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H. Con. Res. 27 - Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025

- 1. Structured rule.
- 2. Provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady (TX) and Rep. Maloney (NY) or their respective designees.
- 3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read.
- 4. Makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment.
- 5. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.
- 6. Provides that if more than one such amendment is adopted, then only the one receiving the greater number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted. In the case of a tie for the greater number of affirmative votes, then only the last amendment to receive that number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted.
- 7. Provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.
- 8. Permits the Chair of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of

- 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency.
- 9. Provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 27) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025. The first reading of the concurrent resolution shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution are waived. General debate shall not exceed four hours, with three hours of general debate confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour of general debate on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Brady of Texas and Representative Carolyn Maloney of New York or their respective designees. After general debate the concurrent resolution shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. No amendment shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. All points of order against such amendments are waived. If more than one such amendment is adopted, then only the one receiving the greater number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted. In the case of a tie for the greater number of affirmative votes, then only the last amendment to receive that number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted. After the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment and a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, the Committee shall rise and report the concurrent resolution to the House with such amendment as may have been finally adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and amendments thereto to adoption without intervening motion except amendments offered by the chair of the Committee on the Budget pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

Sponsor	# Description	Debate Time
1. Grijalva (AZ), Ellison (MN), Pocan (WI), Lee, Barbara (CA), Schakowsky (IL), Conyers (MI), McDermott (WA)	#4 CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS SUBSTITUTE establishes funding levels to fix an economy that, for too long, has failed to provide the opportunities American families need to get ahead. The budget creates 8.4 million high quality jobs, while reducing the deficit and providing a boost to America's long-term global competitiveness.	(30 minutes)
2. Butterfield (NC), Scott, Bobby (VA), Lee, Barbara (CA), Moore, Gwen (WI)	#2 CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS SUBSTITUTE makes significant investments in education, job training, transportation and infrastructure, and advanced research and development programs that will accelerate our economic recovery. It includes funding for a comprehensive jobs bill and targeted investments to reduce and eradicate poverty in America. Additionally, the CBC budget protects the social safety net without cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, or SNAP. The CBC budget makes tough but responsible decisions to raise new revenue by making our tax system fairer, saving more than \$1.9 trillion on the deficit over the next decade. The CBC Budget will put our nation on a sustainable fiscal path by reducing our annual budget deficit to 2.3% of GDP by FY 2025.	(30 minutes)
3. Stutzman (IN), Flores (TX)	#6 (LATE) REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE establishes the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025. Balances in six years, encourages progrowth tax reform, and provides for our national defense.	(30 minutes)
4. Van Hollen	#5 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS SUBSTITUTE reflects	(30 minutes)

(MD)

policies that will boost the economy to create more broadly shared prosperity while putting the federal budget on a fiscally responsible path, with debt declining as a share of the economy. It provides for tax policies that help the middle class and those working their way into the middle class by raising the take-home pay of hard-working Americans, and rejects the sequester caps to make needed investments that create jobs for those still seeking work, that educate our children and prepare them for success, and that sharpen the nation's competitive edge.

(10 minutes)

(30 minutes)

5. Price, Tom (GA)

#7 (LATE) SUBSTITUTE This amendment is identical to the reported resolution. The total level of new budget authority for the Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism function (Function 970) remains at \$94 billion in Fiscal Year 2016. The amendment also retains a deficit-neutral reserve fund for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism in section 513. This section permits the Chair of the Committee on the Budget to adjust the 302(a) allocations to the Committee on Appropriations, and other appropriate levels, for any appropriations measure that provides new budget authority for Overseas Contingency Operations in excess of \$73.5 billion up to \$94 billion in Fiscal Year 2016.

6. Price, Tom (GA)

#8 (LATE) SUBSTITUTE The amendment increases new budget authority for the Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism function (Function 970) by \$2 billion, from \$94 billion to \$96 billion in Fiscal Year 2016. The amendment increases the outlay amounts for OCO over the period of Fiscal Years 2016 to 2025. As a consequence of the increase in OCO/GWOT, conforming increases are made in total budget authority and outlays, deficits, interest, debt subject to limit, and debt held by the public. Even with the increase in overall budget and outlays, the budget resolution remains in balance in Fiscal Year 2024 and thereafter. The amendment also strikes a deficit-neutral reserve fund for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism in section 513 of the reported resolution. This section would have permitted the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget to adjust the 302(a) allocations to the Committee on Appropriations for any appropriations measure that provided new budget authority in excess of \$73.5 billion up to \$94 billion in Fiscal Year 2016.