

Union Calendar No. 456

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5233

[Report No. 114–586]

To repeal the Local Budget Autonomy Amendment Act of 2012, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the respective roles of the District government and Congress in the local budget process of the District government, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2016

Mr. MEADOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

MAY 23, 2016

Additional sponsor: Mr. HARRIS

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clarifying Congres-
5 sional Intent in Providing for DC Home Rule Act of
6 2016”.

7 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF LOCAL BUDGET AUTONOMY AMEND-**
8 **MENT ACT OF 2012.**

9 Effective with respect to fiscal year 2013 and each
10 succeeding fiscal year, the Local Budget Autonomy
11 Amendment Act of 2012 (D.C. Law 19–321) is hereby
12 repealed, and any provision of law amended or repealed
13 by such Act shall be restored or revived as if such Act
14 had not been enacted into law.

15 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF ROLES OF DISTRICT GOVERN-**
16 **MENT AND CONGRESS IN LOCAL BUDGET**
17 **PROCESS.**

18 (a) CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION OF FEDERAL
19 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS TO GENERAL FUND.—Section
20 450 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–
21 204.50, D.C. Official Code) is amended—

22 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The Gen-
23 eral Fund” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The
24 General Fund”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS
4 PROCESS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed as cre-
5 ating a continuing appropriation of the General Fund de-
6 scribed in subsection (a). All funds provided for the Dis-
7 trict of Columbia shall be appropriated on an annual fiscal
8 year basis through the Federal appropriations process.
9 For each fiscal year, the District shall be subject to all
10 applicable requirements of subchapter III of chapter 13
11 and subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31, United States
12 Code (commonly known as the ‘Anti-Deficiency Act’), the
13 Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, and all other require-
14 ments and restrictions applicable to appropriations for
15 such fiscal year.”.

16 (b) CLARIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY
17 OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO CHANGE EXISTING BUDG-
18 ET PROCESS LAWS.—Section 603(a) of such Act (sec. 1–
19 206.03(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “existing”; and

21 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
22 ing the following: “, or as authorizing the District
23 of Columbia to make any such change.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
3 ment of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

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