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# H. RES. 659

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a point of order against legislation that cuts Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NOLAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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# RESOLUTION

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

4       “13.(a) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be in order  
5 to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, amend-  
6 ment between the Houses, or conference report that  
7 would—

8       “(1) result in a reduction of guaranteed benefits  
9 scheduled under title II of the Social Security Act;

1       “(2) increase either the early or full retirement age  
2 for the benefits described in paragraph (1);

3       “(3) privatize Social Security;

4       “(4) result in a reduction of guaranteed benefits for  
5 individuals entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits under the  
6 Medicare program under title XVIII of such Act; or

7       “(5) result in a reduction of benefits or eligibility for  
8 individuals enrolled in, or eligible to receive medical assist-  
9 ance through, a State Medicaid plan or waiver under title  
10 XIX of such Act.

11       “(b) WAIVER.—Paragraph (a) may be waived or sus-  
12 pended only by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the  
13 Members, duly chosen and sworn.”.

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