed 9 to 3.

Vote by members: Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea; Putnam—Yea; Capito—Yea; Cole—Yea; Bishop—Yea; Gingrey—Yea; Slaughter—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Dreier—Yea.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

(Summary of amendment derived from information provided by the sponsor.)

Dreier: Removes the limits on the amounts parties can spend in coordination with their own candidates. Also changes the short title of the bill to the "527 Reform Act of 2006."

TEXT OF AMENDMENT CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

In section 1, strike "527 Reform Act of 2005" and insert "527 Reform Act of 2006".

Insert after section 3 the following:

SEC. 4. REPEAL OF LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF PARTY EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES IN GENERAL ELECTIONS.

(a) **REPEAL OF LIMIT.**—Section 315(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law with respect to limitations on expenditures or limitations on contributions, the national committee” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law with respect to limitations on amounts of expenditures or contributions, a national committee”,

(B) by striking “the general” and inserting “any”, and

(C) by striking “Federal office, subject to the limitations contained in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this subsection” and inserting “Federal office in any amount”; and

(2) by striking paragraphs (2), (3), and (4).

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) **INDEXING.**—Section 315(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking “(d),”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking “subsections (b) and (d)” and inserting “subsection (b)”.

(2) **INCREASE IN LIMITS FOR SENATE CANDIDATES FACING WEALTHY OPPONENTS.**—Section 315(i) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(i)(1)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(C)(iii)—

(i) by adding “and” at the end of subclause (I),

(ii) in subclause (II), by striking “; and” and inserting a period, and

(iii) by striking subclause (III);

(B) in paragraph (2)(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “; and a party committee shall not make any expenditure.”;

(C) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by striking “and party expenditures previously made”; and

(D) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “and a party shall not make any expenditure”.

(3) **INCREASE IN LIMITS FOR HOUSE CANDIDATES FACING WEALTHY OPPONENTS.**—Section 315A(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a—1(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by adding “and” at the end of subparagraph (A),

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and” and inserting a period, and

(iii) by striking subparagraph (C);

(B) in paragraph (3)(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “; and a party committee shall not make any expenditure.”;

(C) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), by striking “and party expenditures previously made”; and

(D) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “and a party shall not make any expenditure”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect January 1, 2006.

