

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 436, THE
GOVERNMENT WASTE, FRAUD AND ERROR REDUCTION
ACT OF 1999

FEBRUARY 9, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 43]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 43, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 436, the “Government Waste, Fraud and Error Reduction Act of 1999” under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform.

The rule waives section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or contract authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that fiscal year has been agreed to) against the consideration of the bill. The rule also provides that the bill will be considered as read.

Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record* prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instruction.

The waiver of section 303 of the Budget Act is necessary because there is no FY 1999 budget resolution and Budget Committee Chairman Kasich has not yet published in the *Congressional Record* budget allocations pursuant to House Resolution 5.

