

AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. 112
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Page 68, after line 11, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . POLICY OF THE HOUSE ON DOMESTIC POVERTY.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The House finds that—

3 (1) Members of Congress rely upon the exper-
4 tise of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to
5 properly allocate the trillions of dollars entrusted to
6 the Congress by the American people;

7 (2) Members of Congress must be fully in-
8 formed to correctly set the funding levels for the
9 programs that protect our most vulnerable popu-
10 lations and serve the critical needs of Americans who
11 live below the poverty line, or are near poverty, and
12 efficiently and effectively allocating those funds to
13 provide the greatest benefit to our Nation’s vulner-
14 able communities is critical to our future success as
15 a Nation and as a growing economy;

16 (3) funding that provides the vital supports
17 which protect Americans from the deprivations of
18 poverty and provide the support, education and tech-
19 nical assistance that millions of Americans need to

1 lift themselves out of poverty are spread all across
2 the entire Federal Government and in different
3 budget functions and different appropriations juris-
4 dictions;

5 (4) Members of Congress would be helped by an
6 official consolidated picture of how our budgeting
7 process is impacting our Nation's most vulnerable
8 populations; and

9 (5) the CBO is uniquely qualified to generate
10 an independent, thorough and non-partisan report
11 which would organize the complex web of programs
12 and tax expenditures that are meant to meet the
13 needs of families who are poor or near poor and
14 would allow Members to more easily gather critical
15 insight on how budgets will impact the rates of pov-
16 erty and the lives of those who are living in poverty
17 or are near poor.

18 (b) POLICY.—It is the policy of this resolution that
19 the Congressional Budget Office shall—

20 (1) generate a separate analysis, in conjunction
21 with their work on the majority and minority budg-
22 ets, which identifies and organizes all of the funding
23 levels for the Federal programs or tax expenditures
24 and credits which impact the benefits and services
25 that meet the basic human needs of Americans in

1 poverty and near poverty or are meant to provide a
2 pathway out of poverty like job training programs or
3 educational grants for low income students;

4 (2) produce a detailed, separate analysis for the
5 prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, the fiscal
6 year for which the budget is submitted, and the en-
7 suing fiscal year identifying the amounts of gross
8 and net appropriations or obligational authority and
9 outlays that are directed to Americans who are poor
10 and near poor, within the United States and terri-
11 tories including detailed individual reports on the
12 specific programs which are directed towards the
13 needs of programs that impact—

14 (A) the rates of poverty and near poverty
15 nationally;

16 (B) children in poverty and near poverty;

17 (C) seniors in poverty and near poverty;

18 (D) disabled Americans in poverty and
19 near poverty; and

20 (E) veterans in poverty and near poverty;

21 and

22 (3) consult periodically with the Committees on
23 the Budget of the Senate and the House of Rep-
24 resentatives, the Committees on Appropriations of
25 the Senate and the House of Representatives, and

1 the Office of Management and Budget in developing
2 this budget document, including determining what
3 Federal activities or accounts constitutes spending
4 and tax expenditures on poverty and near poverty
5 programs.

