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H. RES. 472

Providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3801) to improve the operations of the legislative branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1994

Mrs. FOWLER (for herself, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Ms. DUNN, and Mr. DREIER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3801) to improve the operations of the legislative branch of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved*, That on the fifth legislative day after the
2 adoption of this resolution, immediately after the approval
3 of the Journal, the House shall resolve itself into the Com-
4 mittee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for
5 the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3801) to improve the
6 operations of the legislative branch of the Federal Govern-
7 ment, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill
8 shall be dispensed with, and all points of order against
9 the bill and against its consideration are waived. After

1 general debate which shall be confined to the bill and the
2 amendments made in order by this resolution, and which
3 shall not exceed three hours: one hour to be equally di-
4 vided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minor-
5 ity member of the Committee on Rules; thirty minutes to
6 be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and
7 ranking minority member of the Committee on Govern-
8 ment Operations; thirty minutes to be equally divided and
9 controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member
10 of the Committee on House Administration; and one hour
11 to be equally divided and controlled by Representative
12 Hamilton of Indiana and Representative Dreier of Califor-
13 nia, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the
14 five-minute rule. No amendment to the bill shall be in
15 order except amendments which have been printed in the
16 portion of the Congressional Record designated for that
17 purpose not later than the second legislative day after the
18 adoption of this resolution. It shall not be in order to con-
19 sider an amendment in the nature of a substitute unless
20 offered at the end of the amendment process.

21 SEC. 2. (a) It shall first be in order to consider not
22 more than two amendments in each of the subject areas
23 listed in subsection (b), one in each subject area to be of-
24 fered by Representative Dreier, or a designee, and one in

1 each subject area to be offered by Representative Hamil-
2 ton, or a designee.

3 (b) The subject areas for amendments to be offered
4 under this section are—

5 (1) House committee jurisdictional realignment;

6 (2) term limits for committee chairmen and
7 ranking minority members;

8 (3) open committee meeting requirements;

9 (4) committee attendance and quorum require-
10 ments;

11 (5) proxy voting;

12 (6) budget process reforms providing for a zero-
13 based budget and a deficit reduction lockbox;

14 (7) legislative branch personnel; and

15 (8) a pplication of Federal laws to Congress.

16 (c) The amendments to be considered under this sec-
17 tion shall be offered in the order of the Member specified
18 in subsection (a) and in the order of subject area specified
19 in subsection (b), shall not be subject to amendment but
20 shall be debatable for not to exceed thirty minutes each
21 to be equally divided and controlled by the proponent and
22 an opponent, all points of order against said amendments
23 are waived, and it shall not be in order to demand a divi-
24 sion of the question on any such amendment in the House
25 or in the Committee of the Whole.

1 (d) Any amendment adopted under this section shall
2 be considered as having been adopted in the House and
3 in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered
4 as base text for the purposes of further amendment under
5 the five-minute rule: *Provided*, That if both amendments
6 are adopted in the same subject area, and Representative
7 Hamilton or his designee has designated the second
8 amendment as an alternative to the first amendment at
9 the time the second amendment is offered, then the
10 amendment adopted receiving the most favorable votes
11 shall be considered as the only amendment having been
12 adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole
13 and as base text for the purpose of further amendment
14 under the five-minute rule.

15 SEC. 3. Following the disposition of amendments of-
16 fered under section 2, the bill shall be considered for fur-
17 ther amendment under the five-minute rule by title, in-
18 stead of by section, and each title shall be considered as
19 read.

20 SEC. 4. If on any day the Committee of the Whole
21 rises and reports that it has come to no resolution on the
22 bill, then on the next legislative day the House shall, im-
23 mediately after the approval of the Journal, resolve into
24 the Committee of the Whole for further consideration of
25 the bill.

1 SEC. 5. At the conclusion of the consideration of the
2 bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report
3 the bill to the House with such amendments as may have
4 been adopted, and a separate vote may be demanded by
5 any Member on any amendment adopted in the Committee
6 of the Whole to the bill or to an amendment in the nature
7 of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered
8 as ordered on the bill and any amendment thereto to final
9 passage without intervening motion except one motion to
10 recommit, with or without instructions.

11 SEC. 6. After passage of H.R. 3801, it shall be in
12 order, as a matter of the highest privilege, to consider in
13 the House the first such comparable bill of the Senate re-
14 ceived by the House, any rule of the House to the contrary
15 notwithstanding. All points of order against the Senate bill
16 and against its consideration are waived. It shall be in
17 order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of
18 the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions
19 of H.R. 3801 as passed by the House. All points of order
20 against that motion are waived. If the motion is adopted
21 and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, it shall be in
22 order to move that the House insist on its amendments
23 to the Senate bill and request a conference with the Senate
24 thereon.

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