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H. RES. _____

Report No. 118—_____

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140) to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 27) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”; and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 619) to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2023

Mr. Massie, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution; which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140) to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 27) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by

the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”; and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 619) to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this reso-
2 lution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule
3 XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of
4 the Whole House on the state of the Union for consider-
5 ation of the bill (H.R. 140) to amend title 5, United States
6 Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for
7 censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for
8 other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dis-
9 pensed with. All points of order against consideration of
10 the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to
11 the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and
12 controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of
13 the Committee on Oversight and Accountability or their
14 respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be
15 considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In
16 lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute rec-
17 ommended by the Committee on Oversight and Account-
18 ability now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to con-
19 sider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment
20 under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature

1 of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee
2 Print 118-1. That amendment in the nature of a sub-
3 stitute shall be considered as read. All points of order
4 against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are
5 waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature
6 of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in
7 the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this
8 resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in
9 the order printed in the report, may be offered only by
10 a Member designated in the report, shall be considered
11 as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the
12 report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and
13 an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall
14 not be subject to a demand for division of the question
15 in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points
16 of order against such amendments are waived. At the con-
17 clusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the
18 Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with
19 such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member
20 may demand a separate vote in the House on any amend-
21 ment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill
22 or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made
23 in order as original text. The previous question shall be
24 considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto

1 to final passage without intervening motion except one
2 motion to recommit.

3 SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be
4 in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J.
5 Res. 27) providing for congressional disapproval under
6 chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule sub-
7 mitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engi-
8 neers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Pro-
9 tection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters
10 of the United States’”. All points of order against consid-
11 eration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolu-
12 tion shall be considered as read. All points of order against
13 provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous
14 question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolu-
15 tion and on any amendment thereto to final passage with-
16 out intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate
17 equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking
18 minority member of the Committee on Transportation and
19 Infrastructure or their respective designees; and (2) one
20 motion to recommit.

21 SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be
22 in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 619) to re-
23 quire the Director of National Intelligence to declassify in-
24 formation relating to the origin of COVID–19, and for
25 other purposes. All points of order against consideration

1 of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read.
2 All points of order against provisions in the bill are
3 waived. The previous question shall be considered as or-
4 dered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final
5 passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour
6 of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and
7 ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Com-
8 mittee on Intelligence or their respective designees; and
9 (2) one motion to commit.

10 SEC. 4. The provisions of section 7 of the War Powers
11 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546) shall not apply to a concur-
12 rent resolution introduced during the first session of the
13 One Hundred Eighteenth Congress pursuant to section 5
14 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544) with re-
15 spect to Syria.

16 SEC. 5. If a veto message is laid before the House
17 on House Joint Resolution 30, then after the message is
18 read and the objections of the President are spread at
19 large upon the Journal, further consideration of the veto
20 message and the joint resolution shall be postponed until
21 the legislative day of March 23, 2023; and on that legisla-
22 tive day, the House shall proceed to the constitutional
23 question of reconsideration and dispose of such question
24 without intervening motion.