AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-7

OFFERED BY MR. ARRINGTON OF TEXAS

Page 617, insert after line 2 the following new subtitle (and redesignate the succeeding subtitle accordingly):

Subtitle E—Ensuring Timely Completion of Budget Resolution and Appropriations Bills

SEC. 9401. FAILURE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN BUDGETARY ACTIONS BY A DATE CERTAIN.

Section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 634) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) Failure to Adopt Concurrent Resolution on the Budget by a Date Certain.—(1) If by April 15 of each calendar year, the House of Representatives and the Senate have not adopted a concurrent resolution on the budget as required by section 301(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, beginning on the next calendar day, and on every other calendar day thereafter until adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget, Members shall record their presence by electronic device for purposes of establishing a quorum.
In the House of Representatives, during the period described in this subsection, a motion to adjourn to a day and time certain offered pursuant to clause 4(c)(1)(B) of rule XVI of the Rules of the House of Representatives may not require the House to stand adjourned for more than one calendar day.

“(2) For the purposes of this subsection, a ‘calendar day’ shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.”.

SEC. 9402. COMPLETION OF HOUSE ACTION ON REGULAR APPROPRIATION BILLS.

(a) Recesses.—Section 309 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 640) is amended by inserting “(a) Recesses.—” after 309. and by inserting “or August” after “July”.

(b) Passage of General Appropriation Bills.—Section 309 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 640) (as amended by subsection (a)) is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) Passage of General Appropriation Bills.—(1) If by the last day of each fiscal year, the House of Representatives and the Senate have not passed each of the general appropriation bills, individually or a combination thereof, beginning on the next calendar day,
and on every other calendar day thereafter until the pas-
sage of all general appropriation bills, individually or a
combination thereof, Members shall record their presence
by electronic device for purposes of establishing a quorum.
In the House of Representatives, during the period de-
scribed in this subsection, a motion to adjourn to a day
and time certain offered pursuant to clause 4(e)(1)(B) of
rule XVI may not require the House to stand adjourned
for more than one calendar day.

“(2) For the purposes of this subsection, a ‘calendar
day’ shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holi-
days.”.