

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2217, AS REPORTED
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At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (1) The House of Representatives and the Senate
4 have each passed a budget resolution for fiscal year 2014.

5 (2) The Republican majority in the House of Rep-
6 resentatives has repeatedly called for transparency and
7 regular order in the budgetary process, including a state-
8 ment by the Speaker on March 4, 2013, that “It’s time
9 for us to get back to regular order in the House”.

10 (3) The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 sets a
11 statutory deadline of April 15 for Congress to complete
12 action on adopting a conference agreement on the concur-
13 rent budget resolution, and the Congress is not in compli-
14 ance with the deadline.

15 (4) The sequester threatens to impose sharp cuts in
16 investments that are essential to our economic growth, and
17 should be addressed in a budget resolution conference
18 agreement.

1 (5) A conference agreement on the budget resolution
2 is necessary to set a uniform discretionary allocation to
3 facilitate the process of crafting and enacting 2014 appro-
4 priations bills in a timely manner.

5 (6) The unresolved budget issues bring unnecessary
6 uncertainty to the economy.

7 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
8 House of Representatives that the Speaker should follow
9 regular House procedure and immediately request a con-
10 ference and appoint conferees to negotiate a fiscal year
11 2014 budget resolution conference agreement with the
12 Senate

