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**Order of Business:** H.R. 1871 is expected to be considered on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, under a closed rule. The rule, H. Res. 539, was [adopted by the House](#) on Friday, April 4, 2014.

**Summary:** H.R. 1871 would require CBO to use “zero baseline” budgeting for discretionary projections by removing the automatic inflation adjustment to discretionary spending from the budget baseline. According to the House Budget Committee, this assumption added \$1 trillion in outlays to the current ten-year baseline.

This legislation does not affect baseline assumptions for mandatory spending or revenues.

Finally, H.R. 1871 would codify the CBO’s practice of producing a long-term budget outlook by July 1 each year.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 1871 was introduced on May 8, 2013. The Budget Committee marked up H.R. 1871 on June 19, 2013, and reported the legislation by a 15-10 vote. The Committee Report can be read [here](#).

**Outside Groups:** The [National Taxpayers Union](#) is key voting in support of H.R. 1871.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** [CBO states](#) that enacting this legislation “would not have a significant impact on the federal budget.”

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment?:** No.

**Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** No.

**Constitutional Authority:** “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, section 9, clause 7 of the United States Constitution.”

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