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Order of Business: H.Res. 9 is scheduled to be considered by the House next week under a structured [rule](#) (H.Res. 26, which passed the House by a vote of 236 to 181) that provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules, or their designees. The rule further makes in order an amendment offered by Representative Matheson (D-UT), which is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 2 (under a process described in the RSC Legislative Bulletin for that bill).

Amendments Made in Order by Rule:

1. **Matheson (D-UT).** Instructs the committee of jurisdiction to include a permanent “doc fix” in legislation replacing Obamacare.

Summary: The resolution instructs the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Way and Means to each report to the House legislation proposing changes to existing law within each committee’s jurisdiction with provisions that:

- foster economic growth and private sector job creation by eliminating job-killing policies and regulations;
- lower health care premiums through increased competition and choice;
- preserve a patient’s ability to keep his or her health plan if he or she likes it;
- provide people with pre-existing conditions access to affordable health coverage;
- reform the medical liability system to reduce unnecessary and wasteful health care spending;
- increase the number of insured Americans;
- protect the doctor-patient relationship;
- provide the States greater flexibility to administer Medicaid programs;

- expand incentives to encourage personal responsibility for health care coverage and costs;
- prohibit taxpayer funding of abortions and provide conscience protections for health care providers;
- eliminate duplicative government programs and wasteful spending; and,
- do not accelerate the insolvency of entitlement programs or increase the tax burden on Americans.

Cost to Taxpayers: The legislation would, in and of itself, have no impact on the federal budget.

Committee Action: The purpose of the legislation is to direct the Committee on Education and Workforce, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Ways and Means to propose legislation replacing the government health care takeover law.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: House rules do not require constitutional authority statements from sponsors of house resolutions. Article I, Section 5, states: “*Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member.*” [emphasis added]

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