

## 114TH CONGRESS RULES CHANGES (H. RES. 5)

### SHORT SUMMARY

The resolving clause of H. Res. 5 (114<sup>th</sup> Congress) carries forward the Rules of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress as the Rules of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, except for the amendments made in section 2 and the separate orders contained in sections 3, 4, and 5. The following provisions of H. Res. 5 concerning committee procedures and the budget process are important to remember.

#### *Standing Rules*

Section 2 makes the following amendments to the Standing Rules related to committee reports, rules, and conference committees.

Subsection (a)(4) amends clause 1(d) of rule XI by reducing the frequency of committee activity reports to once per Congress (i.e., at the end of a Congress).

Subsection (a)(5) updates the rule requiring supplemental, minority, or additional views to also include any “dissenting” views. This codifies the current practice of including any dissenting views.

Subsection (a)(6) consolidates the requirement of written committee rules in clause 2 of rule XI and eliminates the reference to adoption of written committee rules in clause 4 of rule XI.

Subsection (c) amends rule XIII by requiring CBO and JCT to incorporate the macroeconomic effects of major legislation into official cost estimates used for budget enforcement.

Subsection (e) amends clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII to provide conference committees 45 calendar days and 25 legislative days after the House agrees to go to conference to reach agreements before any motions to instruct may be offered.

Subsection (f) amends clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII to require the Ramseyer in committee reports include the entire legislative text of amended or repealed sections of statute along with any proposed changes.

#### *Separate Orders*

Section 3 includes the following separate orders related to the budget process and budget enforcement.

Subsection (e)(1) provides the deeming resolution for the first session of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress pending adoption of a fiscal year 2015 budget resolution.

Subsection (e)(2) continues the requirement from the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress that prevents the Committee of the Whole from rising to report a bill to the House that exceeds an applicable allocation of new BA under section 302(b) of the Budget Act as estimated by HBC and establishes a point of order.

Subsection (h) continues the requirement from the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress of estimates of direct spending which requires a concurrent resolution on the budget, any amendment to, or conference report include estimates of means-tested and non-means tested direct spending programs. The chair of the Budget Committee is also required to submit a statement in the Congressional Record describing these programs prior to consideration of a concurrent resolution on the budget.

Subsection (i) continues the requirement from the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress that any committee reports on bills or joint resolutions include an estimate of the number of directed rule-makings required by such legislation.

Subsection (m) continues the requirement from the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress that the sponsor of a bill or joint resolution, to the extent practicable, include the USC citation when the legislation proposes to repeal or amend any uncodified law (in full or in part).

Subsection (q) establishes a point of order against any legislation reducing the actuarial balance of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund. The rule also provides an exception if the legislation improves the overall financial picture of the combined Social Security Trust Funds.