

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5631,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

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JUNE 19, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 877]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 877, by a nonrecord vote, reports 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. 5631, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2007, under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill). The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriation bill). The waiver of clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) is nec-

essary because there are numerous legislative provisions included in the bill.

The waiver of all points of order also includes a waiver of Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget unless reported by the Budget Committee), because section 8085 of the bill contains requirements regarding the content of the budget of the President for fiscal year 2008, and in addition, there are numerous emergency designations in the bill.