



H. Res. 132 — Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress (Rep. Miller, R-MI)

CONTACT: NICHOLAS RODMAN, NICHOLAS.RODMAN@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV, 6-8576

FLOOR SCHEDULE: MARCH 19, 2015 UNDER A CLOSED [RULE](#) WHICH MAKES ONE AMENDMENT IN ORDER.

TOPLINE SUMMARY: [H. Res. 132](#) would authorize the aggregate funding amounts for the House of Representatives' standing and select committees for the 114th Congress (except for the Committee on Appropriations, which is funded through the Legislative Branch appropriations).

COST: A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report is currently unavailable.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS: There are no major substantive concerns.

- **Expand the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: The bill sets forth payment levels, including staff salaries for each House committee. Sections 2 and 3 of the resolution would prescribe limitations on expenditures for the 1st and 2nd sessions of the 114th Congress. The resolution also establishes a reserve fund of \$1 million for unanticipated expenses of committees during the 114th Congress with \$500,000 of the fund available for expenditure during the 1st session and the other \$500,000 available during the 2nd session. Section 4 would allow payments to be made on vouchers authorized by the committee involved, signed by the chairman of such committee and approved in the manner directed by the House Committee on Administration. Section 7 of the bill would authorize the House Committee on Administration to make adjustments to the committee expense accounts, if necessary to comply with a sequestration order by the president issued under the [Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985](#) or to conform to any change in appropriations. According to the House report accompanying H. Res. 132, [House Rule X, clause 7](#), authorizes House committees to continue operations based on their funding authorizations from the preceding session. According to the [report](#), this continuing authorization allows committees to organize, adopt legislative and oversight agendas, and seek spending authority through the adoption of a primary expense resolution by the House.

The House report (H. Rept. 114-44) accompanying H. Res. 132 can be found [here](#). The RSC's legislative bulletin for H. Res. 115 which provided for the expenses of for House committees in the 113th Congress can be found [here](#).

	1st Session	2nd Session	Total
Committee on Agriculture	\$5,086,548	\$5,086,548	\$10,173,096
Committee on Armed Services	7,104,170	7,104,170	14,208,340
Committee on the Budget	5,190,212	5,190,212	10,380,424
Committee on Education and the Workforce	7,022,290	7,022,290	14,044,580
Committee on Energy and Commerce	9,765,721	9,765,721	19,531,442
Committee on Ethics	3,100,663	3,100,663	6,201,326
Committee on Financial Services	7,543,426	7,543,426	15,086,852
Committee on Foreign Affairs	7,461,993	7,461,993	14,923,986
Committee on Homeland Security	7,203,923	7,203,923	14,407,846
Committee on House Administration	4,646,565	4,646,565	9,293,130
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	4,598,655	4,598,655	9,197,310
Committee on the Judiciary	7,197,786	7,197,786	14,395,572
Committee on Natural Resources	6,711,387	6,711,387	13,422,774
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform	9,029,841	9,029,841	18,059,682
Committee on Rules	2,960,982	2,885,982	5,846,964
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology	5,335,582	5,335,582	10,671,164
Committee on Small Business	3,022,614	3,022,614	6,045,228
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	8,364,130	8,364,130	16,728,260
Committee on Veterans' Affairs	3,479,031	3,479,031	6,958,062
Committee on Ways and Means	8,757,645	8,757,645	17,515,290
Reserve Fund	500,000	500,000	

COMMITTEE ACTION: This bill was introduced on March 2, 2015 and was referred to the House Committee on Administration.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: No statement of administration position is available at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY: No constitutional authority is available.

AMENDMENTS:

- **Miller (R-MI):** This amendment would make a technical correction to the portion of the resolution establishing the reserve fund in Section 6.

NOTE: *RSC Legislative Bulletins are for informational purposes only and should not be taken as statements of support or opposition from the Republican Study Committee.*