



Watch me pull a waiver out of my hat!

This Congress, House Republicans have granted themselves 11 waivers of the “Cut-go” rule – one of their most fundamental legislative principles.

The Scale of Distortion

The Mini Twist	
The Double Distortion	
The Triple Tangle	
The Quadruple Contortion	
The Quintuple Corkscrew	

The most recent example is the so-called STEM “Jobs” Act. When Rules Committee Republicans discovered that the bill actually increased the deficit, they used the “deem-and-pass” process to “fix” the budget violation. *Abra Cadabra!!!*

Problem is, the “fix” didn’t work. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the bill still violates the Cut-go rule!

But don’t worry – they pulled another magic waiver out of the hat and the problem disappeared!

For their shoddy execution of a legislative “escape act” that would shame the late, great Harry Houdini, we award the Republicans three pretzels – the ever-popular:

“Triple Tangle”

“Grand Old Pretzels” is a ranking system designed by the Rules Committee Democrats to provide simple insight into complicated tricks. Through a ranking of 1-5, we will rate the level of contortion House Republicans will go through to twist their no-compromise agenda through the House. The more contortions, the more Pretzels they will receive.