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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,  
*Washington, DC, June 19, 2012.*

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House, U.S. House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. HAAS: Pursuant to Clause 1(d) of House Rule XI, I am pleased to transmit a report on the activities of the Committee on the Budget during the 112th Congress.

Sincerely,

PAUL RYAN, *Chairman.*



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submitted the following

### REPORT

#### JURISDICTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 established the Committees on the Budget for the House of Representatives and the Senate. These Committees are responsible for developing and reporting the annual concurrent resolution on the budget (“budget resolution”), for assembling and reporting any reconciliation legislation required by that resolution, and for overseeing the congressional and statutory budget process.

Once adopted, the budget resolution provides an overall framework and plan for Congressional consideration of spending, revenue, and debt limit legislation. It sets a ceiling on total spending and a floor on total revenues to be collected. It also provides an allocation of spending authority to each committee of Congress, both the appropriations committees and among the various authorizing committees. The House and Senate enforce the aggregate spending and revenue levels, and the committee allocations set by the budget resolution, through points of order that govern the consideration of legislation.

The budget resolution may also include the optional reconciliation process, which directs authorizing committees to revise programs under their jurisdiction in order to adjust either projected spending or revenues by specified amounts. If more than one committee receives reconciliation instructions, the Budget Committee is responsible for assembling the reports submitted by the various committees for consideration on the House floor. The budget rec-

conciliation process is used when changes in entitlement or tax law are needed to implement the plan set out in the budget resolution: to reconcile actual spending and revenue in law with the guidelines set out in the resolution.

In response to reconciliation instructions, the various committees report their legislative recommendations to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee then assembles the legislation into an omnibus legislative package without making any substantive revisions for consideration by the House. The Budget Committee not only has jurisdiction over budget resolutions and reconciliation bills, it has legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget.

When the House of Representatives adopted Rules for the 104th Congress (House Resolution 6) on January 5, 1995, the Budget Committee achieved for the first time legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the congressional budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget. In adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress (House Resolution 5) on January 7, 1997, the House extended the Budget Committee's legislative jurisdiction to include not only the congressional budget process but the budget process in general. The committee's jurisdictional statement, House Rule X, clause 1(d), now reads as follows:

(1) Concurrent resolutions on the budget (as defined in section 3(4) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), other matters required to be referred to the committee under titles III and IV of that Act, and other measures setting forth appropriate levels of budget totals for the United States Government.

(2) Budget process generally.

(3) Establishment, extension, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal budget, including the budgetary treatment of off-budget Federal agencies and measures providing exemption from reduction under any order issued under part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Under its jurisdiction, the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over both budgetary levels and budgetary concepts. Under subparagraph (2), the Budget Committee has primary jurisdiction over the budget process, as well as, secondary jurisdiction over purely procedural aspects of the congressional budget process. Finally under subparagraph (3), the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over the establishment, extension, and enforcement of direct and discretionary spending limits, pay-go requirements, and other special budgetary mechanisms to control spending, the deficit, or the Federal budgets, including the sequestration process.

In addition to its legislative duties, the Budget Committee continues to have responsibilities for oversight and studies. These responsibilities include oversight of the Congressional Budget Office; study of the outlay effects of existing and proposed legislation; study of off-budget entities; study of tax expenditures; and study of proposals to improve and facilitate the congressional budget process.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

## FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET RESOLUTION

During the 111th Congress, the House adopted House Resolution 1493, setting forth some of the requirements of a budget resolution for fiscal year 2011. In the absence of a conference report on the budget for that fiscal year, it allowed for the enforcement of certain points of order under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The House adopted the resolution on July 1, 2010, setting the allocation of new discretionary budget authority and outlays to the Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2011.

On January 5, 2011, the House adopted House Resolution 5 to provide interim budget levels until the adoption of the fiscal year 2012 concurrent resolution on the budget. On February 8, 2011, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 5 (112th Congress), the resolution adopting the rules for the One Hundred and Twelfth Congress, Chairman Ryan submitted for printing in the Congressional Record the 302(a) allocation for fiscal year 2011 to the Committee on Appropriations.

This interim 302(a) allocation was used to enforce section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Bills or amendments causing spending to exceed the level triggers a point of order under section 302(f) of the Act. It prohibits the consideration of legislation inconsistent with the budgetary levels set forth in the budget resolution and the accompanying report.

This submission also included language related to Advance Appropriations as required by House Resolution 5 (112th Congress).

On February 11, 2011, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 5 (112th Congress), Chairman Ryan submitted for printing in the Congressional Record budget aggregates and allocations for fiscal year 2011. This submission included an allocation and aggregates of budget authority, outlays, and revenue for fiscal year 2011 and the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

These interim levels were used to enforce sections 302(f), 303(a) and 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Sections 302(f) and 311(a) prohibit the consideration of legislation inconsistent with the budgetary levels set forth in the budget resolution and the accompanying report. Section 303(a) prohibits the consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or changing revenue until Congress adopts a budget resolution for a fiscal year.

For House authorizing committees, the interim allocations and aggregates were set for fiscal year 2011 and the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2015, at the levels included in the Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2011 to 2021 published by the Congressional Budget Office (the CBO baseline). They reflect legislation enacted through the end of the 111th Congress.

The aggregates serve as a ceiling on spending and a floor for revenue levels. These levels served as the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2011, a year for which Congress did not adopt a budget resolution. The levels and enforcement procedures remain in effect unless superseded by the adoption of a concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012.

## FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTION

On April 6, 2011, the Committee on the Budget marked up the fiscal year 2012 concurrent resolution on the budget, House Concurrent Resolution 34. The report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 34 (112th Congress), House Report 112-058, was filed on April 11, 2011.

The Committee on Rules reported a rule (House Resolution 223) providing for the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 34 (112th Congress). The rule provided for 4 hours of general debate: three hours controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, equally divided; and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Joint Economic Committee.

The Resolution specified certain amendments in order and waived all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution.

After the adoption of House Resolution 223, floor debate on House Concurrent Resolution 34 proceeded on April 14 and 15, 2011. The Committee of the Whole passed House Resolution 223 on April 14, 2011.

The Committee of the Whole proceeded with four hours of general debate on the resolution and then proceeded to full substitute amendments:

Amendment No. 1: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Emanuel Cleaver [MO-5] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 103-303 (Roll no. 273).

Amendment No. 2: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Raúl M. Grijalva [AZ-7] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 77-347 (Roll no. 274).

Amendment No. 3: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Scott Garrett [NJ-5] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 119-136, with 172 voting present (Roll no. 275).

Amendment No. 4: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Chris Van Hollen [MD-8] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 166-259 (Roll no. 276).

The fiscal year 2012 concurrent resolution on the budget passed the House on April 15, 2011. On agreeing to the resolution: Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 235-193 (Roll no. 277).

## FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET RESOLUTION

After holding several hearings, the Committee on the Budget marked up and reported the fiscal year 2013 concurrent resolution on the budget, House Concurrent Resolution 112, on March 21, 2012. The report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 112, House Report 112-421, was filed on March 23, 2012.

The Committee on Rules reported a rule (House Resolution 597) providing for the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 112. The rule provided for 4 hours of general debate: three hours controlled by the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on the Budget, equally divided; and one hour on the subject



of economic goals and policies equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Joint Economic Committee.

The Resolution specified certain amendments in order and waived all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution.

After the adoption of House Resolution 597, floor debate on House Concurrent Resolution 112 proceeded on March 28 and 29, 2012. The Committee of the Whole passed House Resolution 597 on March 28, 2012.

The Committee of the Whole proceeded with four hours of general debate on the resolution and then proceeded to full substitute amendments:

Amendment No.1: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative John Michael Mulvaney [SC-5] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 0–414 (Roll no. 143).

Amendment No. 2: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Emanuel Cleaver [MO-5] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 107–314 (Roll no. 144).

Amendment No. 3: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Jim Cooper [TN-5] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 38–382, with 2 voting present (Roll no. 145).

Amendment No. 4: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Michael Honda [CA-15] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 78–346 (Roll no. 148).

Amendment No. 5: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Scott Garrett [NJ-5] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 136–285, with 3 voting Present (Roll no. 149).

Amendment No. 6: An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Chris Van Hollen [MD-8] was defeated. Failed by recorded vote: 163–262 (Roll no. 150).

The fiscal year 2013 concurrent resolution on the budget passed the House on March 29, 2012. On agreeing to the resolution: Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 228–191 (Roll no. 151).

#### OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

##### *H.Res.5, Adopting Rules for the 112th Congress*

The organizing resolution (H.Res.5) adopted by the House on January 5, 2011 at the commencement of the 112th Congress contained several provisions related to the congressional budget process. House Resolution 5 replaced the Pay-As-You-Go requirement with a Cut-As-You-Go requirement. The latter prohibits consideration of legislation if it has the net effect of increasing direct spending within a five- or ten-year budget window.

The next provision requires the inclusion in the Cut-As-You-Go evaluation of legislation of the entire text of a separate House passed measure or measures added as new matter to such legislation pursuant to special order of the House.

Further, House Resolution 5 excludes from such evaluation any provision expressly designated as an emergency for the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (but not any amendment so designated, which is subjected to the evaluation).

A third provision repealed rule XXVIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, which provided for an automatic engrossment and transmittal to the Senate of a joint resolution changing the public debt limit, upon the adoption of a congressional budget resolution. Rule XXVIII allowed for the House to avoid a separate vote on public debt limit legislation.

Next, the resolution authorizes the chair of the Budget Committee to provide authoritative guidance concerning the impact of a legislative proposal on the levels of new budget authority, outlays, direct spending, new entitlement authority, and revenues codified as clause 4 of rule XXIX of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

The resolution also amended the budget enforcement process, making it out of order in the House to consider general appropriations legislation that (1) provides spending authority beyond what is actually derived from receipts deposited in the Highway Trust Fund (excluding any transfers that have already occurred from the General Fund of the Treasury); or (2) spends those receipts for any purpose other than authorized activities for the highway or mass transit categories. Furthermore, House Resolution 5 makes it out of order to consider a budget resolution, amendment, or conference report containing reconciliation directives that specify changes in law that would cause an increase in net direct spending.

Additionally, House Resolution 5 specifies separate orders relating to the treatment of legislation in view of certain budget requirements of these Rules, including orders concerning: (1) emergencies; (2) contingency operations directly related to the global war on terrorism; (3) a deficit-neutral revenue reserve; (4) limitations on advance appropriations and long-term spending (with specified exemptions); (5) spending reduction amendments in appropriations bills; and (6) budget enforcement with respect to discretionary administrative expenses of the Social Security Administration and of the Postal Services.

House Resolution 5 required the Chair of the Committee on the Budget to submit for printing in the Congressional Record budget aggregates and allocations contemplated by section 301 (content of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget) for 2011, and 2011 through 2015.

Publication of these aggregates and allocations will be considered to be the adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2011. This provision is intended to give the Chair of the Committee on the Budget authority to set aggregates and allocations to complete the unfinished fiscal year 2011 budget resolution cycle, taking into account the latest CBO baseline, including its 5-year projections.

*H.Res. 6, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 5, 2011 and elected Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin as Chairman of the Committee on the Budget.

*H.Res. 7, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 5, 2011 and elected Mr. Van Hollen as the Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget.

*H.Res. 37, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 25, 2011 and elected Mr. Garrett, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Akin, Mr. Cole, Mr. Price of Georgia, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Stutzman, Mr. Lankford, Mrs. Black, Mr. Ribble, Mr. Flores, Mr. Mulvaney, Mr. Huelskamp, Mr. Young of Indiana, Mr. Amash, and Mr. Rokita to the Committee on the Budget.

*H.Res. 52, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 25, 2011 and elected Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Yarmuth, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Honda, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Moore, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tonko, and Ms. Bass of California to the Committee on the Budget.

*H.Res. 53, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 25, 2011 and elected Mr. Chaffetz, to rank immediately after Mr. McClintock; and Mr. Guinta to the Committee on the Budget.

*H.Res. 78, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on February 9, 2011 and elected Mr. Woodall to the Committee on the Budget.

*H.R. 4966, Sequester Replacement Act of 2012*

House Concurrent Resolution 112 directed that two pieces of legislation be acted upon to replace a \$98 billion sequester of discretionary programs scheduled to occur on January 2, 2013.

On May 9, 2012, the Committee on the Budget reported H.R. 4966, The Sequester Replacement Act (SRA). This bill addressed the sequester and implements the budget resolution's \$19 billion in savings from discretionary spending. The SRA lowers the fiscal year 2013 discretionary cap by providing for a \$19.1 billion reduction in the discretionary spending cap for fiscal year 2013 on January 2, 2013, reflecting the level of discretionary spending called for in the House-passed budget resolution. The SRA provides that the bill only takes effect once the reconciliation bill has been enacted into law, guaranteeing that no room will be granted under the caps unless the savings are made permanent.

Additionally, the SRA clarifies that the Department of Veterans Affairs is exempt from any sequester under the Budget Control Act of 2011. The SRA replaces the fiscal year 2013 discretionary sequester and the defense direct sequester with the savings from the lower discretionary cap and the reconciliation bill.

*H.R. 5652, Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012*

On March 29, 2012, the U.S. House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 112, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 that set in motion a process to modify certain across-the-board spending reductions enacted as part of the Budget Control Act of 2011 [P.L. 112-25]. This process, called reconciliation, consists of a special procedure to give expedited consideration to bills enacting the spending, revenue, and debt policies contained in the budget resolution.

House Concurrent Resolution 112 included reconciliation instructions to trigger these expedited procedures, and directed six House committees (the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the Committee on Ways and Means) to achieve specified amounts of deficit reduction from programs within their jurisdictions.

This Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012 was agreed to on May 10, 2012 and contains the legislation recommended by the six House Committees directed to provide recommended changes to achieve the specified deficit reduction.

## ADJUSTMENTS

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Resolution Related to Legislation Reported by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Bill Number—H.R. 4

Title—Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act

Date—March 2, 2011

Congressional Record—H1520-1521

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution Related to Legislation Reported by the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security designated for the Global War on Terrorism.

Bill Number—H.R. 2017

Title—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2012

Date—June 1, 2011

Congressional Record—H3822

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution Related to Legislation Reported by the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense designated for the Global War on Terrorism.

Bill Number—H.R. 2219

Title—Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012

Date—June 14, 2011

Congressional Record—H4104

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution Related to Legislation Reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, designated for trade agreement bills H.R. 3078, H.R. 3079, and H.R. 3080.

Bill Number—H.R. 3078, H.R. 3079, and H.R. 3080

Title—United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act; United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agree-

ment Implementation Act; United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act

Date—October 11, 2011

Congressional Record—H6779–6780

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution for H.R. 2832, legislation extending the Generalized System of Preferences and Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Bill Number—H.R. 2832

Title—Extension of Generalized System of Preferences

Date—October 12, 2011

Congressional Record—H6851–6852

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Resolution for H.R. 2576.

Bill Number—H.R. 2576

Title—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs.

Date—October 27, 2012

Congressional Record—H7158

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Resolution Related to Legislation Reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, designated for the Small Business Tax Cut Act.

Bill Number—H.R. 9

Title—Small Business Tax Cut Act of 2012

Date—May 17, 2012

Congressional Record—H3101

Revisions to the Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Resolution Related to Legislation Reported by the Committee on Appropriations, designated as disaster relief, pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, contained in a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security reported by the Committee on Appropriations.

Bill Number—H.R. 5855

Title—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2013

Date—May 22, 2012

Congressional Record—H3165

Revisions to the Aggregates and Allocations of the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Resolution Related to Legislation Reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, designated for the Health Care Cost Reduction Act of 2012, H.R. 436.

Bill Number—H.R. 436

Title—Health Care Cost Reduction Act of 2012

Date—June 7, 2012

Congressional Record—H3658–3659

#### BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

One of the responsibilities of the Committee on the Budget is to monitor legislation to be considered on the floor of the House and what implications such legislation would have for spending and revenue. The Committee provided ongoing oversight of the Office of

Management and Budget's implementation of budget submission, control, execution and enforcement procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Pursuant to Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and rule XXIX of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Chairman is provided authority to give guidance concerning the impact of a legislative proposition on the levels of new budget authority, outlays, direct spending, new entitlement authority, and revenues.

Additionally, the Committee monitored reclassifications of budget accounts, re-estimates of the subsidies of credit programs, consistency in cost estimates for direct spending and tax bills, compliance with the relevant laws, in the development of budget projections and changes in spend-out rates for discretionary programs.

The Committee provided guidance to the Committee on Appropriations and the authorizing committees to ensure that spending and tax legislation did not breach the appropriate levels in the budget resolution as required under sections 302(f), 303(a) and 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 or violate any budget-related provisions of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

#### ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee has studied, and will continue to study, how economic policies affect the Federal budget.

#### OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The primary responsibility of the Budget Committee is the development of a concurrent budget resolution that sets spending and revenue levels in aggregate and across major functional categories. These budget functions encompass all Federal programs and activities. Certain programs are considered off-budget, such as Social Security and the Postal Service, and some are considered non-budgetary, such as the Federal Reserve.

The subject matter of the budget is inherently broad, but the Committee's formal oversight responsibility focuses on law governing the budget process and the agencies responsible for administering elements of those laws. Under clauses 1(d)(2) and (3) of House Rule X, the major laws falling within its oversight are the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and the Budget Control Act of 2011. The two agencies with primary responsibility for administering elements of these laws and hence which fall under the Committee's jurisdiction are the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

In addition to these general oversight responsibilities, the Budget Committee has the special oversight responsibility under clause 3(c) of House rule X to study the effect on budget outlays of existing and proposed legislation and under clause 4(b)(6) of House rule X to request and evaluate continuing studies of tax expenditures.

The House Budget Committee met on January 26, 2011 to organize for the 112th Congress. In addition to adopting rules of proce-

ture, the Committee also adopted a written oversight plan. The Committee held hearings in the process of developing the annual concurrent budget resolution. Additionally, the Committee received testimony from Members of Congress, Cabinet level and other Federal officials, State and local officials, and expert witnesses to review the budget and economic outlook, the President's budget submissions and other budget and economic matters.

The Committee oversight plan calls for continuous assessment of the performance of Federal agencies in both the administration and service delivery by reviewing performance data in the President's budget submissions and the relevant reports and audits of the Government Accountability Office and the Offices of the Inspectors General.

The oversight plan specifically calls on the Committee to study the budgetary effect of existing law and proposed legislation, as well as government regulation on government spending and to explore ways of reducing waste, fraud, and abuse in government agencies. Furthermore, the Committee drew on the authorizing Committees' Views and Estimates on the President's budget, that are submitted to the Committee pursuant to section 301(d) of the Congressional Budget Act, to coordinate its oversight activities with other committees.

The House Budget Committee will continue to review the budgetary treatment of assistance to, and ongoing operations of: Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). Moreover, the Committee plan calls for continued oversight of the Office of Management and Budget's implementation of budget submission, control, execution, and enforcement procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and other applicable laws. The oversight plan also calls for the evaluation and study of direct spending and tax policies.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF MEASURES ON WHICH ACTION WAS TAKEN

The following legislative measures were acted on by the Committee on the Budget or contained provisions relating to the congressional budget process.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 5

Sponsor—Eric Cantor [VA-7]

Date Introduced—January 5, 2011

Title—Adopting rules for the One Hundred Twelfth Congress

January 5, 2011—Considered as privileged matter.

January 5, 2011—Ms. Eleanor Holmes Norton [DC] moved to refer the resolution to a select committee of five members, to be appointed by the Speaker, not more than three of whom shall be from the same political party, with instructions to report back the same until it has conducted a full and complete study of, and made a determination on, the constitutionality of the provision that would be eliminated from the Rules that granted voting rights in the Committee of the Whole to the Delegates.

January 5, 2011—Mr. Cantor moved to table the motion to refer.

January 5, 2011—On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 238—191 (Roll no. 6).

HOUSE RESOLUTION 126

Sponsor—Paul Ryan [WI-1]  
 Date Introduced—February 28, 2011  
 Title—Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on the Budget in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress  
 February 28, 2011—Referred to the House Committee on House Administration

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34

Sponsor—Paul Ryan [WI-1]  
 Date Introduced—April 11, 2011  
 Title—Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021

April 11, 2011—The House Committee on The Budget reported an original measure, House Report 112–58, by Representative Paul Ryan [WI-1].

April 15, 2011—On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 235–193 (Roll no. 277).

May 2, 2011—Received in the Senate.

May 25, 2011—Motion to proceed to consideration of measure rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 40–57. Record Vote Number: 77.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

Sponsor—Harold Rogers [KY-5]  
 Date Introduced—February 28, 2011  
 Title—Further Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011

February 28, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

March 1, 2011—On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 335–91 (Roll no. 154).

March 2, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 91–9. Record Vote Number: 29.

March 2, 2011—Presented to the President, signed by the President, and became Public Law No: 112–4.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

Sponsor—Harold Rogers [KY-5]



Date Introduced—September 14, 2011  
 Title—Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2012

September 14, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

September 15, 2011—Rules Committee House Resolution 399 was reported to the House. Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 79 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted.

H.R. 1

Sponsor—Harold Rogers [KY-5]  
 Date Introduced—February 11, 2011  
 Title—Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011

February 11, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

February 19, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 235-189 (Roll no. 147).

March 9, 2011—Pursuant to the order of 3/8/2011, not having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, the bill failed of passage by Yea-Nay Vote. 44-56. Record Vote Number: 36.

H.R. 10

Sponsor—Geoff Davis [KY-4]  
 Date Introduced—January 20, 2011  
 Title—Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011

January 20, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

November 10, 2011—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on the Judiciary.

November 18, 2011—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Rules.

December 7, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 241-184 (Roll no. 901).

December 8, 2011—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 368

Sponsor—Henry C. “Hank” Johnson, Jr. [GA-4]  
 Date Introduced—January 20, 2011

## Title—Removal Clarification Act of 2011

January 20, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

February 28, 2011—Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary. House Report 112–17, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged. Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 396–4 (Roll no. 150).

March 1, 2011—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

October 17, 2011—Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy without amendment or written report.

October 31, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by unanimous consent.

November 4, 2011—Presented to the President.

November 9, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–51.

H.R. 373

Sponsor—Virginia Foxx [NC–5]

Date Introduced—January 20, 2011

Title—Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011

January 20, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, the Budget, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

May 16, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. House Report 112–483, Part I. Committees on Rules, the Budget, and Judiciary discharged. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 338.

H.R. 386

Sponsor—Dan Lungren [CA–3]

Date Introduced—January 20, 2011

Title—Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011

January 20, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

February 11, 2011—Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. House Report 112–11, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged.

February 28, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

March 1, 2011—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## H.R. 398

Sponsor—Zoe Lofgren [CA-16]  
 Date Introduced—January 24, 2011  
 Title—To Amend the Immigration and Nationality Act

January 24, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

July 8, 2011—Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary. House Report 112-141, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged.

August 1, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 426-0 (Roll no. 684). Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

November 10, 2011—Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by unanimous consent. Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.

November 16, 2011—Presented to the President.

November 23, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112-58.

## H.R. 460

Sponsor—Jason Chaffetz [UT-3]  
 Date Introduced—January 26, 2011  
 Title—Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act

January 26, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

May 30, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-503, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 356.

## H.R. 470

Sponsor—Joseph J. Heck [NV-3]  
 Title—Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011  
 Date Introduced—January 26, 2011

January 26, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

July 20, 2011—Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. House Report 112-159, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged.

October 3, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

October 4, 2011—Received in Senate, read twice, and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 185.

October 18, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

December 13, 2011—Presented to the President.

December 20, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–72.

## H.R. 662

Sponsor—John L. Mica [FL–7]

Date Introduced—February 11, 2011

Title—Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011

February 11, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

February 28, 2011—Referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Budget for a period ending not later than Feb. 28, 2011 for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(d), rule X. Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 112–18, Part I. Committees on Ways and Means, Natural Resources, and the Budget discharged.

March 2, 2011—On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 421–4 (Roll no. 160).

March 2, 2011—Received in the Senate.

March 3, 2011—Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.

March 3, 2011—Presented to the President.

March 4, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–5.

## H.R. 1194

Sponsor—Jim McDermott [WA–7]

Date Introduced—March 17, 2011

Title—To renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs

March 17, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

May 31, 2011—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: Agreed to by voice vote.

June 6, 2011—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## H.R. 1249

Sponsor—Lamar Smith [TX–21]

Date Introduced—March 30, 2011

Title—America Invents Act

March 30, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

June 1, 2011—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on the Judiciary. H. Rept. 112–98, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 54.

June 23, 2011—On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 304–117 (Roll no. 491).

June 27, 2011—Received in the Senate.

September 8, 2011—Passed Senate without amendment by Yeayay Vote. 89–9. Record Vote Number: 129.

September 12, 2011—Presented to the President.

September 16, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–29.

H.R. 1255

Sponsor—Steve Womack [AR–3]

Date Introduced—March 30, 2011

Title—Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011

March 30, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

April 1, 2011—On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 221–202, 1 Present (Roll no. 224).

April 4, 2011—Received in the Senate.

April 5, 2011—Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.

April 8, 2011—Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 29.

H.R. 1745

Sponsor—Dave Camp [MI–4]

Date Introduced—May 5, 2011

Title—Jobs, Opportunity, Benefits, and Services Act of 2011

May 5, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

May 23, 2011—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. House Report 112–87, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 48.

H.R. 1363

Sponsor—Harold Rogers [KY–5]

Date Introduced—April 4, 2011

Title—Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011

April 4, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

April 7, 2011—On passage: Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 247–181 (Roll no. 247).

April 8, 2011—Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.

April 9, 2011—House agreed to Senate amendment 348–70 (Roll no. 253).

April 9, 2011—Presented to the President, signed by the President, and became Public Law No: 112–8.

H.R. 1473

Sponsor—Harold Rogers [KY–5]

Date Introduced—April 11, 2011

Title—Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011

April 11, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

April 14, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 260–167 (Roll no. 268).

April 14, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read a third time, and passed without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 81–19. Record Vote Number: 61.

April 15, 2011—Presented to the President, signed by the President, and became Public Law No: 112–10.

H.R. 2527

Sponsor—Richard L. Hanna [NY–24]

Date Introduced—July 14, 2011

Title—National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act

July 14, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

October 26, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: ( $\frac{2}{3}$  required): 416–3 (Roll no. 812).

October 31, 2011—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2560

Sponsor—Jason Chaffetz [UT–3]

Date Introduced—July 15, 2011

Title—Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011

July 15, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case

for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

July 19, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 234–190 (Roll no. 606).

July 22, 2011—Senate floor actions: Motion to table the motion to proceed to the bill agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51–46. Record Vote Number: 116.

## H.R. 2608

Sponsor—Sam Graves [MO–6]

Date Introduced—July 21, 2011

Title—Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012

July 21, 2011—Introduced in House

July 26, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

July 28, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

September 21, 2011—On motion that the House agree with an amendment to the Senate amendment Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 195–230 (Roll No. 719).

September 23, 2011—On motion that the House agree with an amendment to the Agreed to by recorded vote: 219–203 (Roll no. 727).

September 26, 2011—Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment (SA 665) Yea-Nay Vote. 79–12. Record Vote Number: 153.

October 4, 2011—On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 352–66 (Roll no. 745). Presented to the President.

October 5, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–36.

## H.R. 2693

Sponsor—David Dreier [CA–26]

Date Introduced—July 28, 2011

Title—Budget Control Act of 2011

July 28, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

July 30, 2011—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by recorded vote ( $\frac{2}{3}$  required): 173–246 (Roll no. 682).

## H.R. 2883

Sponsor—Geoff Davis [KY–4]

Date Introduced—September 12, 2011

Title—Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act

September 12, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a pe-

riod to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

September 19, 2011—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. House Report 112–210, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged.

September 21, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 395–25 (Roll no. 720).

September 22, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote.

September 27, 2011—Presented to the President.

September 30, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–34.

H.R. 2943

Sponsor—Geoff Davis [KY–4]

Date Introduced—September 15, 2011

Title—Short-Term TANF Extension Act

September 15, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

September 21, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

September 23, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.

September 27, 2011—Presented to the President.

September 30, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–35.

H.R. 3521

Sponsor—Paul Ryan [WI–1]

Date Introduced—November 30, 2011

Title—Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011

November 30, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

December 15, 2011—Marked-up and reported out of Committee with a final vote of 23–13. One technical amendment was adopted by voice vote.

January 17, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Budget. House Report 112–364, Part I.

February 2, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Rules. House Report 112–364, Part II.

February 8, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 254–173 (Roll no. 46).

February 9, 2012—Referred to Senate Committee: Received in the Senate and read twice. Referred to the Committee on the Budget.



H.R. 3575

Sponsor—Diane Black [TN–6]  
 Date Introduced: December 7, 2011  
 Title—Legally Binding Budget Act of 2011

December 7, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

January 31, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Rules. House Report 112–379, Part I. Committee on the Budget discharged. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 260.

H.R. 3576

Sponsor—John Campbell [CA–48]  
 Date Introduced—December 7, 2011  
 Title—Spending Control Act of 2011

December 7, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee concerned.

H.R. 3577

Sponsor—Reid J. Ribble [WI–8]  
 Date Introduced—December 7, 2011  
 Title—Biennial Budgeting and Enhanced Oversight Act of 2011

December 7, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 3578

Sponsor—Rob Woodall [GA–7]  
 Date Introduced—December 7, 2011  
 Title—Baseline Reform Act of 2012

December 7, 2011—Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.

January 30, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on the Budget. House Report 112–378. Filed late, pursuant to previous special order.

February 3, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 235–177 (Roll no. 32).

February 6, 2012—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

H.R. 3581

Sponsor—Scott Garrett [NJ–5]  
 Date Introduced—December 7, 2011  
 Title—Budget and Accounting Transparency Act of 2012

December 7, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

January 31, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on the Budget. House Report 112–380, Part I. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform discharged. Committee on Ways and Means discharged.

February 7, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 245–180 (Roll no. 42).

February 9, 2012—Received in Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

H.R. 3582

Sponsor—Tom Price [GA–6]

Date Introduced—December 7, 2011

Title—Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2012

December 7, 2011—Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

January 30, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on the Budget. House Report 112–377, Part I. Filed late, pursuant to previous special order. Committee on Rules discharged.

February 2, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 242–179 (Roll No. 30).

February 6, 2012—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

H.R. 3630

Sponsor—Dave Camp [MI–4]

Date Introduced: December 9, 2011

Title—Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012

December 9, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, the Budget, Natural Resources, Rules, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

December 13, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage: Passed by recorded vote: 234–193 (Roll no. 923).

December 17, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

February 16, 2012—Conference Report H. Report 112–399 filed.

February 17, 2012—Conference report agreed to in House: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 293–132 (Roll no. 72). Conference report agreed to in Senate: Sen-

ate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 60–36. Record Vote Number: 22.

February 22, 2012—Presented to the President, signed by the President, and became Public Law No: 112–96.

H.R. 3672

Sponsor—Harold Rogers [KY–5]

Date Introduced—December 14, 2011

Title—Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2012

December 14, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as all within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

December 16, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On Passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 351–67 (Roll no. 943).

December 17, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate, under the order of 12/16/2011, having received 60 votes in the affirmative, without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 72–27. Record Vote Number: 233.

December 21, 2011—Presented to the President.

December 23, 2011—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–77.

H.R. 3765

Sponsor—Dave Camp [MI–4]

Date Introduced—December 23, 2011

Title—Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011

December 23, 2011—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition, the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and the Budget discharged.

Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.

Passed/agreed to in Senate: Ordered received, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed by Unanimous Consent. Presented to the President, signed by the President, and became Public Law No: 112–78.

H.R. 4282

Sponsor—Rick Berg [R–ND]

Date Introduced—March 28, 2012

Title—International Child Support Recovery Improvement Act of 2012

March 28, 2012—Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speak-

er, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

June 5, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

June 6, 2012—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 4628

Sponsor—Judy Biggert [IL–13]

Date Introduced—April 25, 2012

Title—Interest Rate Reduction Act

April 25, 2012—Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

April 27, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 215–195 (Roll no. 195).

May 7, 2012—Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.

May 8, 2012—Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 393.

H.R. 4966

Sponsor—Paul Ryan [WI–1]

Date Introduced—April 27, 2012

Title—Sequester Replacement Act of 2012

April 27, 2012—Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

May 7, 2012—House Budget Committee consideration and markup session held. Ordered to be reported (amended) by voice vote.

May 9, 2012—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on the Budget. House Report 112–469, Part I. Committee on Rules discharged. Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 329.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 287

Sponsor—Tom Reed [NY–29]

Date Introduced—May 31, 2011

Title—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes

May 31, 2011—The House Committee on Rules reported an original measure, House Report 112–95, by Mr. Reed.

June 1, 2011—On agreeing to the resolution: Agreed to by recorded vote: 231–187 (Roll no. 382).

HOUSE RESOLUTION 516

Sponsor—Richard Nugent [FL–5]

Date Introduced—January 18, 2012

Title—Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives that the passage of a fiscal year 2013 Federal budget is of national importance

January 18, 2012—Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.

January 24, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: ( $\frac{2}{3}$  required): 410–1, 1 present (Roll no. 7).

S. 365

Sponsor—Tom Harkin [IA]  
Date Introduced—February 16, 2011  
Title—Budget Control Act of 2011

February 16, 2011—Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Harkin. Without written report.

February 17, 2011—Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

August 1, 2011—Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed with amendment by recorded vote: 269–161 (Roll no. 690).

August 2, 2011—Senate agreed in the House amendment to the bill by Yea-Nay Vote. 74–26. Record Vote Number: 123.

August 2, 2011—Presented to the President, signed by the President, and became Public Law No: 112–25.

S. 1134

Sponsor—Amy Klobuchar [MN]  
Date Introduced—May 26, 2011  
Title—St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act

May 26, 2011—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

December 16, 2011—Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment and without written report. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General orders, Calendar No. 264.

January 13, 2012—By Senator Bingaman from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 12/17/2011. Report No. 112–124. Additional views filed.

January 23, 2012—The committee reported amendment is agreed to by unanimous consent and considered as original text. Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

January 24, 2012—Message on Senate action sent to the House. Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

March 1, 2012—Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: ( $\frac{2}{3}$  required): 339–80 (Roll no. 93).

March 6, 2012—Presented to the President.

March 14, 2012—Signed by the President and became Public Law No: 112–100.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

H.R. 1

Hon. Harold Rogers [KY–5]  
Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011

H.R. 14

Hon. Timothy H. Bishop [NY–1]  
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act

H.R. 87

Hon. Michele Bachmann [MN–6]  
Repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

H.R. 105

Hon. Dan Burton [IN–5]  
Empowering Patients First Act

H.R. 114

Hon. David Dreier [CA–26]  
Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act of 2011

H.R. 186

Hon. Joe Wilson [SC–2]  
Expand the Eligibility for Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans' Disability Compensation

H.R. 188

Hon. Rob Woodall, [GA–7]  
Government Spending Responsibility Act

H.R. 196

Hon. Loretta Sanchez [CA–47]  
Simplifying the Ambiguous Law, Keeping Everyone Reliably Safe Act of 2011

H.R. 296

Hon. Don Young [AK]  
Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act

H.R. 368

Hon. Henry C. “Hank” Johnson, Jr. [GA–4]  
Removal Clarification Act of 2011

H.R. 373

Hon. Virginia Foxx [NC–5]  
Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011

H.R. 385

Hon. Barbara Lee [CA-9]  
Poverty Impact Trigger Act of 2011

H.R. 386

Hon. Dan Lungren [CA-3]  
Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011

H.R. 398

Hon. Zoe Lofgren [CA-16]  
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Homeland Security Appropriations Bill (H.R. 5855) Update [6/6/2012]

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HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS  
 SUMMARY REPORT

Republicans and Democrats have different views on how to get our fiscal house in order. Republicans are continuing to pursue legislation that protects the very wealthy and special interests at the expense of everyone else. This approach is evident in the House-passed fiscal year 2013 budget resolution, which ends the Medicare guarantee and cuts investments that make the country stronger, while extending massive tax breaks for big corporations and the wealthiest Americans. The Republican approach of looking for deficit reduction only through spending cuts is also evident in the "Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012," which protects tax breaks for millionaires but slashes health care for kids, food and nutrition assistance for struggling families, and vital safety net programs.

In contrast, Democrats support a balanced approach to addressing the nation's deficit and debt burden, one that builds on the \$1 trillion of spending cuts enacted last year but also cuts wasteful tax subsidies and asks millionaires to share responsibility in reducing the deficit. In the second session of the 112th Congress, Budget Committee Democrats offered proposals reflecting these priorities as alternatives and amendments to Republican budget legislation. In addition, the Democratic Caucus of the Budget Committee published a variety of materials that highlight concerns with the Republican legislation and that explain the Democratic approach and proposals.

112TH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION  
 LEGISLATION OFFERED BY THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET RESOLUTION

On March 29, 2012, Democrats offered an alternative to the Republican 2013 budget resolution on the House floor. The Democratic budget takes a balanced approach to meeting the nation's fiscal challenges, preserving the Medicare guarantee, helping create more jobs now, making the country stronger through investments that build long-term growth, abiding by the tight spending caps established in 2011, and reducing the deficit through shared responsibility. The Democratic budget's first priority is helping people to make it in America: creating more jobs now and making investments that will lead to long-term economic growth. Putting Americans back to work is also the fastest and most effective way to reduce the short-term deficit. Second, the budget alternative preserves the Medicare guarantee and ensures that the social safety net remains intact. Importantly, the Democratic budget reduces the deficit responsibly with policies that balance spending cuts with increased revenue. This balanced approach is recommended by every single bipartisan group that has looked at deficit reduction.

On March 21, 2012, during the House Budget Committee markup of the Republican budget resolution, Democrats sought to eliminate the most harmful provisions and improve the budget through



a number of amendments. The amendments focused on preserving the Medicare guarantee and the social safety net, creating jobs, strengthening education as an investment in the country's long-term growth, protecting the middle class, and reducing the deficit. Democrats offered the following amendments, with all costs fully offset:

#### HEALTH CARE AMENDMENTS

- An amendment rejecting Medicare vouchers by opposing any changes that would eliminate guaranteed health insurance benefits under the Medicare program, or that increase costs for seniors and people with disabilities by establishing a Medicare voucher or premium support plan that provides limited payments to Medicare beneficiaries to purchase health care in the private health insurance market.
- An amendment to prohibit Medicare cuts to beneficiaries, expressing the need to retain the important new health benefits for seniors and disabled individuals provided in the Affordable Care Act—benefits that will be eliminated as a result of the Republican budget resolution's repeal of most provisions of the Act.
- An amendment to reverse the Republican budget's \$810 billion in cuts to Medicaid, which provides health care for seniors in nursing homes, people with disabilities, poor children, and other low-income people.
- An amendment expressing the Sense of the House that Congress should not repeal the Affordable Care Act, taking away vital benefits, especially the Act's important protection against unfair discriminatory practices against women.
- An amendment expressing the Sense of the House that no woman should be denied access to contraceptives.

#### JOBS AMENDMENTS

- An amendment funding the transportation investments of the President's American Jobs Act, allowing for an immediate infusion of \$50 billion for highway projects that will put people to work over the next few years and strengthen the transportation infrastructure that helps drive a strong economy.
- An amendment to fit the provisions of the Senate-passed highway bill into the budget.
- An amendment immediately providing \$30 billion to create jobs upgrading at least 35,000 crumbling public schools, including elementary and secondary schools and community colleges.
- An amendment providing \$1 billion to establish a Veterans Job Corps, as proposed by the President, to employ at least 20,000 veterans over the next five years in projects to preserve and restore America's national, state, and local parks and other public lands.
- An amendment to support a "Make it in America" agenda by establishing a 20 percent tax credit against expenses for U.S. businesses that return jobs and operations to the U.S., and by denying tax deductions for U.S. businesses that outsource jobs and operations overseas.

## EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

- An amendment rejecting the budget's education cuts to support key services that bolster student achievement and support tens of thousands of teaching jobs.
- An amendment making the American Opportunity Tax Credit permanent to continue helping more than 9 million students afford the cost of college.
- An amendment preventing interest rates on subsidized student loans from doubling on July 1, protecting nearly 7.5 million students from increased cost of college.
- An amendment ensuring that Head Start can continue providing vital early childhood educational services to almost 1 million children in families at or below the poverty level.

## SAFETY NET AMENDMENTS

- An amendment opposing the Republican budget's plan to convert the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) into a block grant and deeply reduce the program level, and providing funding to support the President's request for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- An amendment rejecting the privatization of Social Security.
- An amendment supporting additional legislative action to ensure that states have the necessary resources to collect all child support that is owed to families and to allow them to pass 100 percent of support on to families without financial penalty.

## MIDDLE-CLASS PROTECTION AMENDMENTS

- An amendment prohibiting tax increases on individuals with income below \$200,000 (\$250,000 for couples).
- An amendment protecting consumers against Wall Street abuse by supporting full funding of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the work of the newly created Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- An amendment cracking down on oil price speculation by repealing tax subsidies to the major integrated oil and gas companies, and devoting most of the savings to deficit reduction while also funding the Commodity Futures Trade Commission at a level where it can properly monitor oil price speculation.
- An amendment to ease gas price pressures at the pump by repealing tax subsidies to oil and gas companies, and instead rebating the savings to vehicle owners.
- An amendment protecting services by restoring discretionary spending for fiscal year 2013 to \$1.047 trillion, which is the level established in the Budget Control Act.
- An amendment reinstating four Superfund taxes that, until 1995, financed the clean-up of contaminated waste sites across the nation.

## DEFICIT REDUCTION AMENDMENTS

- An amendment to reduce the deficit by ending tax cuts for millionaires and imposing a "Buffett Rule" to ensure that middle class families do not pay higher effective tax rates than millionaires.

- An amendment stressing the importance of deficit reduction that draws from the entire budget—reforming defense and non-defense spending, appropriations and entitlements, and tax policies.

#### SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

The 2013 budget resolution included reconciliation instructions for six Committees to report legislation reducing the deficit and for the Budget Committee to report legislation eliminating most of the roughly \$100 billion across-the-board sequester of spending scheduled for 2013. These instructions led to the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act, an unbalanced approach to deficit reduction that focuses only on cutting investments rather than also closing tax loopholes. In fact, the reconciliation package makes deep cuts to food and nutrition programs for low-income families and Medicaid—both programs that would have been entirely exempt from any sequestration cuts.

On May 9, 2012, Democrats sought to offer an alternative to the Republican package on the House floor. The Democratic alternative replaces the sequester with a combination of cuts to agriculture subsidies and revenues raised by cutting taxpayer subsidies for Big Oil and asking millionaires to share greater responsibility in reducing the deficit. The Democratic alternative was offered during the House Rules Committee mark-up of the rule for consideration of the bill, but the Rules Committee did not make the Democratic alternative in order on the House floor.

On May 7, 2012, during the House Budget Committee mark-up of the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012, Democrats offered the following motions to achieve similar savings by cutting tax breaks and subsidies to special interests:

- A motion rejecting the elimination of the Social Services Block Grant while ending taxpayer subsidies to Big Oil.
- A motion protecting food and nutrition support for struggling children and families while cutting taxpayer direct payments to agricultural interests.
- A motion protecting health care coverage for at least 300,000 low-income children and lowering the deficit by eliminating certain tax subsidies for Big Oil.
- A motion protecting the health of women and children through the Prevention and Public Health Fund while closing tax loopholes that reward corporations that ship American jobs overseas.

Also on May 7, Democrats offered two amendments during the House Budget Committee mark-up of the Sequester Replacement Act of 2012. The first amendment would have replaced the sequester for the entire 10-year period called for under the Budget Control Act—not just one year, as the Republican plan does. The second amendment would have exempted Medicare from the 2013 sequester. Both amendments were defeated.

#### EXPEDITED LEGISLATIVE LINE-ITEM VETO AND RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2011

On January, 24, 2012, Democrats offered amendments to H.R. 2521, the Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011, during the House Budget Committee mark-up.

One amendment would have made targeted tax benefits subject to cancellation, in addition to the rescission of discretionary budget authority already allowed by the bill. Another amendment made technical corrections.

#### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS PUBLICATIONS

The following publications were prepared by the staff of the Democratic Caucus of the Committee on the Budget. The publications were not approved by the full Membership of the Committee.

Date	Title
Feb. 1, 2012	CBO Forecast Confirms Economy Slowly on the Rebound But Deficits Continue
Feb. 2, 2012	Fact Sheets on Budget Process Reform Legislation—H.R. 3582 & H.R. 3578
Feb. 7, 2012	Fact Sheets on Budget Process Reform Legislation—H.R. 3581
Feb. 8, 2012	Fact Sheet on The Expedited Legislative Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011 (H.R. 3521)
Feb. 13, 2012	The President's 2013 Budget: Focus on Jobs and a Balanced Approach to Deficit Reduction
Feb. 14, 2012	Highlights of the President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget
Mar. 23, 2012	Report on Democratic Amendments to the Republican 2013 Budget Resolution
Mar. 23, 2012	Minority Views on the House Budget Committee FY 2013 Budget Resolution, (Report to Accompany H. Con. Res. 112)
Mar. 23, 2012	Republican Budget Makes the Wrong Choices
Mar. 26, 2012	Summary of the 2013 Democratic Budget
Mar. 28, 2012	The Democratic Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2013; Make it in America, Preserve the Medicare Guarantee, and Provide Tax Relief for Working Families while Responsibly Reducing the Deficit
Mar. 28, 2012	Top Reasons to Support Democratic Budget Alternative
Mar. 28, 2012	Top Reasons to Oppose the Republican Budget
Mar. 28, 2012	Myth vs. Reality: The Republican Budget
Mar. 28, 2012	Republican Budget Ends Medicare Guarantee and Shreds Social Safety Net
Mar. 28, 2012	What Outside Groups are Saying about the FY 2013 Republican Budget and the Latest GOP Plan to End the Medicare Guarantee
May 3, 2012	Republican Reconciliation Bills Reflect Wrong Priorities
May 9, 2012	Minority Views on the Sequester Replacement Act of 2012, (Report to accompany H.R.4966)
May 9, 2012	Minority Views on the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012, (Report to accompany H.R. 5652)
May 10, 2012	The Republican Reconciliation Bill—Like Their Budget—Makes the Wrong Choices for America
<b>112th Congress, First Session: Legislation Offered by the Democratic Caucus</b>	
Apr. 6, 2011	Democratic amendments offered to FY 2012 budget during House Budget Committee mark-up
Apr. 13, 2011	FY 2012 Democratic budget offered on House floor
<b>112th Congress, First Session: Democratic Caucus Publications</b>	
Jan. 5, 2011	Republican House Rules Make Fiscally Irresponsible Changes
Jan. 31, 2011	CBO Forecast Confirms Economy on the Rebound But Deficits Continue
Feb. 23, 2011	Summary and Analysis of President Obama's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget
Apr. 8, 2011	Summary & Analysis of Democratic Amendments Offered to FY 2012 Budget at House Budget Committee Mark-up
Apr. 11, 2011	Summary and Analysis of the House Budget Committee-reported FY 2012 Budget Resolution
Apr. 11, 2011	Minority Views on the House Budget Committee FY 2012 Budget Resolution
Apr. 13, 2011	Key Aspects of the 2012 Democratic Budget
Apr. 15, 2011	Win the Future: Make it in America—the Democratic Budget Resolution
May 13, 2011	Comparing the Republican Medicare Voucher Plan and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit
June 27, 2011	Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment is Guise to Push the Republican Budget Agenda
July 11, 2011	Budget Committee Hearing on "Budgeting for America's National Security"
July 18, 2011	"Cut, Cap, and Balance Act" is a More Extreme Version of Republican Budget Resolution
July 28, 2011	Republican Debt Plan Threatens the Nation's Financial Security
Aug. 3, 2011	Summary of the Budget Control Act of 2011
Nov. 14, 2011	Do We Really Want the Courts Making Budget Decisions? A Constitutional Requirement to Balance the Budget Will Involve the Courts
Nov. 16, 2011	Vote "No" on the Constitutional Amendment: H.J.Res. 2 is Not Fiscally Responsible
Dec. 13, 2011	Frequently Asked Questions about Sequestration under the Budget Control Act of 2011