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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a Committee on the Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BASS of New Hampshire submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That (a) rule X of the Rules of the House
2 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
3 following new clause:

4 **“Select Committee on the Reduction of Nonessential**
5 **Federal Expenditures**

6 “12.(a) There is established a Select Committee on
7 the Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures
8 (hereafter in this clause referred to as the ‘select com-
9 mittee’). The select committee shall be composed of two
10 members from each standing committee of which one shall

1 be from the majority party and selected by the speaker
2 and one shall be from the minority party and selected by
3 the minority leader. The speaker shall designate one of
4 its members as the chair and the minority leader shall des-
5 ignate one of its members as the vice chair.

6 “(b) There shall be referred to the select committee
7 proposed legislation relating to the elimination or reduc-
8 tion of all nonessential expenditures of the Government.

9 “(c) The select committee shall make a full and com-
10 plete study and investigation of all expenditures of the
11 Government on a continuing basis to ascertain all expendi-
12 tures of the Government deemed by the committee to be
13 nonessential.

14 “(d)(1) It shall be in order, not later than 30 legisla-
15 tive days after the date on which a bill is reported by the
16 select committee for the majority leader or the majority
17 leader’s designee to move to proceed to the consideration
18 of the bill. It shall also be in order for any Member to
19 move to proceed to the consideration of the bill at any
20 time after the conclusion of such 30-day period. All points
21 of order against the motion are waived. Such a motion
22 shall not be in order after the House has disposed of a
23 motion to proceed on the bill. The previous question shall
24 be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption
25 without intervening motion. The motion shall not be de-

1 batable. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the mo-
2 tion is disposed of shall not be in order.

3 “(2) Any bill reported by the select committee shall
4 be considered under rules established by the Committee
5 on Rules, except that all points of order established in the
6 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and related points of
7 order, against the bill and against its consideration are
8 waived.

9 “(3) Appeals from decisions of the chair relating to
10 the application of the Rules of the House of Representa-
11 tives to the procedure relating to a bill reported by the
12 select committee shall be decided without debate.

13 “(4) Except to the extent specifically provided in this
14 clause, consideration of a bill reported by the select com-
15 mittee shall be governed by the Rules of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives. It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-
17 resentatives to consider any bill within the jurisdiction of
18 the select committee introduced pursuant to the provisions
19 of this clause under a suspension of the rules pursuant
20 to clause 1 of rule XV or under a special rule reported
21 by the Committee on Rules.

22 “(5) Immediately following the conclusion of consid-
23 eration of any bill reported by the select committee, the
24 vote on passage of the bill shall occur without any inter-
25 vening action or motion. If any such bill is passed, the

1 Clerk of the House of Representatives shall cause the bill
2 to be transmitted to the Senate before the close of the
3 next day of session of the House. The vote on passage
4 shall occur not later than the last scheduled legislative day
5 of a session.

6 “(e) There shall be paid out of the applicable ac-
7 counts of the House such sums as may be necessary for
8 the expenses of the select committee. Such payments shall
9 be made on vouchers signed by the chairman of the select
10 committee and approved in the manner directed by the
11 Committee on House Administration. Amounts made
12 available under this paragraph shall be expended in ac-
13 cordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on
14 House Administration.

15 “(f) In carrying out its functions under this clause,
16 the select committee may—

17 “(1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as
18 experts or consultants, any staff that the select com-
19 mittee considers necessary;

20 “(2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of
21 the staff;

22 “(3) fix the compensation of the staff at per
23 annum gross rates that do not exceed the highest
24 rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time, of

1 level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316 of
2 title 5, United States Code;

3 “(4) terminate the employment of any such
4 staff as the select committee considers appropriate;
5 and

6 “(5) reimburse members of the select committee
7 and its staff for travel, subsistence, and other nec-
8 essary expenses incurred by them in the performance
9 of their functions for the select committee, other
10 than expenses in connection with any meeting of the
11 select committee held in the District of Columbia.

12 “(g) The select committee shall cease to exist upon
13 the close of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.”.

14 (b) The amendment made by this resolution shall
15 take effect immediately before noon, January 3, 2013.

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