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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the
Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Federal Programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MACK, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. LONG, and Mr. POSEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to
establish the Committee on the Elimination of Non-
essential Federal Programs.

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (a) Clause 1 of rule X of the Rules of the House of
3 Representatives is amended by redesignating paragraphs
4 (f) through (t) as paragraphs (g) through (u) and by in-
5 serting after paragraph (e) the following new paragraph:

6 “(f) Elimination of Nonessential Federal Pro-
7 grams.

1 “(1) Modification or elimination of under-
2 performing or nonessential Federal programs.

3 “(2) Identification of Federal programs
4 and activities that duplicate or compete with ac-
5 tivities available from the private sector.”.

6 (b) Clause 4 of rule X of the Rules of the House of
7 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph:

9 “(g) The Committee on the Elimination of Non-
10 essential Federal Programs shall—

11 “(1)(A) research, review, and study Federal
12 programs that are underperforming or nonessential;
13 and

14 “(B) determine which Federal programs should
15 be modified or eliminated;

16 “(2) develop recommendations to the House for
17 action designed to modify or eliminate underper-
18 forming or nonessential Federal programs; and

19 “(3) submit to the House—

20 “(A) at least once a year, reports includ-
21 ing—

22 “(i) a detailed statement of the find-
23 ings and conclusions of the Committee;
24 and

1 “(ii) a list of underperforming or non-
2 essential Federal programs; and

3 “(B) legislation to eliminate the programs
4 described in section subdivision (ii) and rescis-
5 sions based on the findings of the report de-
6 scribed in subdivision (i).”.

7 (c) Clause 5(a) of rule X of the Rules of the House
8 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new paragraph:

10 “(4)(A) The Committee on the Elimination of Non-
11 essential Federal Programs shall be composed of members
12 as follows:

13 “(i) Four members from the Committee on Ap-
14 propriations.

15 “(ii) Four members from the Committee on the
16 Budget.

17 “(iii) Four members from the Committee on
18 Oversight and Government Reform.

19 “(iv) Four members from the Committee on
20 Ways and Means.

21 “(v) One member who does not serve on any of
22 committees described in items (i) through (iv), who
23 shall be appointed by the Speaker and designated by
24 the Speaker as the Chair of the Committee.

1 “(vi) One member who does not serve on any
2 of committees described in items (i) through (iv),
3 who shall be appointed by the Speaker and des-
4 ignated by the Speaker as the Vice Chair of the
5 Committee.

6 “(B) A member of the Committee may not serve on
7 the committee during more than three Congresses in a pe-
8 riod of five successive Congresses (disregarding for this
9 purpose any service for less than a full session in a Con-
10 gress).

11 “(C) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee
12 shall not be from the same political party.”.

13 (d) Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representa-
14 tives is amended by adding at the end the following new
15 clause:

16 **“Expedited procedures for legislation reported by**
17 **the Committee on the Elimination of Non-**
18 **essential Federal Programs**

19 “12. With respect to any bill or resolution reported
20 by the Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Fed-
21 eral Programs, the following shall apply:

22 “(a) After the expiration of the 7-day period
23 (excluding any day on which the House is not in ses-
24 sion) that begins on the date the Committee reports
25 the bill or resolution, it is in order to move to pro-

1 ceed to the consideration of the bill or resolution.
2 The motion is highly privileged and is not debatable,
3 an amendment to the motion is not in order, and it
4 is not in order to move to reconsider the vote by
5 which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to.

6 “(b) Debate on the bill or resolution shall be
7 limited to not more than 10 hours, which shall be
8 divided equally between those favoring and those op-
9 posing the bill or resolution. A motion to further
10 limit debate is not debatable.

11 “(c) An amendment to, or motion to recommit,
12 the bill or resolution is not in order, and it is not
13 in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the
14 bill or resolution is agreed to or disagreed to.”.

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