

Revise clause 2(b) to read

*A provision changing existing law may not be reported in a general appropriation bill, including a provision making the availability of funds contingent on the receipt or possession of information not required by existing law for the period of the appropriation, except germane provisions that retrench expenditures by the reduction of amounts of money covered by the bill (which may include those recommended to the Committee on Appropriations by direction of a legislative committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter), ~~and~~ except rescissions of appropriations contained in appropriation Acts, **and** **except changes in direct spending programs that reduce expenditures.***