

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R.
3521, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. KING OF IOWA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Cut the Unnecessary Tab Act” or the “CUT Act”.

4 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) A rescissions bill, which would cut Federal
6 spending, should be brought to the House floor at
7 the beginning of every fiscal quarter to give Con-
8 gress the opportunity to cut and cancel unnecessary,
9 wasteful, and bloated Government spending to elimi-
10 nate the deficit.

11 (2) Any Federal appropriations that have not
12 yet been spent would be on the table for cuts.

13 (3) The House of Representatives would con-
14 sider this spending-slashing bill under an open rule
15 procedure that allows any Member of Congress to
16 offer an amendment to cut Federal spending and de-
17 mand a recorded vote to hold Congress accountable.

1 (4) In this spending-cutting process every single
2 spending item would be up for reconsideration and
3 no Member of Congress could make excuses for fail-
4 ing to cut spending because the process would pro-
5 vide a record of their actions.

6 (5) The taxpayer money saved through this
7 spending-cutting process will be returned to the gen-
8 eral fund and cannot be used for new spending.

9 (6) The process of cutting spending should be
10 open to the public, by posting this spending-cutting
11 bill and its amendments on the Internet, so that
12 Americans can exercise their right to contact their
13 Members of Congress and make their views known.

14 (7) This rescissions spending-cutting process
15 will discipline Federal spending and save taxpayer
16 money.

17 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF**
18 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

19 (a) LIMITATION ON PRIVILEGED REPORTS BY THE
20 COMMITTEE ON RULES.—Clause 6(c) of rule XIII of the
21 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by in-
22 serting before the period the following “or a rule or order
23 that would limit any amendment that would otherwise be
24 in order to a rescission bill”.

1 (b) AUTOMATIC REDUCTION OF SECTION 301(a) AL-
2 LOCATIONS.—Clause 4(b) of rule X of the Rules of the
3 House of Representatives is amended by inserting “(1)”
4 after “(b)”, by redesignating subparagraphs (1) through
5 (6) as subdivisions (A) through (F), respectively, and by
6 adding at the end the following:

7 “(2)(A) Whenever a rescission bill passes the House,
8 the Committee on the Budget shall immediately reduce the
9 applicable allocations under section 302(a) of the Congres-
10 sional Budget Act of 1974 by the total amount of reduc-
11 tions in budget authority and in outlays resulting from
12 such rescission bill.

13 “(B) As used in this subparagraph, the term ‘rescis-
14 sion bill’ means a bill or joint resolution which only re-
15 scinds, in whole or in part, budget authority and which
16 includes only titles corresponding to the most recently en-
17 acted appropriation bills that continue to include unobli-
18 gated balances.”.

19 (c) REQUIRED INTRODUCTION OF RESCISSION
20 BILLS.—Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following
22 new clause:

23 “8. (a) During the first 45 days of each fiscal quar-
24 ter, the majority leader shall introduce a rescission bill.
25 If a rescission bill is not introduced by that date by the

1 majority leader, then any Member may introduce a rescis-
2 sion bill during the remainder of that fiscal quarter.
3 Whenever a rescission bill introduced during the first 45
4 days of a fiscal quarter, a motion to discharge the com-
5 mittee from its consideration shall be privileged after the
6 10-legislative day period beginning on the date of intro-
7 duction. If the majority leader does not introduce a rescis-
8 sion bill during the first 45 days of a fiscal quarter and
9 another Member introduces a rescission bill during the re-
10 mainder of that fiscal quarter, then the first such bill so
11 introduced shall be privileged after the 10-legislative day
12 period beginning on the date of introduction.

13 “(b) It shall always be in order to offer any germane
14 amendment to a rescission bill that increases the amount
15 of budget authority that such bill rescinds.

16 “(c) (1) As used in this clause and in clause 6, the
17 term ‘rescission bill’ has the meaning given such term in
18 clause 4(b)(2)(B) of rule X.

19 “(2) As used in this clause, the term ‘fiscal quarter’
20 means any three-month period beginning on October 1,
21 January 1, April 1, or July 1.”.

22 (d) POINT OF ORDER.—Rule XXI of the Rules of the
23 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end
24 the following new clause:

1 “11. (a) It shall not be in order to consider any re-
2 scission bill, or conference report thereon or amendment
3 thereto, unless—

4 “(1) in the case of such bill or conference re-
5 port, it is made available to Members and the gen-
6 eral public on the Internet for at least 48 hours be-
7 fore its consideration; or

8 “(2)(A) in the case of an amendment to such
9 rescission bill made in order by a rule, it is made
10 available to Members and the general public on the
11 Internet within one hour after the rule is filed; or

12 “(B) in the case of an amendment under an
13 open rule, it is made available to Members and the
14 general public on the Internet immediately after
15 being offered in a format that is searchable and
16 sortable.

17 “(3) No amendment to an amendment to a re-
18 scission bill shall be in order unless germane to the
19 amendment to which it is offered.”.

