

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 444) TO REQUIRE THAT, IF THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET DOES NOT ACHIEVE BALANCE IN A FISCAL YEAR COVERED BY SUCH BUDGET, THE PRESIDENT SHALL SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTAL UNIFIED BUDGET BY APRIL 1, 2013, WHICH IDENTIFIES A FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH BALANCE IS ACHIEVED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

FEBRUARY 4, 2013.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 48]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 48, by a record vote of 9 to 3, 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.R. 444, the Require a PLAN Act, under a structured rule. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget or their respective designees. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution makes in order only those amendments printed in this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this 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. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

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

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COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 6

Motion by Ms. Slaughter to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #7, offered by Rep. Van Hollen (MD), which replaces the entire sequester for 2013—which would cause deep cuts to domestic priorities and defense—with savings from specific policies that reflect a balanced approach to deficit reduction. Protects our most vulnerable citizens, asks those earning over \$1 million per year to contribute more, eliminates agriculture direct payments, and cuts subsidies for large oil companies. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx	Nay	Ms. Slaughter	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Cole of Oklahoma	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida	Yea
Mr. Woodall	Nay	Mr. Polis
Mr. Nugent	Nay		
Mr. Webster	Nay		
Ms. Ros-Lehtinen	Nay		
Mr. Burgess	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 7

Motion by Mr. McGovern to report an open rule. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx	Nay	Ms. Slaughter	Yea
Mr. Bishop of Utah	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Cole of Oklahoma	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida	Yea
Mr. Woodall	Nay	Mr. Polis
Mr. Nugent	Nay		
Mr. Webster	Nay		
Ms. Ros-Lehtinen	Nay		
Mr. Burgess	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 8

Motion by Ms. Foxx to report the rule. Adopted: 9–3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx	Yea	Ms. Slaughter	Nay

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Bishop of Utah	Yea	Mr. McGovern	Nay
Mr. Cole of Oklahoma	Yea	Mr. Hastings of Florida	Nay
Mr. Woodall	Yea	Mr. Polis
Mr. Nugent	Yea		
Mr. Webster	Yea		
Ms. Ros-Lehtinen	Yea		
Mr. Burgess	Yea		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. Takano, Mark (CA): Makes changes to the findings section, clarifying that Congress holds responsibility for passing budgets and appropriating funds. (10 minutes)

2. Schrader (OR), Wolf (VA), Cooper (TN), Gibson (NY): Adds findings stating Simpson-Bowles created a balanced package of revenue and spending reforms which should form the basis for meeting the requirements of this act. (10 minutes)

3. Fleming (LA): Requires one of the additional policies presented in the supplemental budget to be an evaluation of duplicative agencies and proposals to consolidate them for cost-savings. (10 minutes)

4. Messer, Luke (IN): Requires the supplemental unified budget to include the cost, per taxpayer, of the annual deficit for each year in which such budget is projected to result in a deficit. (10 minutes)

5. Scalise (LA): Mirrors the House-passed Rules package by requiring the President's budget proposal to include a category for Means-Tested Direct Spending and Nonmeans-Tested Direct Spending, including average growth for each category. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Amend section 2(b)(3) to read as follows:

(3) Since the President took office, Congress has allowed the Federal debt to grow by nearly \$6 trillion and total debt now exceeds the size of the entire economy of the United States.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRADER OF OREGON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of section 2(b), add the following:

(6) The President created the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform chaired by Erskine Bowles and Senator Alan Simpson, which recommended a balanced package of revenue and spending reforms to bring down projected deficits and stabilize the Federal debt as a share of the economy.

(7) These recommendations enjoy wide bipartisan support and should be considered the basis for meeting the requirements of this Act.

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FLEMING OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Section 3(b)(3) is amended by inserting after “result” the following: “(including an evaluation of duplicative agency functions and agency effectiveness, and proposals for consolidating duplicative functions and programs between agencies in the interests of cost-savings)”.

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MESSER OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In section 3(b), strike “and” at the end of paragraph (3), strike the period at the end of paragraph (4) and insert “; and”, and add at the end the following:

- (5) an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the annual deficit for each year in which the supplemental unified budget is projected to result in a deficit.

5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Section 3(b) is amended by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (3), by striking the period and inserting “; and” at the end of paragraph (4), and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

- (5) under a separate heading entitled “Direct Spending”, which shall include a category for “Means-Tested Direct Spending” and a category for “Nonmeans-Tested Direct Spending” and sets forth—

- (A) the average rate of growth for each category in the total amount of outlays during the 10-year period preceding the budget year;

- (B) information on the budget proposals for reform of such programs;

- (C) a description of programs which shall be considered means-tested direct spending and nonmeans-tested direct spending for purposes of this paragraph; and

- (D) an annual estimate of the total amount of outlays for each such program for the period covered by the budget proposal.