

H. Res. ____

H.R. 2551 - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012

1. Structured rule.
2. Provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.
3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.
4. Provides that the bill shall be considered as read.
5. Waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.
6. Provides that the chair and ranking minority member or their designees may offer pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate at any time.
7. Makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the 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.
8. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.
9. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union 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. The first reading of the bill shall

be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and except pro forma amendments offered at any time by the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees for the purpose of debate. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the 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 such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

Sponsor	# Description	Debate Time
1. Bishop, Sanford (GA)	#16 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)	#17 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)	#7 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)	#9 Would reduce funding for the Office of Compliance to	(10 minutes)

the FY 2008 Level (\$467,000 reduction) and transfers those dollars to the spending reduction account.

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| 5. Hayworth (NY), Gosar (AZ) | #31 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) | #15 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) | #6 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) | #21 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) | #28 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) | #29 REVISED 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) | #32 LATE 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) | #27 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)** #1 **REVISED** Would prevent the distribution of printed legislation to member offices unless a member requests the legislation. (10 minutes)
- 14. Paulsen (MN),
Miller, Candice
(MI)** #2 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)** #22 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)** #4 **REVISED** 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)