
PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION (H.J.
RES. 124) MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2015, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

September 15, 2014.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be
printed.

MR. COLE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. __]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House
Resolution ____, 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.J. Res. 124, the
Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015, under a structured rule. The
resolution provides one hour of 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 joint
resolution. The resolution provides that the amendment printed in part A of
this report shall be considered as adopted and the joint resolution, as
amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of
order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended. The resolution
makes in order only the further amendment printed in part B of this report,
if offered by Representative McKeon of California or his designee, which
shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for six hours
equally divided and controlled by Representative McKeon of California and
Representative Smith of Washington or their respective designees, shall not
be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division
of the question. The resolution waives all points of order against the
amendment printed in part B of this report. The resolution provides one
motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution amends House Resolution 567 with a new
paragraph clarifying that paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(12) of clause 4 of rule

XI shall be considered to be written rules adopted by the Select Committee on Benghazi. This amendment clarifies the Select Committee's rules regarding media access and is consistent with the Committee's intent as described in H. Rept. 113-442 which states the following: "Specifically, the Rules Committee intends that section 4 of the resolution, in conjunction with the standing rules of the House, shall comprise the Select Committee's rules and the adoption of separate written rules is not necessary."

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

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

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT IN PART A CONSIDERED AS
ADOPTED

Rogers, Harold (KY): Makes the following technical corrections: 1) amends section 130 to ensure that the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service can continue to collect fees from park passes through the CR period, as intended, 2) amends section 134 to refer to the correct division of Public Law 113-76, and 3) amends sections 136 and 137 to ensure proper execution of funds provided to address the Ebola outbreak.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT IN PART B MADE IN ORDER

McKeon (CA): Authorizes the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to train and equip appropriately vetted elements of the Syrian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian groups or individuals. Additionally, the amendment would strengthen congressional oversight by requiring detailed reports, including progress reports, on the plan, vetting process, and procedures for monitoring unauthorized end-use of provided training and equipment. It would also require the President to report on how this authority fits within a larger regional strategy. While this amendment does not authorize additional funds, it would allow the Department of Defense (DOD) to submit a reprogramming request to Congress should the President request DOD funds to execute this authority and permit the Secretary of Defense to accept foreign contributions. Lastly, the amendment would state that nothing in this section be construed to constitute a specific statutory authorization for the introduction of United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the circumstances.

PART A—TEXT OF AMENDMENT CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

AMENDMENT TO H.J. RES. 124
OFFERED BY MR. ROGERS OF KENTUCKY

Amend section 130 to read as follows:

1 SEC. 130. Section 810 of the Federal Lands Recre-
2 ation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6809) shall be applied
3 by substituting “on the date that is 1 year after the date
4 specified in section 106(3) of the Continuing Appropria-
5 tions Resolution, 2015” for “10 years after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act”.

In section 134, strike “division F” and insert “divi-
sion H”.

Amend section 136 to read as follows:

7 SEC. 136. In addition to the amount otherwise pro-
8 vided by this joint resolution for “Department of Health
9 and Human Services—Office of the Secretary—Public
10 Health and Social Services Emergency Fund”, there is ap-
11 propriated \$58,000,000 for an additional amount for fis-
12 cal year 2015, to remain available until September 30,
13 2015, for expenses necessary to support acceleration of
14 countermeasure and product advanced research and devel-
15 opment pursuant to section 319L of the Public Health
16 Service Act for addressing Ebola.

Amend section 137 to read as follows:

1 SEC. 137. In addition to the amount otherwise pro-
2 vided by this joint resolution for “Department of Health
3 and Human Services—Centers for Disease Control and
4 Prevention—Global Health”, there is appropriated
5 \$30,000,000 for an additional amount for fiscal year
6 2015, to remain available until September 30, 2015, for
7 expenses necessary to support the responses of the Centers
8 for Disease Control and Prevention (referred to in this
9 section as the “CDC”) to the outbreak of Ebola virus in
10 Africa: *Provided*, That such funds shall be available for
11 transfer by the Director of the CDC to other accounts of
12 the CDC for such support: *Provided further*, That the Di-
13 rector of the CDC shall notify the Committees on Appro-
14 priations of the House of Representatives and the Senate
15 not later than 30 days after the date of any transfer under
16 the preceding proviso.



PART B—TEXT OF AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER

AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCKEON OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 6
HOURS

AMENDMENT TO H. J. RES. 124
OFFERED BY MR. MCKEON OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 SEC. __. (a) The Secretary of Defense is authorized,
2 in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide as-
3 sistance, including training, equipment, supplies, and
4 sustainment, to appropriately vetted elements of the Syr-
5 ian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian
6 groups and individuals for the following purposes:

7 (1) Defending the Syrian people from attacks
8 by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL),
9 and securing territory controlled by the Syrian oppo-
10 sition.

11 (2) Protecting the United States, its friends
12 and allies, and the Syrian people from the threats
13 posed by terrorists in Syria.

14 (3) Promoting the conditions for a negotiated
15 settlement to end the conflict in Syria.

16 (b) Not later than 15 days prior to providing assist-
17 ance authorized under subsection (a) to vetted recipients
18 for the first time—

1 (1) the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
2 with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the ap-
3 propriate congressional committees and leadership of
4 the House of Representatives and Senate a report,
5 in unclassified form with a classified annex as ap-
6 propriate, that contains a description of—

7 (A) the plan for providing such assistance;

8 (B) the requirements and process used to
9 determine appropriately vetted recipients; and

10 (C) the mechanisms and procedures that
11 will be used to monitor and report to the appro-
12 priate congressional committees and leadership
13 of the House of Representatives and Senate on
14 unauthorized end-use of provided training and
15 equipment and other violations of relevant law
16 by recipients; and

17 (2) the President shall submit to the appro-
18 priate congressional committees and leadership of
19 the House of Representatives and Senate a report,
20 in unclassified form with a classified annex as ap-
21 propriate, that contains a description of how such
22 assistance fits within a larger regional strategy.

23 (c) The plan required in subsection (b)(1) shall in-
24 clude a description of—

1 (1) the goals and objectives of assistance au-
2 thorized under subsection (a);

3 (2) the concept of operations, timelines, and
4 types of training, equipment, and supplies to be pro-
5 vided;

6 (3) the roles and contributions of partner na-
7 tions;

8 (4) the number of United States Armed Forces
9 personnel involved;

10 (5) any additional military support and
11 sustainment activities; and

12 (6) any other relevant details.

13 (d) Not later than 90 days after the Secretary of De-
14 fense submits the report required in subsection (b)(1), and
15 every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in co-
16 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall provide the
17 appropriate congressional committees and leadership of
18 the House of Representatives and the Senate with a
19 progress report. Such progress report shall include a de-
20 scription of—

21 (1) any updates to or changes in the plan,
22 strategy, vetting requirements and process, and end-
23 use monitoring mechanisms and procedures, as re-
24 quired in subsection (b)(1);

1 (2) statistics on green-on-blue attacks and how
2 such attacks are being mitigated;

3 (3) the groups receiving assistance authorized
4 under subsection (a);

5 (4) the recruitment, throughput, and retention
6 rates of recipients and equipment;

7 (5) any misuse or loss of provided training and
8 equipment and how such misuse or loss is being
9 mitigated; and

10 (6) an assessment of the effectiveness of the as-
11 sistance authorized under subsection (a) as meas-
12 ured against subsections (b) and (c).

13 (e) For purposes of this section, the following defini-
14 tions shall apply:

15 (1) The term “appropriately vetted” means,
16 with respect to elements of the Syrian opposition
17 and other Syrian groups and individuals, at a min-
18 imum, assessments of such elements, groups, and in-
19 dividuals for associations with terrorist groups, Shia
20 militias aligned with or supporting the Government
21 of Syria, and groups associated with the Government
22 of Iran. Such groups include, but are not limited to,
23 the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL),
24 Jabhat al Nusra, Ahrar al Sham, other al-Qaeda
25 related groups, and Hezbollah.

1 (2) The term “appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees” means—

3 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee
5 on Appropriations, and the Permanent Select
6 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives; and

8 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
9 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Com-
10 mittee on Appropriations, and the Select Com-
11 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

12 (f) The Department of Defense may submit a re-
13 programming or transfer request to the congressional de-
14 fense committees for funds made available by section
15 101(a)(3) of this joint resolution and designated in section
16 114 of this joint resolution to carry out activities author-
17 ized under this section notwithstanding sections 102 and
18 104 of this joint resolution.

19 (g) The Secretary of Defense may accept and retain
20 contributions, including assistance in-kind, from foreign
21 governments to carry out activities as authorized by this
22 section which shall be credited to appropriations made
23 available by this joint resolution for the appropriate oper-
24 ation and maintenance accounts, except that any funds so
25 accepted by the Secretary shall not be available for obliga-

1 tion until a reprogramming action is submitted to the con-
2 gressional defense committees: *Provided*, That amounts
3 made available by this subsection are designated by the
4 Congress for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global
5 War on Terrorism pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the
6 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
7 1985: *Provided further*, That such amounts shall be avail-
8 able only if the President so designates such amounts and
9 transmits such designations to the Congress.

10 (h) The authority provided in this section shall con-
11 tinue in effect through the earlier of the date specified
12 in section 106(3) of this joint resolution or the date of
13 the enactment of an Act authorizing appropriations for
14 fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department
15 of Defense.

16 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to con-
17 stitute a specific statutory authorization for the introduc-
18 tion of United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into
19 situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the
20 circumstances.

21 (j) Nothing in this section supersedes or alters the
22 continuing obligations of the President to report to Con-
23 gress pursuant to section 4 of the War Powers Resolution

- 1 (50 U.S.C. 1543) regarding the use of United States
- 2 Armed Forces abroad.

