

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

1 **TITLE XVIII—POVERTY IMPACT**
2 **STATEMENTS**

3 **SEC. 18001. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Poverty Impact Trig-
5 ger Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 18002. CERTAIN POVERTY IMPACT LEGISLATION SUB-**
7 **JECT TO POINT OF ORDER.**

8 Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representa-
9 tives is amended by adding at the end the following new
10 clause:

11 **“Certain legislation reported by committees**

12 “12. It shall not be in order to consider a bill or joint
13 resolution of a public nature authorizing an appropriation
14 of \$10,000,000 or more, unless—

15 “(1) the committee report accompanying the
16 bill or joint resolution includes a CBO Poverty Index
17 Division impact statement; or

18 “(2) the chair of the committee reporting the
19 bill or joint resolution submits such statement to be

1 published in the Congressional Record before consid-
2 eration of the bill or joint resolution.”.

3 **SEC. 18003. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE POVERTY IM-**
4 **PACT DIVISION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202 of the Congressional
6 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(h) CBO POVERTY IMPACT DIVISION.—

9 “(1) CREATION.—There is established within
10 the Office the CBO Poverty Impact Division (herein-
11 after in this subsection referred to as the ‘Division’).

12 “(2) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.—

13 “(A) PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF
14 IMPACT STATEMENT.—When a chair of a com-
15 mittee of the House of Representatives submits
16 a written request to the Division to prepare and
17 submit to the committee a CBO Poverty Index
18 Division impact statement, the Division shall
19 prepare and submit such statement to the com-
20 mittee not later than 30 days after such re-
21 quest.

22 “(B) CONTENT OF IMPACT STATEMENT.—
23 A CBO Poverty Index Division impact state-
24 ment shall include the following:

1 “(i) A projected ratio equal to the
2 amount of appropriations authorized in the
3 bill or joint resolution that will benefit in-
4 dividuals and families below the poverty
5 threshold over the total amount of appro-
6 priations authorized by the bill or joint res-
7 olution.

8 “(ii) A projection of the number of in-
9 dividual and family incomes—

10 “(I) that may decrease below the
11 poverty threshold because of the bill
12 or joint resolution; and

13 “(II) that may increase above the
14 poverty threshold because of the bill
15 or joint resolution.

16 “(iii) A projection as to how the legis-
17 lation improves access to basic human
18 services, including health care, housing,
19 and education.

20 “(C) POVERTY THRESHOLD DEFINED.—In
21 this subsection, the term ‘poverty threshold’
22 means an income level below 200 percent of the
23 poverty line (as defined in section 673(2) of the
24 Community Services Block Grant Act).”.

1 **SEC. 18004. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.**

2 Section 18002 is enacted by the House of Represent-
3 atives—

4 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
5 the House of Representatives and as such it shall be
6 considered as part of the rules of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives and such rules shall supersede other
8 rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent
9 therewith; and

10 (2) with the full recognition of the constitu-
11 tional right of the House of Representatives to
12 change such rules at any time, in the same manner,
13 and to the same extent as in the case of any other
14 rule of the House of Representatives.

15 **SEC. 18005. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 The amendments made by this title shall apply to any
17 bill or joint resolution reported by a committee of the
18 House of Representatives after the 90-day period begin-
19 ning on the date of enactment of this Act.

Page 9, before line 1 and after the item relating to
section 17712 in the table of contents, insert the fol-
lowing:

TITLE XVIII—POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENTS

Sec. 18001. Short title.

Sec. 18002. Certain poverty impact legislation subject to point of order.

Sec. 18003. Congressional budget office poverty impact division.

Sec. 18004. Exercise of rulemaking powers.
Sec. 18005. Effective date.

