AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

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

TITLE XVIII—POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENTS

SEC. 18001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Poverty Impact Trigger Act of 2012”.

SEC. 18002. CERTAIN POVERTY IMPACT LEGISLATION SUBJECT TO POINT OF ORDER.

Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“Certain legislation reported by committees

“12. It shall not be in order to consider a bill or joint resolution of a public nature authorizing an appropriation of $10,000,000 or more, unless—

“(1) the committee report accompanying the bill or joint resolution includes a CBO Poverty Index Division impact statement; or

“(2) the chair of the committee reporting the bill or joint resolution submits such statement to be
published in the Congressional Record before consid-
eration of the bill or joint resolution.”.

SEC. 18003. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE POVERTY IM-
PACT DIVISION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202 of the Congressional
Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602) is amended by adding
at the end the following new subsection:

“(h) CBO POVERTY IMPACT DIVISION.—

“(1) CREATION.—There is established within
the Office the CBO Poverty Impact Division (herein-
after in this subsection referred to as the ‘Division’).

“(2) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.—

“(A) PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF
IMPACT STATEMENT.—When a chair of a com-
mittee of the House of Representatives submits
a written request to the Division to prepare and
submit to the committee a CBO Poverty Index
Division impact statement, the Division shall
prepare and submit such statement to the com-
mittee not later than 30 days after such re-
quest.

“(B) CONTENT OF IMPACT STATEMENT.—
A CBO Poverty Index Division impact state-
ment shall include the following:
“(i) A projected ratio equal to the amount of appropriations authorized in the bill or joint resolution that will benefit individuals and families below the poverty threshold over the total amount of appropriations authorized by the bill or joint resolution.

“(ii) A projection of the number of individual and family incomes—

“(I) that may decrease below the poverty threshold because of the bill or joint resolution; and

“(II) that may increase above the poverty threshold because of the bill or joint resolution.

“(iii) A projection as to how the legislation improves access to basic human services, including health care, housing, and education.

“(C) POVERTY THRESHOLD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘poverty threshold’ means an income level below 200 percent of the poverty line (as defined in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act).”.
SEC. 18004. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.

Section 18002 is enacted by the House of Representatives—

(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the House of Representatives and as such it shall be considered as part of the rules of the House of Representatives and such rules shall supersede other rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

(2) with the full recognition of the constitutional right of the House of Representatives to change such rules at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 18005. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this title shall apply to any bill or joint resolution reported by a committee of the House of Representatives after the 90-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

Page 9, before line 1 and after the item relating to section 17712 in the table of contents, insert the following:

TITLE XVIII—POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENTS

Sec. 18001. Short title.
Sec. 18002. Certain poverty impact legislation subject to point of order.
Sec. 18003. Congressional budget office poverty impact division.
Sec. 18004. Exercise of rulemaking powers.
Sec. 18005. Effective date.