

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 5811) TO AMEND TITLE 44, UNITED STATES CODE, TO REQUIRE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN ELECTRONIC RECORDS BY FEDERAL AGENCIES, TO REQUIRE A CERTIFICATION AND REPORTS RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JULY 8, 2008.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 1318]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 1318, by a non-record 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. 5811, the “Electronic Message Preservation Act,” under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark disclosure).

The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration (except for those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI), the Committee is not aware of any specific points of

order. The waivers of all points of order against the bill and against its consideration are prophylactic.

