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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 10) TO REAUTHORIZE THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY AND RESULTS ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 692) TO ENSURE THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL OF THE DEBT OF THE UNITED STATES

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OCTOBER 20, 2015.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Ms. FOXX, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

# R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 480]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 480, 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 consideration of H.R. 10, the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization Act, under a structured rule. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the amendments recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution makes in order only those further amendments printed in this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Section 2 of the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 692, the Default Prevention Act, under a closed rule. The resolution provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution provides one motion to recommit.

## EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII ("Ramseyer"), requiring a committee report accompanying a bill amending or repealing statutes to show, by typographical device, parts of statute affected. The waiver is provided because the submission provided by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform was insufficient to meet the standards established by the rule in its current form. The Committee on Rules continues to work with the House Office of Legislative Counsel and committees to determine the steps necessary to comply with the updated rule.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 10, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against amendments to H.R. 10 printed in this report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 692, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 692, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

## COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

*Rules Committee record vote No. 113*

Motion by Ms. Slaughter to report open rules for H.R. 10 and H.R. 692. Defeated: 3–6

| Majority Members | Vote | Minority Members | Vote |
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| Ms. Foxx | Nay | Ms. Slaughter | Yea |
| Mr. Cole | | Mr. McGovern | Yea |
| Mr. Woodall | Nay | Mr. Hastings of Florida | Yea |
| Mr. Burgess | | Mr. Polis | |
| Mr. Stivers | Nay | | |
| Mr. Collins | Nay | | |
| Mr. Byrne | Nay | | |
| Mr. Newhouse | | | |
| Mr. Sessions, Chairman | Nay | | |

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 10 MADE IN ORDER

1. Chaffetz (UT): MANAGER'S Makes small, technical changes to the bill. (10 minutes)

2. Norton (DC): Restores the requirement that the voucher program be evaluated using the strongest possible research design, and would limit voucher students to no more than 50% of a school's total enrollment. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 10 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAFFETZ OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 9, beginning line 5, strike "identified as a low-achieving school according to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education of the District of Columbia" and insert "identified as one of the lowest-performing schools under the District of Columbia's accountability system".

Page 10, beginning line 25, strike ", or by any other accrediting body determined appropriate by the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent for Schools for the purpose of accrediting an elementary or secondary school".

Page 16, beginning line 7, strike "identified as a low-achieving school according to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education of the District of Columbia" and insert "identified as one of the lowest-performing schools under the District of Columbia's accountability system".

Page 18, line 10, strike "evaluate" and insert "report on".

Page 21, line 12, strike "A comparison of" and insert "A report on".

Page 21, line 18, strike "with the rates" and insert "as well as the rates".

Page 21, line 22, after the period add the following: "Nothing in this subparagraph may be construed to waive section 3004(a)(3)(A)(iii) with respect to any such student.".

Page 25, beginning line 20, strike "may direct the funds provided for any fiscal year, or any portion thereof," and insert "shall direct the funds provided for any fiscal year".

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2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of section 6 the following new subsection:

(f) LIMIT ON PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION OF SCHOOL WHO RECEIVE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 3007(a) (sec. 38-1853.07(a), D.C. Official Code), as amended by subsection (b), is further amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "paragraphs (2), (3), and (5)" and inserting "paragraphs (2), (3), (5), and (6)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(6) LIMIT ON PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION RECEIVING OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds provided under this Act for opportunity scholarships may be used by an eligible

student to enroll in a participating school for a school year unless the school certifies to the eligible entity that, for the school year, the number of students enrolled in the school who receive opportunity scholarships under this Act does not exceed the number of students enrolled in the school who do not receive opportunity scholarships under this Act.

"(B) EXCEPTIONS.—In determining the number of students enrolled in a school who receive opportunity scholarships under this Act for a school year under subparagraph (A), there shall be excluded any student who was receiving an opportunity scholarship as of the date of the enactment of the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization Act and any student who is the sibling of a student who was receiving an opportunity scholarship as of the date of the enactment of such Act.".

Page 18, strike line 23 and all that follows through page 19, line 5 and insert the following:

"(i) is conducted using the strongest possible research design for determining the effectiveness of the opportunity scholarship program under this Act; and".

Page 20, strike lines 4 through 9 and insert the following:

"(C) work with the eligible entities to ensure that the parents of each student who applies for a scholarship under this Act (regardless of whether the student receives the scholarship) and the parents of each student participating in the scholarship program under this Act, agree that the student will participate, if requested by the Institute, in the measurements given annually by the Institute for the period for which the student applied for or received the scholarship, respectively, except that nothing in this subparagraph shall affect a student's priority for an opportunity scholarship as provided under section 3006.".

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