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H. R. 2796

To require the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to conduct the business of the committee in a manner that is open to the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 5, 2011

Mr. Buchanan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

A BILL

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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. TRANSPARENCY.
4	Section 401(b)(5) of the Budget Control Act of 2011
5	is amended—
6	(1) in subparagraph (E)—
7	(A) in clause (ii), by inserting "and make
8	the agenda available to the public" after "meet-
9	ing''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(iii) Open meetings.—
2	"(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as
3	provided in subclause (II), each meet-
4	ing, including a quorum of members,
5	of the joint committee shall be—
6	"(aa) made open to the pub-
7	lie; and
8	"(bb) made available for tel-
9	evision coverage.
10	"(II) Exception.—The joint
11	committee may conduct a closed meet-
12	ing for the purpose of discussing clas-
13	sified information."; and
14	(2) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by adding at the
15	end the following:
16	"(III) OPEN HEARINGS.—
17	"(aa) In general.—Except
18	as provided in item (bb), any
19	hearing conducted by the joint
20	committee shall be—
21	"(AA) made open to
22	the public; and
23	"(BB) made available
24	for television coverage.

1	"(bb) EXCEPTION.—The
2	joint committee may conduct a
3	closed hearing for the purpose of
4	discussing classified informa-
5	tion.".

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