



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Washington, DC 20515

May 31, 2013

The Honorable Pete Sessions
Chairman
Committee on Rules
H-312, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Yesterday you announced that the Committee on Rules will meet on June 3 to report a rule to govern the floor consideration of the first appropriations bills for fiscal year 2014. I am writing to ask that you include in that rule a provision providing for the enforcement of the concurrent resolution on the budget as passed by the House (H. Con. Res. 25) until such time as the House adopts a conference report on the budget for fiscal year 2014.

As you know, the budget passed by the House reduces spending by \$4.6 trillion and achieves balance in 2023 – all without raising taxes on the American people. In contrast, the budget resolution adopted by the Senate raises taxes by over \$900 billion, increases spending by \$265 billion, and never balances. While I continue to work with my Senate counterpart to find common ground, we have not yet been able to reach agreement.

Until such time as we are able to reach agreement and consistent with the practice in previous years when the House and Senate have been delayed in completing action on a budget resolution, I am asking that the rule include a provision that adopts the House-passed budget resolution as an interim budget enforcement measure that will allow the appropriations process to proceed without further delay.

Pursuant to the authority provided in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and in title VI of the House-passed concurrent resolution on the budget and consistent with longstanding practice, once the House passes the rule adopting the House-passed budget resolution, as the Budget Committee Chairman I intend to file the allocations and adjustments in the Congressional Record to put in force such concurrent resolution.

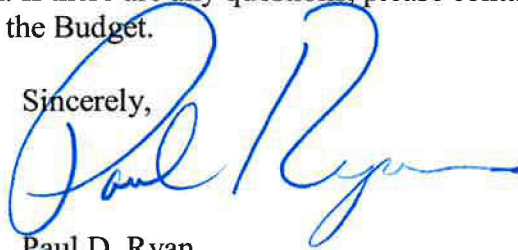
To ensure the Rules Committee and House members have full transparency on the budget levels that would be enforced, enclosed are the relevant budget aggregates and committee allocations that I will file if the House adopts the rule. The House-passed budget resolution was based on CBO February budget projections and estimates. The funding levels for global war on terror (GWOT)/overseas contingency operations (OCO) and for veterans programs were based on an extrapolation of the President's budget request from last year. Because the House acted on

the budget resolution before CBO had completed its updated budget projections and before the President had submitted his fiscal year 2014 budget request, the resolution provided authority for the Chairman to adjust the relevant levels in the resolution to reflect CBO's updated budget projections and the President's request for GWOT/OCO and veterans advance appropriations. The adjustments for CBO's updated baseline will be limited to changes due to updated technical estimates. Now that we have CBO's revised baseline projections and the President's budget request, it is possible to update the levels in the House-passed budget resolution to reflect this updated information. Enclosed are tables showing aggregate budget and committee allocations that will be used for budget enforcement purposes.

I want to emphasize that this is a request for an interim measure while the Committee on the Budget continues to work toward an agreement with the Senate on a budget resolution for the coming fiscal year. The nation's fiscal problems cannot be addressed solely through the appropriations process and the budget remains the critical vehicle for identifying a solution.

To ensure full transparency as to my intent should this request be granted, I ask that you include this letter and the enclosures in the Rules Committee's record of consideration of the rule. I appreciate your consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Paul Restuccia, Chief Counsel of the Committee on the Budget.

Sincerely,



Paul D. Ryan
Chairman

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Louise Slaughter
Ranking Member
Committee on Rules

Hon. Chris Van Hollen
Ranking Member
Committee on the Budget

BUDGET AGGREGATES		
[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]		
	Fiscal Year	
	2014	2014-2023
Current Aggregates:		
Budget Authority	2,755,317	/1/
Outlays	2,810,979	/1/
Revenues	2,310,972	31,089,081

/1/ Not applicable because annual appropriations acts for fiscal years 2015-2023 will not be considered until future sessions of Congress.

**ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY
TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**
(In millions of dollars)

	2014
Base Discretionary Action	
BA.....	966,924
OT.....	1,117,675
Global War on Terrorism	
BA.....	92,289
OT.....	48,010
Total Discretionary Action	
BA.....	1,059,213
OT.....	1,165,685
Current Law Mandatory	
BA.....	749,400
OT.....	738,140

RESOLUTION BY AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE
(On-budget amounts in millions of dollars)

	2014	2014-2023
Agriculture:		
Current Law:		
BA.....	92,956	906,903
OT.....	89,341	900,800
Resolution Change:		
BA.....	-2,631	-209,044
OT.....	-2,501	-208,556
Total:		
BA.....	90,325	697,859
OT.....	86,840	692,244
Armed Services:		
Current Law:		
BA.....	150,138	1,764,863
OT.....	149,922	1,768,772
Resolution Change:		
BA.....	0	0
OT.....	0	0
Total:		
BA.....	150,138	1,764,863
OT.....	149,922	1,768,772
Financial Services:		
Current Law:		
BA.....	12,981	114,942
OT.....	2,112	-57,397
Resolution Change:		
BA.....	-11,465	-94,439
OT.....	-10,428	-94,325
Total:		
BA.....	1,516	20,503
OT.....	-8,316	-151,722

Education & Workforce:

Current Law:

BA.....	-25,740	-661
OT.....	-18,800	2,383

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-21,712	-217,458
OT.....	-7,430	-198,921

Total:

BA.....	-47,452	-218,119
OT.....	-26,230	-196,538

Energy & Commerce:

Current Law:

BA.....	356,892	4,936,804
OT.....	354,784	4,935,838

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-22,996	-1,604,166
OT.....	-20,659	-1,596,356

Total:

BA.....	333,896	3,332,638
OT.....	334,125	3,339,482

Foreign Affairs:

Current Law:

BA.....	29,118	241,385
OT.....	26,085	235,012

Resolution Change:

BA.....	0	0
OT.....	0	0

Total:

BA.....	29,118	241,385
OT.....	26,085	235,012

Oversight & Government Reform:

Current Law:

BA.....	102,657	1,199,434
OT.....	99,645	1,170,525

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-11,758	-165,996
OT.....	-11,758	-165,996

Total:

BA.....	90,899	1,033,438
OT.....	87,887	1,004,529

Homeland Security:

Current Law:

BA.....	1,916	22,255
OT.....	1,779	22,321

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-305	-12,575
OT.....	-305	-12,575

Total:

BA.....	1,611	9,680
OT.....	1,474	9,746

House Administration:

Current Law:

BA.....	40	371
OT.....	6	206

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-34	-295
OT.....	0	-130

Total:

BA.....	6	76
OT.....	6	76

Natural Resources:

Current Law:

BA.....	6,441	63,590
OT.....	7,069	66,964

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-900	-17,995
OT.....	-632	-17,225

Total:

BA.....	5,541	45,595
OT.....	6,437	49,739

Judiciary:

Current Law:

BA.....	19,809	102,678
OT.....	11,573	105,537

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-11,506	-47,461
OT.....	-637	-45,809

Total:

BA.....	8,303	55,217
OT.....	10,936	59,728

Transportation & Infrastructure:

Current Law:

BA.....	71,454	728,035
OT.....	16,822	193,098

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-78	-116,444
OT.....	-47	-951

Total:

BA.....	71,376	611,591
OT.....	16,775	192,147

Science, Space & Technology:

Current Law:

BA.....	101	1,010
OT.....	104	1,013

Resolution Change:

BA.....	0	0
OT.....	0	0

Total:

BA.....	101	1,010
OT.....	104	1,013

Small Business:

Current Law:

BA.....	0	0
OT.....	0	0

Resolution Change:

BA.....	0	0
OT.....	0	0

Total:

BA.....	0	0
OT.....	0	0

Veterans Affairs:

Current Law:

BA.....	2,939	93,544
OT.....	3,098	95,206

Resolution Change:

BA.....	0	0
OT.....	0	0

Total:

BA.....	2,939	93,544
OT.....	3,098	95,206

Ways & Means:

Current Law:

BA.....	963,421	14,458,848
OT.....	962,271	14,455,530

Resolution Change:

BA.....	-22,567	-1,298,202
OT.....	-21,667	-1,291,946

Total:

BA.....	940,854	13,160,646
OT.....	940,604	13,163,584

Accounts Identified for Advance Appropriations

ACCOUNTS IDENTIFIED FOR ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

(Subject to a General Limit of \$28,852,000,000)

Financial Services and General Government

Payment to Postal Service

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

Employment and Training Administration
Education for the Disadvantaged
School Improvement Programs
Special Education
Career, Technical and Adult Education

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

Tenant-based Rental Assistance
Project-based Rental Assistance

VETERANS ACCOUNTS IDENTIFIED FOR ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

(Subject to a Separate Limit of \$55,634,227)

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs

VA Medical Services
VA Medical Support and Compliance
VA Medical Facilities