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# H. R. 3253

To establish procedures for the expedited consideration by Congress of the recommendations set forth in the Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings report prepared by the Office of Management and Budget.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2015

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expedited Consider-  
5 ation of Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF CUTS, CONSOLIDA-**  
2 **TIONS, AND SAVINGS PREPARED BY THE OF-**  
3 **FICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title X of the Congres-  
5 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2  
6 U.S.C. 681 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating sections 1013 through  
8 1017 as sections 1014 through 1018, respectively;  
9 and

10 (2) by inserting after section 1012 the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 **“SEC. 1013. CUTS, CONSOLIDATIONS, AND SAVINGS REPORT**  
13 **PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT**  
14 **AND BUDGET.**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘continuous session’ relating to a  
17 House does not include a period during which that  
18 House has adjourned sine die or during which that  
19 House is not in session because of an adjournment  
20 of more than 3 days to a date certain; and

21 “(2) the term ‘covered bill’ means a bill or joint  
22 resolution—

23 “(A) transmitted under subsection (b)(2);  
24 and

25 “(B) introduced under subsection (c).

26 “(b) SPECIAL MESSAGE.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
2       after the publication of any Cuts, Consolidations,  
3       and Savings report prepared by the Office of Man-  
4       agement and Budget, or any successor thereto, the  
5       President may transmit to Congress a special mes-  
6       sage to carry out all or part of the recommendations  
7       contained in the report.

8           “(2) PROPOSED LEGISLATION.—With a special  
9       message transmitted under paragraph (1), the Presi-  
10      dent shall include a draft bill or joint resolution that  
11      would carry out the recommendations of the Presi-  
12      dent.

13      “(c) INTRODUCTION.—

14           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The majority leader or the  
15      minority leader of the Senate and the majority lead-  
16      er or the minority leader of the House of Represent-  
17      atives shall introduce (by request) a bill or joint res-  
18      olution transmitted to Congress under subsection  
19      (b)(2) not later than the end of the second day of  
20      continuous session of the Senate or the House of  
21      Representatives, respectively, after the date on which  
22      the President transmits the bill or joint resolution.

23           “(2) BY OTHER MEMBERS.—On and after the  
24      third day of continuous session of the Senate or the  
25      House of Representatives after the date on which a

1 bill or joint resolution is transmitted to Congress  
2 under subsection (b)(2), and if the bill or joint reso-  
3 lution has not been introduced under paragraph (1)  
4 in that House, it shall be in order for a Member of  
5 the Senate or the House of Representatives to intro-  
6 duce the bill or joint resolution.

7 “(d) REFERRAL.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the Senate and the  
9 House of Representatives, a covered bill shall be re-  
10 ferred to the committee or committees of the House  
11 with subject matter jurisdiction over that measure.

12 “(2) REPORTING.—A committee to which a cov-  
13 ered bill is referred—

14 “(A) shall report the covered bill without  
15 substantive revision;

16 “(B) may report the covered bill with or  
17 without recommendation; and

18 “(C) shall report the covered bill not later  
19 than the seventh day of continuous session of  
20 that House after the date of receipt of the spe-  
21 cial message that the covered bill accompanied.

22 “(3) DISCHARGE.—If a committee fails to re-  
23 port a covered bill within the period specified in  
24 paragraph (2)(C), the committee shall be discharged  
25 from further consideration of the covered bill and

1 the covered bill shall be referred to the appropriate  
2 calendar of the House.

3 “(e) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES.—

5 “(1) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After each committee  
7 authorized to consider a covered bill reports it  
8 to the House of Representatives or has been  
9 discharged from its consideration, it shall be in  
10 order to move to proceed to consider the cov-  
11 ered bill in the House of Representatives.

12 “(B) MOTION.—For a motion to proceed  
13 to a covered bill—

14 “(i) the motion shall be highly privi-  
15 leged and shall not be debatable;

16 “(ii) all points of order against the  
17 motion are waived;

18 “(iii) the previous question shall be  
19 considered as ordered on the motion to its  
20 adoption without intervening motion;

21 “(iv) an amendment to the motion  
22 shall not be in order; and

23 “(v) it shall not be in order to move  
24 to reconsider the vote by which the motion  
25 is agreed to or disagreed to.

1           “(2) CONSIDERATION.—If the House of Rep-  
2       representatives proceeds to consideration of a covered  
3       bill—

4           “(A) the covered bill shall be considered as  
5       read;

6           “(B) all points of order against the covered  
7       bill and against its consideration are waived;

8           “(C) the previous question shall be consid-  
9       ered as ordered on the covered bill to its pas-  
10      sage without intervening motion except 4 hours  
11      of debate equally divided and controlled by the  
12      proponent and an opponent;

13          “(D) a motion further to limit debate is in  
14      order and shall not be debatable;

15          “(E) no amendment to the covered bill  
16      shall be in order; and

17          “(F) it shall not be in order to move to re-  
18      commit the covered bill or to move to reconsider  
19      the vote by which the covered bill is agreed to  
20      or disagreed to.

21          “(3) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage  
22      of a covered bill shall occur—

23          “(A) immediately following the conclusion  
24      of the debate on the covered bill; and

1           “(B) not later than the tenth day of con-  
 2           tinuous session of the House of Representatives  
 3           after the date on which the covered bill is intro-  
 4           duced.

5           “(4) RULES.—

6           “(A) APPEALS.—Appeals from decisions of  
 7           the Chair relating to the application of the rules  
 8           of the House of Representatives to the proce-  
 9           dure relating to a covered bill shall be decided  
 10          without debate.

11          “(B) OTHER RULES RELATING TO CONSID-  
 12          ERATION.—Except to the extent specifically  
 13          provided in this subsection, consideration of a  
 14          covered bill shall be governed by the Rules of  
 15          the House of Representatives.

16          “(f) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

17          “(1) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

18          “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding rule  
 19          XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is  
 20          in order at any time after each committee au-  
 21          thorized to consider a covered bill reports it to  
 22          the Senate or has been discharged from its con-  
 23          sideration to move to proceed to the consider-  
 24          ation of the covered bill.

1           “(B) MOTION.—For a motion to proceed  
2           to a covered bill—

3                   “(i) all points of order against the  
4                   covered bill (and against consideration of  
5                   the covered bill) are waived;

6                   “(ii) the motion is not debatable;

7                   “(iii) the motion is not subject to a  
8                   motion to postpone;

9                   “(iv) a motion to reconsider the vote  
10                  by which the motion is agreed to or dis-  
11                  agreed to shall not be in order;

12                  “(v) an amendment to the motion  
13                  shall not be in order; and

14                  “(vi) if the motion is agreed to, the  
15                  covered bill shall remain the unfinished  
16                  business until disposed of.

17           “(2) CONSIDERATION.—If the Senate proceeds  
18           to consideration of a covered bill—

19                   “(A) consideration of the covered bill, and  
20                   on all debatable motions and appeals in connec-  
21                   tion therewith, shall be limited to not more than  
22                   10 hours, which shall be divided equally be-  
23                   tween the majority and minority leaders or  
24                   their designees;



1           “(B) a motion further to limit debate is in  
2           order and not debatable;

3           “(C) an amendment to, a motion to post-  
4           pone, or a motion to recommit the covered bill  
5           is not in order;

6           “(D) a motion to proceed to the consider-  
7           ation of other business is not in order;

8           “(E) debate on any debatable motion or  
9           appeal in connection with a covered bill shall be  
10          limited to not more than 1 hour, to be equally  
11          divided between, and controlled by, the mover  
12          and the manager of the covered bill, except that  
13          in the event the manager of the covered bill is  
14          in favor of any such motion or appeal, the time  
15          in opposition thereto, shall be controlled by the  
16          minority leader or a designee; and

17          “(F) it shall not be in order to move to re-  
18          consider the vote by which the covered bill is  
19          agreed to or disagreed to.

20          “(3) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage  
21          of a covered bill shall occur—

22          “(A) immediately following the conclusion  
23          of the debate on the covered bill, and a single  
24          quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if

1 requested in accordance with the rules of the  
2 Senate; and

3 “(B) not later than the tenth day of con-  
4 tinuous session of the Senate after the date on  
5 which the covered bill is introduced.

6 “(4) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-  
7 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair re-  
8 lating to the application of the rules of the Senate  
9 to the procedure relating to a covered bill shall be  
10 decided without debate.

11 “(g) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES.—

13 “(1) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER  
14 HOUSE.—If, before the passage by one House of a  
15 covered bill of that House, that House receives from  
16 the other House a covered bill—

17 “(A) the covered bill of the other House  
18 shall not be referred to a committee; and

19 “(B) with respect to the covered bill of the  
20 House receiving the resolution—

21 “(i) the procedure in that House shall  
22 be the same as if no covered bill had been  
23 received from the other House; and

24 “(ii) the vote on passage shall be on  
25 the covered bill of the other House.

1           “(2) ENGROSSING.—If a covered bill is agreed  
2           to by the Senate or the House of Representatives,  
3           the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the  
4           House of Representatives, respectively, shall cause  
5           the covered bill to be engrossed, certified, and trans-  
6           mitted to the other House of Congress on the same  
7           calendar day on which the covered bill is agreed to.

8           “(h) SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURES.—In the Senate  
9           and the House of Representatives—

10           “(1) a motion to suspend the application of this  
11           section shall not be in order; and

12           “(2) it shall not be in order to suspend the ap-  
13           plication of this section by unanimous consent.”.

14           (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—Section  
15           904 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 621 note) is amended—

16           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and 1017”  
17           and inserting “1013, and 1018”; and

18           (2) in subsection (d), by striking “section 101”  
19           and inserting “sections 1013 and 1018”.

20           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21           (1) Section 1011 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 682) is  
22           amended—

23           (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “1013”  
24           and inserting “1014”; and

25           (B) in paragraph (5)—

1 (i) by striking “1016” and inserting  
2 “1017”; and

3 (ii) by striking “1017(b)(1)” and in-  
4 serting “1018(b)(1)”.

5 (2) Section 1015 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 685)  
6 (as redesignated by subsection (a)) is amended—

7 (A) by striking “1012 or 1013” each place  
8 it appears and inserting “1012, 1013, or  
9 1014”;

10 (B) in subsection (b)—

11 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
12 (1), by striking “1012 and 1013” and in-  
13 serting “1012, 1013, and 1014”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking  
15 “1012” and inserting “1012 or 1013”;  
16 and

17 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
18 “1013” and inserting “1014”; and

19 (C) in subsection (e)(1)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
21 “and” at the end;

22 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph  
23 (B) as subparagraph (C);

1 (iii) in subparagraph (C) (as so reded-  
 2 ignated), by striking “1013” and inserting  
 3 “1014”; and

4 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph  
 5 (A) the following:

6 “(B) he has transmitted a special message  
 7 under section 1013 with respect to a Cuts, Con-  
 8 solidations, and Savings report; and”.

9 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections  
 10 for subpart B of title X of such Act is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-  
 12 tions 1013 through 1017 as items relating to sec-  
 13 tions 1014 through 1018; and

14 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
 15 tion 1012 the following new item:

“Sec. 1013. Expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions.”.

### 16 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION.**

17 The authority provided by section 1013 of the Con-  
 18 gressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974  
 19 (as added by section 2) shall terminate effective on the  
 20 date of the sine die adjournment of Congress during 2018.

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