

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1553, THE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND RELATED AGENCIES
AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1999

MAY 18, 1999.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 175]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 175, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 1553, the “National Weather Service and Related Agencies Authorization 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 Science.

The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and now printed in the bill. The amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read.

The rule permits the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those Members who caused their amendment to be printed in the Congressional Record and permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time 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 instructions.

The waiver of clause 4(a) of rule XIII is necessary because the committee report accompanying the bill was filed on May 18, 1999, and the bill is expected to be considered on the floor on May 19.

