## <sup>108TH CONGRESS</sup> 1ST SESSION H. RES. 133

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a discretionary spending ledger and a mandatory spending ledger.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. CANNON, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. GIB-BONS, Mr. OTTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PITTS, Ms. HART, Mrs. MYRICK, and Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

# **RESOLUTION**

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a discretionary spending ledger and a mandatory spending ledger.

Resolved, The Rules of the House of Representatives
 are amended by redesignating rule XXVIII as rule XXX
 and by inserting after rule XXVII the following new rules:
 "RULE XXVIII
 "DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LEDGER.

6 "1. (a) The chairman of the Committee on the Budg7 et shall maintain a ledger to be known as the 'Discre8 tionary Spending Ledger'. The Ledger shall be divided

into entries corresponding to the subcommittees of the
 Committee on Appropriations and each entry shall consist
 of the 'Deficit Reduction Safeguard Balance'.

4 "(b) Each entry shall consist only of amounts cred5 ited to it under paragraph (c). No entry of a negative
6 amount shall be made.

7 "(c) Whenever a Member offers an amendment to an
8 appropriation bill to reduce new budget authority in any
9 account, that Member may state the portion of such reduc10 tion that shall be—

11 "(1) credited to the Deficit Reduction Safe-12 guard Balance;

13 "(2) used to offset an increase in new budget14 authority in any other account; or

15 "(3) allowed to remain within the applicable16 section 302(b) suballocation.

17 If no such statement is made, the amount of reduction18 in new budget authority resulting from the amendment19 shall be credited to the Deficit Reduction Safeguard Bal-20 ance, as applicable, if the amendment is agreed to.

21 "2. (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b), the 22 chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall, upon the 23 engrossment of any appropriation bill by the House of 24 Representatives, credit to the entry balance amounts of 25 new budget authority and outlays equal to the net amounts of reductions in new budget authority and in out lays resulting from amendments agreed to by the House
 to that bill.

"(b) When computing the net amounts of reductions 4 5 in new budget authority and in outlays resulting from amendments agreed to by the House to an appropriation 6 bill, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall 7 8 only count those portions of such amendments agreed to 9 that were so designated by the Members offering such 10 amendments as amounts to be credited to the Deficit Reduction Safeguard Balance, or that fall within the last 11 sentence of clause 1. 12

"3. The chairman of the Committee on the Budget
shall maintain a running tally of the amendments adopted
reflecting increases and decreases of budget authority in
the bill as reported. This tally shall be available to Members during consideration of any appropriation bill by the
House.

"4. (a) For purposes of enforcing section 302(a) of
the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, upon the engrossment of any appropriation bill by the House, the amount
of budget authority and outlays calculated pursuant to
clause 2(b) shall be counted against the 302(a) allocation
provided to the Committee on Appropriations as if the

amount calculated pursuant to such clause was included
 in the bill just engrossed.

"(b) For purposes of enforcing section 302(b) of the
Congressional Budget Act of 1974, upon the engrossment
of any appropriation bill by the House, the 302(b) allocation provided to the subcommittee for the bill just engrossed shall be deemed to have been reduced by the
amount of budget authority and outlays calculated, pursuant to clause 2(b).

"5. As used in this rule, the term 'appropriation bill'
means any general or special appropriation bill, and any
bill or joint resolution making supplemental, deficiency, or
continuing appropriations through the end of fiscal year
2004 or any subsequent fiscal year, as the case may be.".

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### "RULE XXIX

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### "MANDATORY SPENDING LEDGER.

17 "1. (a) The chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall maintain a ledger to be known as the 'Mandatory' 18 19 Spending Ledger'. The Ledger shall be divided into entries corresponding to the House committees that received allo-20 21 cations under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget 22 Act of 1974 in the most recently adopted concurrent reso-23 lution on the budget, except that it shall not include the 24 Committee on Appropriations and each entry shall consist of the 'First Year Deficit Reduction Safeguard Balance'
 and the 'Five Year Deficit Reduction Safeguard Balance'.

3 "(b) Each entry shall consist only of amounts cred4 ited to it under paragraph (c). No entry of a negative
5 amount shall be made.

6 "(c) Whenever a Member offers an amendment to a 7 bill that reduces the amount of mandatory budget author-8 ity provided either under current law or proposed to be 9 provided by the bill under consideration, that Member may 10 state the portion of such reduction achieved in the first year covered by the most recently adopted concurrent reso-11 lution on the budget and in addition the portion of such 12 13 reduction achieved in the first five years covered by the most recently adopted concurrent resolution on the budget 14 15 that shall be—

- 16 "(1) credited to the First Year Deficit Reduc17 tion Safeguard Balance and the Five Year Deficit
  18 Reduction Safeguard Balance;
- 19 "(2) used to offset an increase in other new20 budget authority; or
- 21 "(3) allowed to remain within the applicable22 section 302(a) allocation.

23 If no such statement is made, the amount of reduction24 in new budget authority resulting from the amendment25 shall be credited to the First Year Deficit Reduction Safe-

guard Balance and the Five Year Deficit Reduction Safe guard Balance, as applicable, if the amendment is agreed
 to.

4 "2. (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b), the 5 chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall, upon the engrossment of any bill, other than an appropriation bill, 6 7 by the House, credit to the applicable entry balances 8 amounts of new budget authority and outlays equal to the 9 net amounts of reductions in budget authority and in out-10 lays resulting from amendments agreed to by the House to that bill. 11

12 "(b) When computing the net amounts of reductions in budget authority and in outlays resulting from amend-13 ments agreed to by the House to a bill, the chairman of 14 15 the Committee on the Budget shall only count those portions of such amendments agreed to that were so des-16 ignated by the Members offering such amendments as 17 amounts to be credited to the First Year Deficit Reduction 18 19 Safeguard Balance and the Five Year Deficit Reduction 20Safeguard Balance, or that fall within the last sentence 21 of clause 1.

"3. The chairman of the Committee on the Budget
shall maintain a running tally of the amendments adopted
reflecting increases and decreases of budget authority in

the bill as reported. This tally shall be available to Mem bers during consideration of any bill by the House.

3 "4. For the purposes of enforcing section 302(a) of 4 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, upon the engross-5 ment of any bill, other than an appropriation bill, by the 6 House, the amount of budget authority and outlays cal-7 culated pursuant to paragraph 2(b) shall be counted 8 against the 302(a) allocation provided to the applicable 9 committee or committees which reported the bill as if the 10 amount calculated pursuant to clause 2(b) was included in the bill just engrossed. 11

12 "5. As used in this rule, the term 'appropriation bill' 13 means any general or special appropriation bill, and any 14 bill or joint resolution making supplemental, deficiency, or 15 continuing appropriations through the end of fiscal year 16 2004 or any subsequent fiscal year, as the case may be.".

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