



SUMMARY "DO YOUR JOB" AMENDMENT

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"Do Your Job" Amendment Directs Congress To Do Its Job

Senator Conrad's "Do Your Job" Amendment to the GOP budget process bill is designed to encourage members of Congress to do their jobs and uphold their constitutional duties. Rather than outsourcing responsibility for our nation's fiscal condition to largely unelected, unaccountable commission members, this amendment reminds members of Congress they have a job to do. They ought to get back to work and do it!

Finance, Budget, Ways & Means, and Energy & Commerce – Do Your Job!

The Republican reform plan establishes a new bureaucracy with the National Commission on Entitlement Solvency. Its purpose and duties – to propose changes to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid – are remarkably similar to the functions already performed by existing Congressional committees. This amendment strikes the entitlement commission and replaces it with the bipartisan membership of the Senate Finance and Budget Committees and the House Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce and Budget. The "Do Your Job" amendment simply directs the current Congressional committees of jurisdiction to do their job.

Do members of these committees want to give up the right to propose changes to these critical programs? While some elected officials may want to let a largely unelected body do their jobs, Democrats will fight for the right to do the job they were elected and entrusted to do.

Standing Committees of the House and Senate – Do Your Job!

The Republican reform plan creates the Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies. The commission is tasked with reviewing every federal program and agency and proposing legislation to reform or eliminate them. The purpose, duties and powers of the commission are remarkably similar to the functions already performed by the various standing committees of the House and Senate. The "Do Your Job" amendment strikes the spending commission and replaces it with the bipartisan membership of the Congressional committees of jurisdiction so that they can do their job.

Do members of these committees want to give up their oversight responsibility? While some elected officials might be happy to outsource their obligations, Democrats will fight for the right to represent their constituents and perform the duties they were elected and entrusted to do.

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