

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require timely completion of the budget and appropriations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. _____

To implement the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. ERNST + Hankford

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. _____. NO BUDGET, NO RECESS FOR THE SENATE.**
- 3 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
- 4 (2 U.S.C. 631), as amended by section 103, is amended—
- 5 (1) by striking “The timetable” and inserting
- 6 the following:
- 7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The timetable”; and
- 8 (2) by adding at the end the following:
- 9 “(b) NO BUDGET, NO RECESS FOR THE SENATE.—
- 10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The procedures specified in
- 11 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) shall apply in the Sen-
- 12 ate—

1 “(A) on and after May 1 of each odd-num-
2 bered calendar year, if the Senate has not
3 adopted a concurrent resolution on the budget
4 for the next biennium; and

5 “(B) on and after October 1 of each year,
6 if the Senate has not passed, individually or col-
7 lectively, all the regular appropriations bills for
8 the fiscal year beginning on such October 1.

9 “(2) NO RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT.—During a
10 period described in paragraph (1), it shall not be in
11 order in the Senate to move to recess or to adjourn
12 for more than 8 hours.

13 “(3) NO OFFICIAL TRAVEL.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
15 subparagraph (B), during a period described in
16 paragraph (1), no amounts may be obligated or
17 expended for official travel by a Senator.

18 “(B) RETURN TO DC.—If a Senator is
19 away from the seat of Government when a pe-
20 riod described in paragraph (1) begins, funds
21 may be obligated and expended for official trav-
22 el by the Senator to return to the seat of Gov-
23 ernment.

24 “(4) LIVE QUORUM REQUIREMENT.—

1 “(A) DETERMINATION OF PRESENCE OF A
2 QUORUM.—Notwithstanding any provision of
3 the Standing Rules of the Senate, in the Sen-
4 ate, during each day during a period described
5 in paragraph (1), the Presiding Officer shall di-
6 rect the Clerk to call the roll to ascertain the
7 presence of a quorum—

8 “(i) at noon; and

9 “(ii) at 6:00 p.m.

10 “(B) LACK OF QUORUM.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If, upon a calling
12 of the roll under subparagraph (A), it shall
13 be ascertained that a quorum is not
14 present—

15 “(I) the Presiding Officer shall
16 direct the Clerk to call the names of
17 any absent Senators; and

18 “(II) following the calling of the
19 names under subclause (I), the Pre-
20 siding Officer shall, without inter-
21 vening motion or debate, submit to
22 the Senate by a yea-and-nay vote the
23 question: ‘Shall the Sergeant-at-Arms
24 be directed to request the attendance
25 of absent Senators?’.

1 “(ii) DIRECTION TO COMPEL ATTEND-
2 ANCE.—If a quorum is not present 30
3 minutes after the time at which the vote
4 on a question submitted under clause
5 (i)(II) starts, the Presiding Officer shall,
6 without intervening motion or debate, sub-
7 mit to the Senate by a yea-and-nay vote
8 the question: ‘Shall the Sergeant-at-Arms
9 be directed to compel the attendance of ab-
10 sent Senators?’.

11 “(iii) ARREST OF ABSENT SEN-
12 ATORS.—Effective 30 minutes after the
13 Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to compel the
14 attendance of absent Senators under clause
15 (ii), if any Senator not excused under rule
16 XII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is
17 not in attendance, the Senate shall be
18 deemed to have agreed an order that reads
19 as follows: ‘Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-
20 Arms be directed to arrest absent Sen-
21 ators, that warrants for the arrests of all
22 Senators not sick nor excused be issued
23 under the signature of the Presiding Offi-
24 cer and attested by the Secretary, and that
25 such warrants be executed without delay.’.

1 “(iv) REPORTS.—Not less frequently
2 than once per hour during proceedings to
3 compel the attendance of absent Senators,
4 the Sergeant-at-Arms shall submit to the
5 Senate a report on absent Senators, which
6 shall—

7 “(I) be laid before the Senate;

8 “(II) identify each Senator whose
9 absence is excused;

10 “(III) identify each Senator who
11 is absent without excuse; and

12 “(IV) for each Senator identified
13 under subclause (III), provide infor-
14 mation on the current location of the
15 Senator.

16 “(C) REGAINING THE FLOOR.—If a Sen-
17 ator had been recognized to speak at the time
18 a call of the roll to ascertain the presence of a
19 quorum was initiated under subparagraph (A),
20 and if the presence of a quorum is established,
21 that Senator shall be entitled to be recognized
22 to speak.

23 “(D) NO SUSPENSION OF REQUIRE-
24 MENTS.—The Presiding Officer may not enter-

1 tain a request to suspend the operation of this
2 paragraph by unanimous consent or motion.

3 “(E) CONSISTENCY WITH SENATE EMER-
4 GENCY PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES.—Nothing
5 in this paragraph shall be construed in a man-
6 ner that is inconsistent with S. Res. 296 (108th
7 Congress) or any other emergency procedures
8 or practices of the Senate.

9 “(5) NO WAIVER.—Notwithstanding section
10 904(b), paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this sub-
11 section may not be waived or suspended in the Sen-
12 ate or the House of Representatives.

13 “(6) PERMANENT LAW.—Notwithstanding sec-
14 tion 904(a), paragraph (3) of this subsection is not
15 enacted as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
16 the Senate or the House of Representatives.”.