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Adopting rules for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCCARTHY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Adopting rules for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

1 *Resolved*, That the Rules of the House of Representa-
2 tives of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, including
3 applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that
4 constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hun-
5 dred Fourteenth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of
6 the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fif-
7 teenth Congress, with amendments to the standing rules
8 as provided in section 2, and with other orders as provided
9 in sections 3, 4, and 5.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES.**

2 (a) DECORUM.—

3 (1) In clause 3 of rule II, add the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(g)(1) The Sergeant-at-Arms is authorized
6 and directed to impose a fine against a Member,
7 Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner for the use
8 of an electronic device for still photography, audio or
9 visual recording, or broadcasting in contravention of
10 clause 5 of rule XVII and any applicable Speaker’s
11 announced policy on electronic devices.

12 “(2) A fine imposed pursuant to this para-
13 graph shall be \$500 for a first offense and
14 \$2,500 for any subsequent offense.

15 “(3) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall promptly
16 notify the Member, Delegate, or the Resident
17 Commissioner, the Speaker, and the Chief Ad-
18 ministrative Officer of any such fine and the
19 Speaker shall notify the House.

20 “(4) The Sergeant-at-Arms is authorized
21 to establish policies and procedures for the im-
22 plementation of this paragraph.”.

23 (2) In clause 4 of rule II, add the following new
24 paragraph:

25 “(d)(1) The Chief Administrative Officer shall
26 deduct the amount of any fine levied under clause

1 3(g) from the net salary otherwise due the Member,
2 Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner.

3 “(2) The Chief Administrative Officer is
4 authorized to establish policies and procedures
5 for such salary deductions.”

6 (3) Rule XVII is amended by redesignating
7 clause 9 as clause 10, and by inserting after clause
8 8 the following new clause:

9 **“Legislative Proceedings**

10 “9.(a) A Member, Delegate, the Resident Commis-
11 sioner, officer, or employee of the House may not engage
12 in disorderly or disruptive conduct in the Chamber, includ-
13 ing—

14 “(1) intentionally obstructing or impeding the
15 passage of others in the Chamber;

16 “(2) the use of an exhibit to impede, disrupt,
17 or disturb the proceedings of the House; and

18 “(3) the denial of legislative instruments to oth-
19 ers seeking to engage in legislative proceedings.

20 “(b) This clause establishes a standard of conduct
21 within the meaning of clause 3(a)(2) of rule XI.”

22 (b) AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT PLANS.—

23 (1) Clause 2(d) of rule X is amended to read
24 as follows:

1 “(d)(1) Not later than February 15 of the first
2 session of a Congress, each standing committee
3 (other than the Committee on Appropriations, the
4 Committee on Ethics, and the Committee on Rules)
5 shall, in a meeting that is open to the public, adopt
6 its authorization and oversight plan for that Con-
7 gress. Such plan shall be submitted simultaneously
8 to the Committee on Oversight and Government Re-
9 form, the Committee on House Administration, and
10 the Committee on Appropriations.

11 “(2) Each such plan shall include, with re-
12 spect to programs and agencies within the com-
13 mittee’s jurisdiction, and to the maximum ex-
14 tent practicable—

15 “(A) a list of such programs or agen-
16 cies with lapsed authorizations that re-
17 ceived funding in the prior fiscal year or,
18 in the case of a program or agency with a
19 permanent authorization, which has not
20 been subject to a comprehensive review by
21 the committee in the prior three Con-
22 gresses;

23 “(B) a description of each such pro-
24 gram or agency to be authorized in the
25 current Congress;

1 “(C) a description of each such pro-
2 gram or agency to be authorized in the
3 next Congress, if applicable;

4 “(D) a description of any oversight to
5 support the authorization of each such pro-
6 gram or agency in the current Congress;
7 and

8 “(E) recommendations for changes to
9 existing law for moving such programs or
10 agencies from mandatory funding to dis-
11 cretionary appropriations, where appro-
12 priate.

13 “(3) Each such plan may include, with re-
14 spect to the programs and agencies within the
15 committee’s jurisdiction—

16 “(A) recommendations for the consoli-
17 dation or termination of such programs or
18 agencies that are duplicative, unnecessary,
19 or inconsistent with the appropriate roles
20 and responsibilities of the Federal Govern-
21 ment;

22 “(B) recommendations for changes to
23 existing law related to Federal rules, regu-
24 lations, statutes, and court decisions af-
25 fecting such programs and agencies that

1 are inconsistent with the authorities of the
2 Congress under Article I of the Constitu-
3 tion; and

4 “(C) a description of such other over-
5 sight activities as the committee may con-
6 sider necessary.

7 “(4) In the development of such plan, the
8 chair of each committee shall coordinate with
9 other committees of jurisdiction to ensure that
10 programs and agencies are subject to routine,
11 comprehensive authorization efforts.

12 “(5) Not later than March 31 in the first
13 session of a Congress, after consultation with
14 the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Mi-
15 nority Leader, the Committee on Oversight and
16 Government Reform shall report to the House
17 the authorization and oversight plans submitted
18 by committees together with any recommenda-
19 tions that it, or the House leadership group de-
20 scribed above, may make to ensure the most ef-
21 fective coordination of authorization and over-
22 sight plans and otherwise to achieve the objec-
23 tives of this clause.”.

24 (2) In clause 1(d)(2)(B) of rule XI, insert “au-
25 thorization and” before “oversight”.

1 (3) In clause 1(d)(2)(C) of rule XI, insert “au-
2 thorization and” before “oversight”.

3 (c) AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATION BILLS.—In
4 clause 2 of rule XXI, add the following new paragraph:

5 “(g) An amendment to a general appropriation
6 bill shall not be in order if proposing a net increase
7 in the level of budget authority in the bill.”.

8 (d) DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—In
9 clause 3(c) of rule XIII, add the following new subpara-
10 graph:

11 “(5) On a bill or joint resolution that es-
12 tablishes or reauthorizes a Federal program, a
13 statement indicating whether any such program
14 is known to be duplicative of another such pro-
15 gram, including at a minimum an explanation
16 of whether any such program was included in a
17 report to Congress pursuant to section 21 of
18 Public Law 111-139 or whether the most recent
19 Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (pub-
20 lished pursuant to section 6104 of title 31,
21 United States Code) identified other programs
22 related to the program established or reauthor-
23 ized by the measure.”.

24 (e) RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS.—

1 (1) In clause 6 of rule I, strike “The Speaker
2 shall rise to put a question but may state it sit-
3 ting.”.

4 (2) In clause 6(d) of rule XIII, strike “rises”
5 and insert “seeks recognition”.

6 (3) In clause 1(a) of rule XVII, strike “rise
7 and”.

8 (4) In clause 2 of rule XVII, strike “rise at
9 once” and insert “seek recognition”.

10 (5) In clause 5 of rule XVII, strike “walk out
11 of or across” and insert “exit or cross”.

12 (6) In clause 1(a) of rule XX, strike “from
13 their seats to” and insert “or otherwise indicate
14 from their seats and”.

15 (f) CONVENING OUTSIDE THE HALL OF THE
16 HOUSE.—In clause 12(d) of rule I, strike “whenever” and
17 insert “if”.

18 (g) TEMPORARY PRESIDING AUTHORITY CLARIFICA-
19 TION.—In clause 2(a) of rule II, insert “and in the ab-
20 sence of a Member acting as Speaker pro tempore pursu-
21 ant to clause 8(b)(3)(A) of rule I,” after “tempore,”.

22 (h) CONTINUING LITIGATION AUTHORITIES.—In
23 clause 8 of rule II, add the following new paragraph:

24 “(c) The House, the Speaker, a committee or
25 the chair of a committee authorized during a prior

1 Congress to act in a litigation matter is authorized
2 to act as the successor in interest to the House, the
3 Speaker, such committee or the chair of such com-
4 mittee of a prior Congress, respectively, with respect
5 to such litigation matter, and to take such steps as
6 may be appropriate to ensure continuation of such
7 litigation matter.”.

8 (i) CLARIFYING STAFF ACCESS TO THE HOUSE
9 FLOOR.—In clause 5 of rule IV, strike “shall remain at
10 the desk and”.

11 (j) MEMBER RECORDS.—In clause 6 of rule VII—

12 (1) redesignate paragraphs (a) and (b) as sub-
13 paragraphs (1) and (2);

14 (2) designate the existing sentence as para-
15 graph (a);

16 (3) in paragraph (a) (as so designated), insert
17 “as described in paragraph (b)” after “Resident
18 Commissioner”; and

19 (4) add at the end the following new paragraph:

20 “(b) Records created, generated, or received by
21 the congressional office of a Member, Delegate, or
22 the Resident Commissioner in the performance of of-
23 ficial duties are exclusively the personal property of
24 the individual Member, Delegate, or the Resident

1 Commissioner and such Member, Delegate, or Resi-
2 dent Commissioner has control over such records.”.

3 (k) RESPONSE TO SUBPOENAS.—Amend rule VIII to
4 read as follows—

5 “RULE VIII

6 “RESPONSE TO SUBPOENAS

7 “1.(a) When a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
8 sioner, officer, or employee of the House is properly served
9 with a judicial subpoena or order, such Member, Delegate,
10 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee shall comply,
11 consistently with the privileges and rights of the House,
12 with the judicial subpoena or order as hereinafter pro-
13 vided, unless otherwise determined under this rule.

14 “(b) For purposes of this rule, ‘judicial sub-
15 poena or order’ means a judicial subpoena or judicial
16 order directing appearance as a witness relating to
17 the official functions of the House or for the produc-
18 tion or disclosure of any document relating to the of-
19 ficial functions of the House.

20 “2.(a) Upon receipt of a properly served judicial sub-
21 poena or order, a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
22 sioner, officer, or employee of the House shall promptly
23 notify the Speaker in writing of its receipt together with
24 either:

1 “(1) a determination as to whether the
2 issuance of the judicial subpoena or order is a
3 proper exercise of jurisdiction by the court and
4 is consistent with the privileges and rights of
5 the House; or

6 “(2) a statement that such Member, Dele-
7 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
8 ployee of the House intends to make a deter-
9 mination with respect to the matters described
10 in subparagraph (1).

11 “(b) The notification required by paragraph (a)
12 shall promptly be laid before the House by the
13 Speaker.

14 “3.(a) Except as specified in paragraph (b) or other-
15 wise ordered by the House, upon notification to the House
16 that a judicial subpoena or order is a proper exercise of
17 jurisdiction by the court and is consistent with the privi-
18 leges and rights of the House, the Member, Delegate,
19 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House
20 shall comply with the judicial subpoena or order by sup-
21 plying copies.

22 “(b) Under no circumstances may minutes or
23 transcripts of executive sessions, or evidence of wit-
24 nesses in respect thereto, be disclosed or copied.
25 During a period of recess or adjournment of longer

1 than three days, the Speaker may authorize compli-
2 ance or take such other action as the Speaker con-
3 siders appropriate under the circumstances. Upon
4 the reconvening of the House, all matters that tran-
5 spired under this clause shall promptly be laid before
6 the House by the Speaker.

7 “4. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to deprive,
8 condition, or waive the constitutional or legal privileges or
9 rights applicable or available at any time to a Member,
10 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of
11 the House, or of the House itself, or the right of such
12 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
13 ployee, or of the House itself, to assert such privileges or
14 rights before a court in the United States.”.

15 (1) REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBCOMMITTEES.—Amend
16 clause 5(d)(2) of rule X to read as follows:

17 “(2)(A) A committee that maintains a sub-
18 committee on oversight may have not more than
19 six subcommittees.

20 “(B) The Committee on Appropria-
21 tions may have not more than 13 sub-
22 committees.

23 “(C) The Committee on Armed Serv-
24 ices may have not more than seven sub-
25 committees.

1 “(D) The Committee on Foreign Af-
2 fairs may have not more than seven sub-
3 committees.

4 “(E) The Committee on Oversight
5 and Government Reform may have not
6 more than seven subcommittees.

7 “(F) The Committee on Transpor-
8 tation and Infrastructure may have not
9 more than six subcommittees.”.

10 (m) COMMITTEE HEARINGS.—In clause 2(g)(2)(D)
11 of rule XI, insert “, the Committee on Homeland Secu-
12 rity” after “Armed Services”.

13 (n) REFERRALS TO THE COURT OF CLAIMS.—

14 (1) In clause 1(a)(1) of rule XIII—

15 (A) insert “or” before “releasing”; and

16 (B) strike “, or referring a claim to the
17 Court of Claims”; and

18 (2) In clause 3 of rule XVIII—

19 (A) insert “or” before “releasing”; and

20 (B) strike “, or referring a claim to the
21 Court of Claims”.

22 (o) CONTENTS OF COMMITTEE REPORTS SHOWING
23 CHANGES TO EXISTING LAW.—Clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII
24 is amended by striking “accompanying document—” and
25 all that follows and inserting “accompanying document

1 (showing by appropriate typographical devices the omis-
2 sions and insertions proposed)—

3 “(A) the entire text of each section of
4 a statute that is proposed to be repealed;
5 and

6 “(B) a comparative print of each
7 amendment to the entire text of a section
8 of a statute that the bill or joint resolution
9 proposes to make.”.

10 (p) AUTHORITY TO POSTPONE RECORD VOTES ON
11 CERTAIN MOTIONS.—In clause 8(a)(2) of rule XX—

12 (1) Redesignate subdivisions (E) through (H)
13 as subdivisions (G) through (J), respectively;

14 (2) Insert after subdivision (D) the following
15 new subdivisions:

16 “(E) The question of adopting a mo-
17 tion to recommit.

18 “(F) The question of adopting a mo-
19 tion to concur in a Senate amendment,
20 with or without amendment.”; and

21 (3) In subdivision (G) (as redesignated), strike
22 “subdivision (A), (B), (C), or (D)” and insert “sub-
23 divisions (A) through (F)”.

24 (q) CONFORMING GUIDELINES FOR FIVE-MINUTE
25 VOTING.—In clause 9 of rule XX—

1 (1) In paragraph (a), insert “or” after the
2 semicolon; and

3 (2) Strike paragraphs (b) and (c) and insert the
4 following:

5 “(b) if in the discretion of the Speaker Mem-
6 bers would be afforded an adequate opportunity to
7 vote—

8 “(1) on any question arising after a report
9 from the Committee of the Whole without de-
10 bate or intervening motion; or

11 “(2) on the question of adoption of a mo-
12 tion to recommit (or ordering the previous ques-
13 tion thereon) arising without intervening motion
14 or debate other than debate on the motion.”.

15 (r) **ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY.**—In clause 3 of rule
16 **XXIX**, strike “in electronic form at a location designated
17 by the Committee on House Administration” and insert
18 “at an electronic document repository operated by the
19 Clerk”.

20 **SEC. 3. SEPARATE ORDERS.**

21 (a) **HOLMAN RULE.**—During the first session of the
22 One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, any reference in clause
23 2 of rule **XXI** to a provision or amendment that retrenches
24 expenditures by a reduction of amounts of money covered
25 by the bill shall be construed as applying to any provision

1 or amendment (offered after the bill has been read for
2 amendment) that retrenches expenditures by—

3 (1) the reduction of amounts of money in the
4 bill;

5 (2) the reduction of the number and salary of
6 the officers of the United States; or

7 (3) the reduction of the compensation of any
8 person paid out of the Treasury of the United
9 States.

10 (b) STAFF DEPOSITION AUTHORITY.—

11 (1) During the One Hundred Fifteenth Con-
12 gress, the chair of a standing committee (other than
13 the Committee on House Administration or the
14 Committee on Rules), and the chair of the Perma-
15 nent Select Committee on Intelligence, upon con-
16 sultation with the ranking minority member of such
17 committee, may order the taking of depositions, in-
18 cluding pursuant to subpoena, by a member or coun-
19 sel of such committee.

20 (2) Depositions taken under the authority pre-
21 scribed in this subsection shall be subject to regula-
22 tions issued by the chair of the Committee on Rules
23 and printed in the Congressional Record.

1 (3) At least one member of the committee shall
2 be present at each deposition taken under the au-
3 thority prescribed in this subsection, unless—

4 (A) the witness to be deposed agrees in
5 writing to waive this requirement; or

6 (B) the committee authorizes the taking of
7 a specified deposition without the presence of a
8 member during a specified period, provided that
9 the House is not in session on the day of the
10 deposition.

11 (c) INDEPENDENT PAYMENT ADVISORY BOARD.—
12 Section 1899A(d) of the Social Security Act shall not
13 apply in the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

14 (d) PROVIDING FOR TRANSPARENCY WITH RESPECT
15 TO MEMORIALS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF
16 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.—With re-
17 spect to any memorial presented under clause 3 of rule
18 XII purporting to be an application of the legislature of
19 a State calling for a convention for proposing amendments
20 to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Arti-
21 cle V, or a rescission of any such prior application—

22 (1) the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary
23 shall, in the case of such a memorial presented in
24 the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress or the One
25 Hundred Fifteenth Congress, and may, in the case

1 of such a memorial presented prior to the One Hun-
2 dred Fourteenth Congress, designate any such me-
3 morial for public availability by the Clerk; and

4 (2) the Clerk shall make such memorials as are
5 designated pursuant to paragraph (1) publicly avail-
6 able in electronic form, organized by State of origin
7 and year of receipt, and shall indicate whether the
8 memorial was designated as an application or a re-
9 seission.

10 (e) SPENDING REDUCTION AMENDMENTS IN APPRO-
11 PRIATIONS BILLS.—

12 (1) During the reading of a general appropria-
13 tion bill for amendment in the Committee of the
14 Whole House on the state of the Union, it shall be
15 in order to consider en bloc amendments proposing
16 only to transfer appropriations from an object or ob-
17 jects in the bill to a spending reduction account.
18 When considered en bloc under this paragraph, such
19 amendments may amend portions of the bill not yet
20 read for amendment (following disposition of any
21 points of order against such portions) and are not
22 subject to a demand for division of the question in
23 the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

24 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (1), it
25 shall not be in order to consider an amendment to

1 a spending reduction account in the House or in the
2 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
3 Union.

4 (3) A point of order under clause 2(b) of rule
5 XXI shall not apply to a spending reduction ac-
6 count.

7 (4) A general appropriation bill may not be con-
8 sidered in the Committee of the Whole House on the
9 state of the Union unless it includes a spending re-
10 duction account as the last section of the bill. An
11 order to report a general appropriation bill to the
12 House shall constitute authority for the chair of the
13 Committee on Appropriations to add such a section
14 to the bill or modify the figure contained therein.

15 (5) For purposes of this subsection, the term
16 “spending reduction account” means an account in
17 a general appropriation bill that bears that caption
18 and contains only—

19 (A) a recitation of the amount by which an
20 applicable allocation of new budget authority
21 under section 302(b) of the Congressional
22 Budget Act of 1974 exceeds the amount of new
23 budget authority proposed by the bill; or

24 (B) if no such allocation is in effect, “\$0”.

1 (f) POINT OF ORDER AGAINST MOTION TO RISE AND
2 REPORT.—

3 (1) During the One Hundred Fifteenth Con-
4 gress, except as provided in paragraph (3), a motion
5 that the Committee of the Whole rise and report a
6 bill to the House shall not be in order if the bill, as
7 amended, exceeds an applicable allocation of new
8 budget authority under section 302(b) of the Con-
9 gressional Budget Act of 1974, as estimated by the
10 Committee on the Budget.

11 (2) If a point of order under paragraph (1) is
12 sustained, the Chair shall put the question: “Shall
13 the Committee of the Whole rise and report the bill
14 to the House with such amendments as may have
15 been adopted notwithstanding that the bill exceeds
16 its allocation of new budget authority under section
17 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974?”.
18 Such question shall be debatable for 10 minutes
19 equally divided and controlled by a proponent of the
20 question and an opponent but shall be decided with-
21 out intervening motion.

22 (3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply—

23 (A) to a motion offered under clause 2(d)
24 of rule XXI; or

1 (B) after disposition of a question under
2 paragraph (2) on a given bill.

3 (4) If a question under paragraph (2) is de-
4 cided in the negative, no further amendment shall be
5 in order except—

6 (A) one proper amendment, which shall be
7 debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and
8 controlled by the proponent and an opponent,
9 shall not be subject to amendment, and shall
10 not be subject to a demand for division of the
11 question in the House or in the Committee of
12 the Whole; and

13 (B) pro forma amendments, if offered by
14 the chair or ranking minority member of the
15 Committee on Appropriations or their des-
16 ignees, for the purpose of debate.

17 (g) LIMITATION ON ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any
19 general appropriation bill or bill or joint resolution
20 continuing appropriations, or amendment thereto or
21 conference report thereon, may not provide an ad-
22 vance appropriation.

23 (2) An advance appropriation may be provided
24 for programs, projects, activities, or accounts identi-
25 fied in a list submitted for printing in the Congres-

1 sional Record by the chair of the Committee on the
2 Budget (when elected) under the heading—

3 (A) “Accounts Identified for Advance Ap-
4 propriations” in an aggregate amount not to
5 exceed \$28,852,000,000 in new budget author-
6 ity; and

7 (B) “Veterans Accounts Identified for Ad-
8 vance Appropriations” in an aggregate amount
9 not to exceed \$66,385,032,000 in new budget
10 authority.

11 (3) DEFINITION.—The term “advance appro-
12 priation” means any new discretionary budget au-
13 thority provided in a general appropriation bill or
14 bill or joint resolution continuing appropriations for
15 fiscal year 2017, or any amendment thereto or con-
16 ference report thereon, that first becomes available
17 for the fiscal year following fiscal year 2017.

18 (h) POINT OF ORDER AGAINST INCREASING DIRECT
19 SPENDING.—

20 (1) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ANALYSIS
21 OF PROPOSALS.—The Director of the Congressional
22 Budget Office shall, to the extent practicable, pre-
23 pare an estimate of whether a bill or joint resolution
24 reported by a committee (other than the Committee
25 on Appropriations), or amendment thereto or con-

1 ference report thereon, would cause, relative to cur-
2 rent law, a net increase in direct spending in excess
3 of \$5,000,000,000 in any of the 4 consecutive 10-
4 fiscal year periods beginning with the first fiscal
5 year that is 10 fiscal years after the current fiscal
6 year.

7 (2) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be in order
8 to consider any bill or joint resolution reported by a
9 committee, or amendment thereto or conference re-
10 port thereon, that would cause a net increase in di-
11 rect spending in excess of \$5,000,000,000 in any of
12 the 4 consecutive 10-fiscal year periods described in
13 paragraph (1).

14 (3) DETERMINATIONS OF BUDGET LEVELS.—
15 For purposes of this subsection, the levels of net in-
16 creases in direct spending shall be determined on the
17 basis of estimates provided by the chair of the Com-
18 mittee on the Budget.

19 (4) LIMITATION.—This subsection shall not
20 apply to any bill or joint resolution, or amendment
21 thereto or conference report thereon—

22 (A) repealing the Patient Protection and
23 Affordable Care Act and title I and subtitle B
24 of title II of the Health Care and Education Af-
25 fordability Reconciliation Act of 2010;

1 (B) reforming the Patient Protection and
2 Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and
3 Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of
4 2010; or

5 (C) for which the chair of the Committee
6 on the Budget has made an adjustment to the
7 allocations, levels, or limits contained in the
8 most recently adopted concurrent resolution on
9 the budget.

10 (i) DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTED RULE MAKINGS.—

11 (1) The report of a committee on a bill or joint
12 resolution shall include a list of directed rule mak-
13 ings required by the measure or a statement that
14 the proposition contains no directed rule makings.

15 (2) For purposes of this subsection, the term
16 “directed rule making” means a specific rule making
17 within the meaning of section 551 of title 5, United
18 States Code, specifically directed to be completed by
19 a provision in the measure, but does not include a
20 grant of discretionary rule making authority.

21 (j) EXERCISE FACILITIES FOR FORMER MEMBERS.—

22 During the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress—

23 (1) The House of Representatives may not pro-
24 vide access to any exercise facility which is made
25 available exclusively to Members and former Mem-

1 bers, officers and former officers of the House of
2 Representatives, and their spouses to any former
3 Member, former officer, or spouse who is a lobbyist
4 registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of
5 1995 or any successor statute or agent of a foreign
6 principal as defined in clause 5 of rule XXV. For
7 purposes of this subsection, the term “Member” in-
8 cludes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the
9 Congress.

10 (2) The Committee on House Administration
11 shall promulgate regulations to carry out this sub-
12 section.

13 (k) NUMBERING OF BILLS.—In the One Hundred
14 Fifteenth Congress, the first 10 numbers for bills (H.R.
15 1 through H.R. 10) shall be reserved for assignment by
16 the Speaker and the second 10 numbers for bills (H.R.
17 11 through H.R. 20) shall be reserved for assignment by
18 the Minority Leader.

19 (l) INCLUSION OF CITATIONS FOR PROPOSED RE-
20 PEALS AND AMENDMENTS.—To the maximum extent
21 practicable and consistent with established drafting con-
22 ventions, an instruction in a bill or joint resolution pro-
23 posing to repeal or amend any law or part thereof not con-
24 tained in a codified title of the United States Code shall
25 include, in parentheses immediately following the designa-

1 tion of the matter proposed to be repealed or amended,
2 the applicable United States Code citation (which may be
3 a note in the United States Code), or, if no such citation
4 is available, an appropriate alternative citation to the ap-
5 plicable law or part.

6 (m) BROADENING AVAILABILITY OF LEGISLATIVE
7 DOCUMENTS IN MACHINE-READABLE FORMATS.—The
8 Committee on House Administration, the Clerk, and other
9 officers and officials of the House shall continue efforts
10 to broaden the availability of legislative documents in ma-
11 chine readable formats in the One Hundred Fifteenth
12 Congress in furtherance of the institutional priority of im-
13 proving public availability and use of legislative informa-
14 tion produced by the House and its committees.

15 (n) CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATION
16 TRANSPARENCY REFORM.—

17 (1) PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND EXPENSES
18 THROUGH ACCOUNT OF ORGANIZATION.—A Member
19 of the House of Representatives and an eligible Con-
20 gressional Member Organization may enter into an
21 agreement under which—

22 (A) an employee of the Member's office
23 may carry out official and representational du-
24 ties of the Member by assignment to the Orga-
25 nization; and

1 (B) to the extent that the employee carries
2 out such duties under the agreement, the Mem-
3 ber shall transfer the portion of the Members'
4 Representation Allowance of the Member which
5 would otherwise be used for the salary and re-
6 lated expenses of the employee to a dedicated
7 account in the House of Representatives which
8 is administered by the Organization, in accord-
9 ance with the regulations promulgated by the
10 Committee on House Administration under
11 paragraph (2).

12 (2) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House
13 Administration (hereafter referred to in this sub-
14 section as the “Committee”) shall promulgate regu-
15 lations as follows:

16 (A) USE OF MRA.—Pursuant to the au-
17 thority of section 101(d) of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives Administrative Reform Technical
19 Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 5341(d)), the Com-
20 mittee shall prescribe regulations to provide
21 that an eligible Congressional Member Organi-
22 zation may use the amounts transferred to the
23 Organization’s dedicated account under para-
24 graph (1)(B) for the same purposes for which
25 a Member of the House of Representatives may

1 use the Members' Representational Allowance,
2 except that the Organization may not use such
3 amounts for franked mail, official travel, or
4 leases of space or vehicles.

5 (B) MAINTENANCE OF LIMITATIONS ON
6 NUMBER OF SHARED EMPLOYEES.—Pursuant
7 to the authority of section 104(d) of the House
8 of Representatives Administrative Reform Tech-
9 nical Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 5321(d)), the
10 Committee shall prescribe regulations to provide
11 that an employee of the office of a Member of
12 the House of Representatives who is covered by
13 an agreement entered into under paragraph (1)
14 between the Member and an eligible Congres-
15 sional Member Organization shall be considered
16 a shared employee of the Member's office and
17 the Organization for purposes of such section,
18 and shall include in such regulations appro-
19 priate accounting standards to ensure that a
20 Member of the House of Representatives who
21 enters into an agreement with such an Organi-
22 zation under paragraph (1) does not employ
23 more employees than the Member is authorized
24 to employ under such section.

1 (C) PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT LOAN RE-
2 PAYMENT PROGRAM.—Pursuant to the author-
3 ity of section 105(b) of the Legislative Branch
4 Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 4536(b)),
5 relating to the student loan repayment program
6 for employees of the House, the Committee
7 shall promulgate regulations to provide that, in
8 the case of an employee who is covered by an
9 agreement entered into under paragraph (1) be-
10 tween a Member of the House of Representa-
11 tives and an eligible Congressional Member Or-
12 ganization and who participates in such pro-
13 gram while carrying out duties under the agree-
14 ment—

15 (i) any funds made available for mak-
16 ing payments under the program with re-
17 spect to the employee shall be transferred
18 to the Organization's dedicated account
19 under paragraph (1)(B); and

20 (ii) the Organization shall use the
21 funds to repay a student loan taken out by
22 the employee, under the same terms and
23 conditions which would apply under the
24 program if the Organization were the em-
25 ploying office of the employee.

1 (D) ACCESS TO HOUSE SERVICES.—The
2 Committee shall prescribe regulations to ensure
3 that an eligible Congressional Member Organi-
4 zation has appropriate access to services of the
5 House.

6 (E) OTHER REGULATIONS.—The Com-
7 mittee shall promulgate such other regulations
8 as may be appropriate to carry out this sub-
9 section.

10 (3) ELIGIBLE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER ORGA-
11 NIZATION DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term
12 “eligible Congressional Member Organization”
13 means, with respect to the One Hundred Fifteenth
14 Congress, an organization meeting each of the fol-
15 lowing requirements:

16 (A) The organization is registered as a
17 Congressional Member Organization with the
18 Committee on House Administration.

19 (B) The organization designates a single
20 Member of the House of Representatives to be
21 responsible for the administration of the organi-
22 zation, including the administration of the ac-
23 count administered under paragraph (1)(B),
24 and includes the identification of such Member
25 with the statement of organization that the or-

1 organization files and maintains with the Com-
2 mittee on House Administration.

3 (C) At least 3 employees of the House are
4 assigned to work for the organization.

5 (D) During the One Hundred Fourteenth
6 Congress, at least 30 Members of the House of
7 Representatives used a portion of the Members'
8 Representational Allowance of the Member for
9 the salary and related expenses of an employee
10 who was a shared employee of the Member's of-
11 fice and the organization.

12 (E) The organization files a statement
13 with the Committee on House Administration
14 and the Chief Administrative Officer of the
15 House of Representatives certifying that it will
16 administer an account in accordance with para-
17 graph (1)(B).

18 (o) SOCIAL SECURITY SOLVENCY.—

19 (1) POINT OF ORDER.—During the One Hun-
20 dred Fifteenth Congress, it shall not be in order to
21 consider a bill or joint resolution, or an amendment
22 thereto or conference report thereon, that reduces
23 the actuarial balance by at least .01 percent of the
24 present value of future taxable payroll of the Federal
25 Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund estab-

1 lished under section 201(a) of the Social Security
2 Act for the 75-year period utilized in the most re-
3 cent annual report of the Board of Trustees pro-
4 vided pursuant to section 201(c)(2) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act.

6 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
7 apply to a measure that would improve the actuarial
8 balance of the combined balance in the Federal Old-
9 Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the
10 Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for the 75-
11 year period utilized in the most recent annual report
12 of the Board of Trustees provided pursuant to sec-
13 tion 201(c)(2) of the Social Security Act.

14 (p) SUBCOMMITTEES.—Notwithstanding clause 5(d)
15 of rule X, during the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress
16 the Committee on Agriculture may have not more than
17 six subcommittees.

18 **SEC. 4. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND HOUSE OFFICES.**

19 (a) HOUSE DEMOCRACY PARTNERSHIP.—House Res-
20 olution 24, One Hundred Tenth Congress, shall apply in
21 the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress in the same manner
22 as such resolution applied in the One Hundred Tenth Con-
23 gress except that the commission concerned shall be
24 known as the House Democracy Partnership.

1 (b) TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.—
2 Sections 1 through 7 of House Resolution 1451, One Hun-
3 dred Tenth Congress, shall apply in the One Hundred Fif-
4 teenth Congress in the same manner as such provisions
5 applied in the One Hundred Tenth Congress, except
6 that—

7 (1) the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission
8 may, in addition to collaborating closely with other
9 professional staff members of the Committee on
10 Foreign Affairs, collaborate closely with professional
11 staff members of other relevant committees; and

12 (2) the resources of the Committee on Foreign
13 Affairs which the Commission may use shall include
14 all resources which the Committee is authorized to
15 obtain from other offices of the House of Represent-
16 atives.

17 (c) OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS.—Section 1
18 of House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress,
19 shall apply in the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress in the
20 same manner as such provision applied in the One Hun-
21 dred Tenth Congress, except that—

22 (1) the Office of Congressional Ethics shall be
23 treated as a standing committee of the House for
24 purposes of section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorga-
25 nization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i));

1 (2) references to the Committee on Standards
2 of Official Conduct shall be construed as references
3 to the Committee on Ethics;

4 (3) any requirement for concurrence in section
5 1(b)(1) shall be construed as a requirement for con-
6 sultation;

7 (4) the second sentence of section 1(b)(6)(A)
8 shall not apply;

9 (5) members subject to section 1(b)(6)(B) may
10 be reappointed for a third additional term;

11 (6) any individual who is the subject of a pre-
12 liminary review or second-phase review by the board
13 shall be informed of the right to be represented by
14 counsel and invoking that right should not be held
15 negatively against them; and

16 (7) the Office may not take any action that
17 would deny any person any right or protection pro-
18 vided under the Constitution of the United States.

19 **SEC. 5. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

20 The Speaker may recognize a Member for the reading
21 of the Constitution on any legislative day through January
22 13, 2017.