

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 160

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on GAO investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2013

Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. FLORES, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. HANNA, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. BARBER, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. HIMES, Mr. POLIS, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. TERRY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. YODER, and Mr. LANCE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

---

## RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require authorizing committees to hold annual hearings on GAO investigative reports on the identification, consolidation, and elimination of duplicative Government programs.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Congressional  
4 Oversight to Start Taxpayer Savings Resolution” or the  
5 “COST Savings Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON GAO INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS.**  
2

3 Clause 2 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
4 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following  
5 new paragraph:

6 “(f) Within 90 calendar days after the Comptroller  
7 General transmits each annual report to Congress identi-  
8 fying programs, agencies, offices, and initiatives with du-  
9 plicative goals and activities within the Government pursu-  
10 ant to section 21 of the joint resolution of February 12,  
11 2010, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt  
12 (Public Law 111–139), each standing committee (except  
13 the Committee on Appropriations) with jurisdiction over  
14 any such program or agency covered by that report shall  
15 conduct hearings on the recommendations for consolida-  
16 tion and elimination of such program or agency.”.

○