

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 441

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the consideration of any bill or joint resolution until a cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office has been available to the public, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York (for himself and Ms. JAYAPAL) 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 “Require a Score
4 Before the Floor Resolution”.

5 **SEC. 2. CBO SCORING OF LEGISLATION.**

6 (a) MANDATORY AVAILABILITY OF COST ESTIMATES
7 PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION BY

1 HOUSE.—Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following
3 new clause:

4 “13.(a) It shall not be in order in the House to con-
5 sider a bill (including any reconciliation bill reported by
6 the Committee on the Budget) or joint resolution, or an
7 amendment (to the greatest extent practicable) thereto
8 (including an amendment offered in the Committee of the
9 Whole House on the State of the Union or an amendment
10 adopted pursuant to the adoption of a rule providing for
11 the consideration of the bill or joint resolution) or a con-
12 ference report thereon, until an estimate of the costs of
13 carrying out such measure prepared by the Director of the
14 Congressional Budget Office has been made available to
15 the public on the Office’s public website.

16 “(b) It shall not be in order to consider a rule or
17 order that waives the application of paragraph (a).”.

18 (b) SPECIAL RULE FOR RECONCILIATION BILLS
19 CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—Rule XI
20 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended
21 by adding at the end the following new clause:

22 “7.(a) It shall not be in order for the Committee on
23 the Budget to report or discharge from consideration any
24 reconciliation bill or joint resolution unless and until an
25 estimate of the cost of carrying out such measure (as so

1 reported or as so discharged) prepared by the Director of
2 the Congressional Budget Office has been made available
3 to the public on the Office's public website.

4 “(b) It shall not be in order to consider a rule or
5 order that waives the application of paragraph (a).”.

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