

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3843, THE  
SMALL BUSINESS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2000

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MARCH 14, 2000.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 439]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 439, by a nonrecord 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 the consideration of H.R. 3843, the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, 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 Small Business.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be open for amendment by section. The waiver of all points of order is necessary because the bill violates clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII (relating to the availability of a cost estimate in a report) and clause 4(a)(1) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). Members who have preprinted 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 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. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Finally, the rule lays H. Res. 432 (providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 376) on the table.

