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H. RES. 389

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to lower the threshold at which the gross budgetary effect of a piece of legislation requires the cost estimates provided for the legislation to incorporate macroeconomic variables resulting from the legislation, and to require the cost estimates provided for appropriation bills and joint resolutions to incorporate such variables.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2015

Mr. DELANEY (for himself, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. HANNA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Honest Dynamic

4 Scoring Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF TYPES OF LEGISLATION SUBJECT**
2 **TO DYNAMIC SCORING IN COST ESTIMATES.**

3 (a) LOWERING THRESHOLD OF ECONOMIC IM-
4 PACT.—Clause 8(d)(1)(A) of rule XIII of the Rules of the
5 House of Representatives is amended by striking “0.25
6 percent of the current projected gross domestic product
7 for that fiscal year” and inserting “1 percent of the total
8 amount of discretionary spending in the most recently
9 ended fiscal year”.

10 (b) APPLYING REQUIREMENT TO APPROPRIATION
11 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Clause 8 of rule XIII of the
13 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended—

14 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (c) and
15 (d) as paragraphs (d) and (e); and

16 (B) by inserting after paragraph (b) the
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(c)(1) An estimate provided by the Congressional
19 Budget Office for the Committee on Appropriations for
20 any appropriation bill or joint resolution under section
21 202(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 shall, to
22 the extent practicable, incorporate the budgetary effects
23 of changes in economic output, employment, capital stock,
24 and other macroeconomic variables resulting from such
25 bill or joint resolution. The preceding sentence shall only
26 apply to an estimate with respect to an appropriation bill

1 or joint resolution, or portion thereof, that funds a project,
2 program, or activity authorized by major legislation (as
3 described in paragraph (e)).

4 “(2) If the Office provides a range of estimates in
5 addition to a central value under paragraph (1) with re-
6 spect to such a bill or joint resolution, the central value
7 within such range shall be used for official scoring pur-
8 poses.

9 “(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of subpara-
10 graph (1), the Congressional Budget Office may use tradi-
11 tional scoring methods when providing such an estimate
12 if the estimate will be the same under such method and
13 under the method prescribed by such subparagraph.”.

14 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause
15 8(d)(1) of such rule, as redesignated by paragraph
16 (1)(A), is amended by striking “paragraphs (a) and
17 (b)” and inserting “paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)”.

18 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading of
19 clause 8 of such rule is amended by striking
20 “**major legislation**” and inserting “**major leg-**
21 **islation and appropriation bills and joint**
22 **resolutions**”.

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