

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on Rules and Journal recommends HR 6004 be amended on page 2, after line 43, by inserting the following:

"Rule 108. Rulings on Germaneness, Division of Amendments, Points of Order and Procedural Motions. Any member, upon recognition by the presiding officer, may request a ruling upon the germaneness of any amendment to a bill or resolution, the division of an amendment to a bill or resolution, a point of order or a procedural motion. Any such ruling shall be made by the chairperson of the House Committee on Rules and Journal, or in the absence of the chairperson the vice chairperson of the Committee. At the time of making such ruling, the chairperson, or vice chairperson, shall state the reasons or basis for such ruling. Appeals from rulings of the chairperson, or vice chairperson, may be taken upon the motion of any member. Such appeals shall be in order at the time of the making of the ruling and shall take precedence over any question pending at the time the chairperson, or vice chairperson, makes such ruling.

Appeals from rulings on questions of germaneness of an amendment shall be debatable only by the member making the motion to amend which is the subject of the ruling, the member carrying the measure sought to be amended, the Majority Leader or a member designated by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a member designated by the Minority Leader. Appeals from rulings on requests for division of an amendment shall be debatable only by the member requesting division of the motion to amend, the member making the motion to amend which is the subject of the ruling, the member carrying the measure sought to be amended, the Majority Leader or a member designated by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a member designated by the Minority Leader. Appeals

from rulings on a point of order or procedural motion shall be debatable only by the member raising the point of order or making the procedural motion which is the subject of the ruling, the member appealing the ruling, the Majority Leader or a member designated by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a member designated by the Minority Leader. Each member may speak no more than two minutes. Debate shall be limited to the question of the ruling of the chairperson, or vice chairperson, and, in the case of division of an amendment, shall be limited as provided in Rule 2105.

At the conclusion of debate the presiding officer shall inquire: "Shall the chairperson's (or vice chairperson's) ruling be sustained?";

On page 16, by striking all in lines 11 through 27; in line 43, by striking the first "chairperson" and inserting "presiding officer"; also in line 43, by striking the second "chairperson" and inserting "presiding officer";

On page 17, in line 11 by striking "chairperson" and inserting "presiding officer"; in line 15 by striking "chairperson" and inserting "presiding officer"; in line 19 by striking "chairperson" and inserting "presiding officer"; in line 22, by striking all after "(d)"; by striking all in line 23 through 26; in line 27, by striking "(e)"; in line 29, after "chairperson" by inserting "of the Committee on Rules and Journal, or in the chairperson's absence the vice chairperson of the Committee,"; in line 31, after "chairperson" by inserting ", or vice chairperson,"; and the resolution be adopted as amended.

Chairperson