

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY THE BILL (H.R. 2419) TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

MAY 13, 2008.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 1189]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 1189, by a record vote of 7 to 4, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 and against its consideration. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration includes a waiver of clause 8 of rule XXII (requiring a three-day layover of conference reports and the accompanying joint explanatory statement). Although the rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration, the conference report does not violate clause 9 of rule XXI. It should be noted that the conference report uses the CBO 2007 baseline, the year in which the bill passed both the House and the Senate, and under that baseline CBO has determined that the conference report will not increase the deficit in either the 2008–2012 or the 2008–2017 scoring window. Therefore, while there is a technical violation of clause 10 of rule XXI, the conference report complies with the rule by remaining budget neutral with no net increase in direct spending.

COMMITTEE VOTES

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. 492

Date: May 13, 2008.

Measure: Conference report on H.R. 2419.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: Add a new section at the end of the resolution as follows: That upon adoption of this resolution, H.R. 2642 (FY2008 Military Construction & Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill) and H.R. 2638 (FY2008 Homeland Security Appropriations bill), and their accompanying papers are laid on the table.

Results: Defeated 4–7.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea.

Rules Committee record vote No. 493

Date: May 13, 2008.

Measure: Conference report on H.R. 2419.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: Waive all points of order against the conference report except for Clause 10 of rule XXI.

Results: Defeated 4–7.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Nay; Hastings (FL)—Nay; Matsui—Nay; Welch—Nay; Castor—Nay; Arcuri—Nay; Sutton—Nay; Dreier—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; Hastings (WA)—Yea; Sessions—Yea.

Rules Committee record vote No. 494

Date: May 13, 2008.

Measure: Conference report on H.R. 2419.

Motion by: Mr. Hastings (FL).

Summary of motion: To report the rule.

Results: Adopted 7–4.

Vote by Members: McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Welch—Yea; Castor—Yea; Arcuri—Yea; Sutton—Yea; Dreier—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Hastings (WA)—Nay; Sessions—Nay.