

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

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED INTRODUCTION OF RESCISSION BILLS.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

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

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

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

16 (4) In this spending-cutting process every single
17 spending item would be up for reconsideration and
18 no Member of Congress could make excuses for fail-

1 ing to cut spending because the process would pro-
2 vide a record of their actions.

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

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

11 (7) This rescissions spending-cutting process
12 will discipline Federal spending and save taxpayer
13 money.

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

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

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

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

13 (d) REQUIRED INTRODUCTION OF RESCISSION
14 BILLS.—Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following
16 new clause:

17 “8. (a) During the first 45 days of each fiscal quar-
18 ter, the majority leader shall introduce a rescission bill.
19 If a rescission bill is not introduced by that date by the
20 majority leader, then any Member may introduce a rescis-
21 sion bill during the remainder of that fiscal quarter.
22 Whenever a rescission bill introduced during the first 45
23 days of a fiscal quarter, a motion to discharge the com-
24 mittee from its consideration shall be privileged after the
25 10-legislative day period beginning on the date of intro-

1 duction. If the majority leader does not introduce a rescis-
2 sion bill during the first 45 days of a fiscal quarter and
3 another Member introduces a rescission bill during the re-
4 mainder of that fiscal quarter, then the first such bill so
5 introduced shall be privileged after the 10-legislative day
6 period beginning on the date of introduction.

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

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

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

16 (e) POINT OF ORDER.—Rule XXI of the Rules of the
17 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end
18 the following new clause:

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

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

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

5 “(B) in the case of an amendment under an
6 open rule, it is made available to Members and the
7 general public on the Internet immediately after
8 being offered in a format that is searchable and
9 sortable.

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

