

Madam Speaker,

I ask unanimous consent that (1) it be in order at any time for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule 18, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which shall proceed according to the following order:

- The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with.
- All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule 21.
- General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and

controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

- After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.
- Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived.
- Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule 18, no amendment to the bill may be offered except:
 - Pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;
 - An amendment by Mr. Hayes regarding funding for BRAC 2005;

- An amendment by Mr. Blumenauer or Ms. Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida regarding funding for BRAC 1990;
- An amendment by Mr. Price of Georgia regarding funding for VA medical services;
- An amendment by Mr. Franks of Arizona regarding the conduct of studies of missile defense;
- An amendment by Ms. Capito regarding the submission of a report on the implementation of the Office of Rural Health;
- An amendment by Mr. Garrett of New Jersey regarding funding for Extended Care Facilities;

- An amendment by Mrs. Drake regarding a report on pending disability benefit claims;
- An amendment by Mr. Brown of South Carolina regarding a report on ALS;
- An amendment by Mr. Hall of New York regarding awards for certain VA employees;
- An amendment by Ms. Musgrave or Mr. Salazar regarding the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site;
- An amendment by Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas regarding medical centers in underserved urban areas;
- An amendment by Ms. Blackburn regarding e-commerce;

- An amendment by Mr. Donnelly regarding implementation of GAO recommendations related to claims processing;
- An amendment by Ms. Harman or Mr. Upton regarding purchase of light bulbs;
- An amendment by Mr. Pearce regarding reimbursement of travel expenses for VA employees;
- An amendment by Mr. ^{Conaway}~~Conaway~~ or Mrs. Drake regarding deficit spending;
- An amendment by Mr. Pence regarding a funding limitation on the construction of a structure or purchase of equipment for the purpose of performing abortions;

- An amendment by Ms. Capito regarding interoperable medical records;
- An amendment by Mr. Moran of Kansas regarding funding for VA medical services;
- An amendment by Ms. Corrine Brown of Florida regarding funding for the Gainesville Veteran Affairs Medical Center;
- An amendment by Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico regarding funding for service dogs for disabled veterans;
- An amendment by Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico regarding funding to create a commission concerning women veterans;

- An amendment by Mr. Moran of Kansas regarding funding for certain VA offices;
- An amendment by Mr. Smith of Nebraska or Mr. Salazar regarding funding for the VA Office of Rural Health; and
- An amendment or amendments by Mr. Edwards regarding funding levels.
- Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member named in this request or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject

to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

- Each amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.
- When the committee rises and reports the bill back to the House with a recommendation that the bill do pass, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

- During consideration in the House of H.R. 2642 pursuant to this order, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker; and

(2) House Resolution 480 is laid on the table.