
PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 5055) MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

May 23, 2016.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MR. NEWHOUSE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. __]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution ____, by a nonrecord vote, 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. 5055, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, under a modified-open rule. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule except that: 1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and 2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The resolution authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides that section 508 of H.R. 5055 shall be considered to be a spending reduction account for purposes of

section 3(d) of House Resolution 5.

Section 3 of the resolution provides that during consideration of H.R. 5055, section 3304 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 shall not apply.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII (“Ramseyer”), requiring a committee report accompanying a bill amending or repealing statutes to show, by typographical device, parts of statute affected. The waiver is provided because the submission provided by the Committee on Appropriations was insufficient to meet the standards established by the rule in its current form. The Committee on Rules continues to work with the House Office of Legislative Counsel and committees to determine the steps necessary to comply with the updated rule.

The resolution includes a waiver of points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI, which prohibits unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill. This waiver is necessary because H.R. 5055 contains unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions.

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. 176

Motion by Mr. McGovern to report an open rule. Defeated: 4–6

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx.....	Nay	Ms. Slaughter.....	Yea
Mr. Cole.....		Mr. McGovern.....	Yea
Mr. Woodall.....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida.....	Yea
Mr. Burgess.....	Nay	Mr. Polis.....	Yea
Mr. Stivers.....	Nay		
Mr. Collins.....			
Mr. Byrne.....	Nay		
Mr. Newhouse.....			
Mr. Sessions, Chairman.....	Nay		