

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2551) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JULY 20, 2011.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 359]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 359, 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. 2551, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012, 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 Appropriations. 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 points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that the chair and ranking minority member or their respective designees may offer pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate at any time. 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. All points of order against the amendments are waived. Finally, the resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of section 3(j)(5) of H. Res. 5 of the 112th Congress, which prohibits the consideration of a general appropriations bill unless it includes a spending reduction account. While the bill includes an account with the appropriate caption, the account fails to comply with the definition of a spending reduction account because the bill and the account specifically exclude Senate items as is customary to preserve comity between the Houses.

The resolution includes a waiver of points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI, which prohibits unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill. This waiver is necessary because the bill contains unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions.

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

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. 115

Motion by Ms. Slaughter to report an open rule. Defeated: 4–6

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Sessions	Nay	Ms. Slaughter	Yea
Ms. Foxx	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Nugent	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida	Yea
Mr. Scott of South Carolina	Nay	Mr. Polis	Yea
Mr. Webster	Nay		
Mr. Dreier, Chairman	Nay		

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. Bishop, Sanford (GA): Would transfer Member Transition Activities funds to increase the Capitol Police fund by \$1,000,000 in order to establish a Security Fund for Member's District Office Security Upgrades. (10 minutes)

2. Watt (NC): Would reduce funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) by 40% (\$619,200) and transfer the funds to the Spending Reduction Account. (10 minutes)

3. Broun (GA): Would reduce funding for the Joint Economic Committee by \$1,050,750 (25%) and transfers those dollars to the spending reduction account. (10 minutes)

4. Broun (GA): Would reduce funding for the Office of Compliance to the FY 2008 Level (\$467,000 reduction) and transfers those dollars to the spending reduction account. (10 minutes)

5. Hayworth (NY), Gosar (AZ): Would cut the \$632,780 increase in funding for the Botanic Garden and transfers it to the Spending Reduction Account. (10 minutes)

6. Broun (GA): Would reduce funding for the Botanic Garden to the FY 2008 Level (\$3,192,000 reduction) and transfers those dollars to the spending reduction account. (10 minutes)

7. Altmire (PA): Would restore \$1 million in funding to the Thirty-Year Mass Deacidification Program with the Library of Congress' Salaries and Expenses Account. The bill as reported by the Appropriations Committee reduces the the Thirty-Year Mass Deacidification Program by 17.7%. (10 minutes)

8. Stutzman (IN): Would reduce the Government Printing Office by \$4,946,140.80 by transferring \$3,414,150.29 from Government Printing Office, Congressional Printing and Binding, and \$1,531,990.51 from Government Printing Office, Office of Superintendent of Documents to the Spending Reduction Account. (10 minutes)

9. Moran, James (VA), Welch (VT): Would prohibit the use of funds for polystyrene containers in the food service facilities of the House of Representatives. (10 minutes)

10. Flake, Jeff (AZ): Would require all mail funded by the Members' representational allowance and from funds for official mail for committees and leadership offices of the House bear the official letterhead of the Member, committee, or office involved. (10 minutes)

11. Flake, Jeff (AZ): Would prohibit Members, committees, and leadership from using funds from this Act to purchase online ads that link to a website maintained by Members, committees, and leadership offices. (10 minutes)

12. Holt (NJ): Would provide \$2.5 million for the congressional Office of Technology Assessment and reduce funding for the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund by the same amount. (10 minutes)

13. Paulsen (MN), Miller, Candice (MI): Would prevent the distribution of printed legislation to member offices unless a member requests the legislation. (10 minutes)

14. Paulsen (MN), Miller, Candice (MI): Would prevent funds from being used to distribute printed copies of the Congressional Record to member offices. Members would still be able to receive copies online and from the legislative resource center. (10 minutes)

15. Thompson, Glenn (PA): Would prohibit any funds in the bill from being available to purchase, acquire, install, or use any medium screw base compact fluorescent lamp or light bulb (CFL). (10 minutes)

16. Hanna (NY): Would state that none of the funds may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer to make any payments from any MRA for the leasing of a vehicle in an amount that exceeds \$1,000 in any month. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

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

Page 2, line 9, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

Page 5, line 22, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

Page 6, line 6, after the dollar amount insert "(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

Page 14, line 12, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WATT OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 2, line 9, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$619,200)”.

Page 5, line 22, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$619,200)”.

Page 6, line 8, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$619,200)”.

Page 37, line 7, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$619,200)”.

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROUN OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 12, line 21, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$1,050,750)”.

Page 37, line 7, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$1,050,750)”.

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROUN OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 17, line 25, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$467,000)”.

Page 37, line 7, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$467,000)”.

5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAYWORTH OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 21, line 14, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$632,780)”.

Page 37, line 7, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$632,780)”.

6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROUN OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 21, line 14, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$3,192,000)”.

Page 37, line 7, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$3,192,000)”.

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALTMIRE OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 22, line 16, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STUTZMAN OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 28, line 10, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$3,414,150.29)”.

Page 29, line 23, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$1,531,990.51)”.

Page 37, line 7, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$4,946,140.80)”.

9. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORAN OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert the following:

LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS

SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to obtain polystyrene containers for use in food service facilities of the House of Representatives.

10. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FLAKE OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this Act for Members’ representational allowances or for official mail for committees and leadership offices of the House of Representatives may be used for any mailing that does not bear the official letterhead of the Member, committee, or office involved, other than a publication or document produced by another office of the Government or by an office of a State or local government that is included with such a mailing.

11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FLAKE OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this Act for Members’ representational allowances or for the expenses of committees and leadership offices of the House of Representatives may be used to purchase advertisements that hyperlink to any website maintained by funds provided under a Members’ representational allowance, funds provided for salaries and expenses of committees of the House, or funds provided for salaries and expenses of leadership offices of the House.

12. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLT OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 211. There is appropriated, for salaries and expenses of the Office of Technology Assessment as authorized by the Technology Assessment Act of 1972 (2 U.S.C. 471 et seq.), hereby derived from

the amount provided in this Act for the payment to the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund, \$2,500,000.

13. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PAULSEN OF MINNESOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of a bill, joint resolution, or resolution to the office of a Member of the House of Representatives (including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress) unless the Member requests a copy.

14. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PAULSEN OF MINNESOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 211. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to deliver a printed copy of any version of the Congressional Record to the office of a Member of the House of Representatives (including a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress).

15. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to purchase, acquire, install, or use any medium screw base compact fluorescent lamp or light bulb.

16. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HANNA OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. 211. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to make any payments from any Members' Representational Allowance for the leasing of a vehicle in an aggregate amount that exceeds \$1,000 for the vehicle in any month.