

9 AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY  
REPRESENTATIVE RYAN OF  
WISCONSIN, OR HIS DESIGNEE,  
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3973, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF WISCONSIN, MR.  
STENHOLM OF TEXAS, OR MR. CASTLE OF  
DELAWARE**

At the end, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. . ENHANCED CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN PRO-**  
2 **POSED RESCISSIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title X of the Congres-  
4 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2  
5 U.S.C. 681 et seq.) is amended by redesignating sections  
6 1013 through 1017 as sections 1014 through 1018, re-  
7 spectively, and by inserting after section 1012 the fol-  
8 lowing new section:

9 “ENHANCED CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN PROPOSED  
10 RESCISSIONS

11 “SEC. 1013. (a) PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET  
12 AUTHORITY IDENTIFIED AS WASTEFUL SPENDING.—The  
13 President may propose, at the time and in the manner  
14 provided in subsection (b), the rescission of any budget  
15 authority provided in an appropriation Act that he identi-  
16 fies as wasteful spending. If the President proposes a re-  
17 scission of budget authority, he may also propose to reduce  
18 the appropriate discretionary spending limits for new  
19 budget authority and outlays flowing therefrom set forth

1 in section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985 by an amount that does not  
3 exceed the amount of the proposed rescission. Funds made  
4 available for obligation under this procedure may not be  
5 proposed for rescission again under this section.

6 “(b) TRANSMITTAL OF SPECIAL MESSAGE.—

7 “(1) The President may transmit to Congress a  
8 special message proposing to rescind amounts of  
9 budget authority and include with that special mes-  
10 sage a draft bill that, if enacted, would only rescind  
11 that budget authority unless the President also pro-  
12 poses a reduction in the appropriate discretionary  
13 spending limits set forth in section 251(c) of the  
14 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
15 Act of 1985. That bill shall clearly identify the  
16 amount of budget authority that is proposed to be  
17 rescinded for each program, project, or activity to  
18 which that budget authority relates.

19 “(2) In the case of an appropriation Act that  
20 includes accounts within the jurisdiction of more  
21 than one subcommittee of the Committee on Appro-  
22 priations, the President in proposing to rescind  
23 budget authority under this section shall send a sep-  
24 arate special message and accompanying draft bill

1       for accounts within the jurisdiction of each sub-  
2       committee.

3       “(3) Each special message shall specify, with  
4       respect to the budget authority proposed to be re-  
5       scinded, the following:

6               “(A) The amount of budget authority  
7               which he proposes to be rescinded.

8               “(B) Any account, department, or estab-  
9               lishment of the Government to which such  
10              budget authority is available for obligation, and  
11              the specific project or governmental functions  
12              involved.

13              “(C) The reasons why the budget authority  
14              should be rescinded, including why he considers  
15              it to be wasteful spending.

16              “(D) To the maximum extent practicable,  
17              the estimated fiscal, economic, and budgetary  
18              effect (including the effect on outlays and re-  
19              ceipts in each fiscal year) of the proposed re-  
20              scission.

21              “(E) All facts, circumstances, and consid-  
22              erations relating to or bearing upon the pro-  
23              posed rescission and the decision to effect the  
24              proposed rescission, and to the maximum extent  
25              practicable, the estimated effect of the proposed

1           rescission upon the objects, purposes, and pro-  
2           grams for which the budget authority is pro-  
3           vided.

4           “(F) A reduction in the appropriate discre-  
5           tionary spending limits set forth in section  
6           251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
7           Deficit Control Act of 1985, if proposed by the  
8           President.

9           “(c) PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDER-  
10          ATION.—

11           “(1)(A) Before the close of the second legisla-  
12          tive day of the House of Representatives after the  
13          date of receipt of a special message transmitted to  
14          Congress under subsection (b), the majority leader  
15          or minority leader of the House of Representatives  
16          shall introduce (by request) the draft bill accom-  
17          panying that special message. If the bill is not intro-  
18          duced as provided in the preceding sentence, then,  
19          on the third legislative day of the House of Rep-  
20          resentatives after the date of receipt of that special  
21          message, any Member of that House may introduce  
22          the bill.

23           “(B) The bill shall be referred to the Com-  
24          mittee on Appropriations. The committee shall re-  
25          port the bill without substantive revision and with or

1 without recommendation. The bill shall be reported  
2 not later than the seventh legislative day of that  
3 House after the date of receipt of that special mes-  
4 sage. If that committee fails to report the bill within  
5 that period, that committee shall be automatically  
6 discharged from consideration of the bill, and the  
7 bill shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

8 “(C) A vote on final passage of the bill shall be  
9 taken in the House of Representatives on or before  
10 the close of the 10th legislative day of that House  
11 after the date of the introduction of the bill in that  
12 House. If the bill is passed, the Clerk of the House  
13 of Representatives shall cause the bill to be en-  
14 grossed, certified, and transmitted to the Senate  
15 within one calendar day of the day on which the bill  
16 is passed.

17 “(2)(A) A motion in the House of Representa-  
18 tives to proceed to the consideration of a bill under  
19 this section shall be highly privileged and not debat-  
20 able. An amendment to the motion shall not be in  
21 order, nor shall it be in order to move to reconsider  
22 the vote by which the motion is agreed to or dis-  
23 agreed to.

24 “(B) Debate in the House of Representatives  
25 on a bill under this section shall not exceed 4 hours,

1       which shall be divided equally between those favoring  
2       and those opposing the bill. A motion to further  
3       limit debate shall not be debatable. It shall not be  
4       in order to move to recommit a bill under this sec-  
5       tion or to move to reconsider the vote by which the  
6       bill is agreed to or disagreed to.

7           “(C) Appeals from decisions of the Chair relat-  
8       ing to the application of the Rules of the House of  
9       Representatives to the procedure relating to a bill  
10      under this section shall be decided without debate.

11          “(D) Except to the extent specifically provided  
12      in the preceding provisions of this subsection, con-  
13      sideration of a bill under this section shall be gov-  
14      erned by the Rules of the House of Representatives.  
15      It shall not be in order in the House of Representa-  
16      tives to consider any rescission bill introduced pursu-  
17      ant to the provisions of this section under a suspen-  
18      sion of the rules or under a special rule.

19          “(3) A bill transmitted to the Senate pursuant  
20      to paragraph (1)(D) shall be referred to its Com-  
21      mittee on Appropriations. That committee shall re-  
22      port the bill without substantive revision and with or  
23      without recommendation. The bill shall be reported  
24      not later than the seventh legislative day of the Sen-  
25      ate after it receives the bill. A committee failing to

1 report the bill within such period shall be automati-  
2 cally discharged from consideration of the bill, and  
3 the bill shall be placed upon the appropriate cal-  
4 endar.

5 “(4)(A) A motion in the Senate to proceed to  
6 the consideration of a bill under this section shall be  
7 privileged and not debatable. An amendment to the  
8 motion shall not be in order, nor shall it be in order  
9 to move to reconsider the vote by which the motion  
10 is agreed to or disagreed to.

11 “(B) Debate in the Senate on a bill under this  
12 section, and all debatable motions and appeals in  
13 connection therewith (including debate pursuant to  
14 subparagraph (C)), shall not exceed 10 hours. The  
15 time shall be equally divided between, and controlled  
16 by, the majority leader and the minority leader or  
17 their designees.

18 “(C) Debate in the Senate or any debatable mo-  
19 tion or appeal in connection with a bill under this  
20 section shall be limited to not more than 1 hour, to  
21 be equally divided between, and controlled by, the  
22 mover and the manager of the bill, except that in  
23 the event the manager of the bill is in favor of any  
24 such motion or appeal, the time in opposition there-  
25 to, shall be controlled by the minority leader or his



1       designee. Such leaders, or either of them, may, from  
2       time under their control of the passage of a bill,  
3       allot additional time to any Senator during the con-  
4       sideration of any debatable motion or appeal.

5       “(D) A motion in the Senate to further limit  
6       debate on a bill under this section is not debatable.  
7       A motion to recommit a bill under this section is not  
8       in order.

9       “(d) AMENDMENT AND DIVISIONS PROHIBITED.—No  
10      amendment to a bill considered under this section shall  
11      be in order in either the House of Representatives or the  
12      Senate. It shall not be in order to demand a division of  
13      the question in the House of Representatives (or in a Com-  
14      mittee of the Whole) or in the Senate. No motion to sus-  
15      pend the application of this subsection shall be in order  
16      in either House, nor shall it be in order in either House  
17      to suspend the application of this subsection by unanimous  
18      consent.

19      “(e) REQUIREMENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR OBLI-  
20      GATION.—Any amount of budget authority proposed to be  
21      rescinded in a special message transmitted to Congress  
22      under subsection (b) shall be made available for obligation  
23      on the day after the date on which either House rejects  
24      the bill transmitted with that special message.

25      “(f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

1           “(1) The term ‘appropriation Act’ means any  
2           general or special appropriation Act, and any Act or  
3           joint resolution making supplemental, deficiency, or  
4           continuing appropriations.

5           “(2) The term ‘legislative day’ means, with re-  
6           spect to either House of Congress, any day of ses-  
7           sion.

8           “(3) The term ‘rescind’ means, with respect to  
9           an appropriation Act, to reduce the amount of budg-  
10          et authority appropriated in that Act, and reducing  
11          budget authority shall include reducing obligation  
12          limitations set forth in that Act.”.

13          (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—Section  
14          904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.  
15          621 note) is amended—

16                 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and 1017”  
17                 and inserting “1012, and 1017”; and

18                 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “section  
19                 1017” and inserting “sections 1012 and 1017”.

20          (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21                 (1) Section 1011 of the Congressional Budget  
22                 Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 682(5)) is amended by re-  
23                 pealing paragraphs (3) and (5) and by redesignating  
24                 paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).

1           (2) Section 1014 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 685) is  
2 amended—

3           (A) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “or  
4 the reservation”; and

5           (B) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “or a  
6 reservation” and by striking “or each such res-  
7 ervation”.

8           (3) Section 1015(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 686)  
9 is amended by striking “is to establish a reserve or”,  
10 by striking “the establishment of such a reserve or”,  
11 and by striking “reserve or” each other place it ap-  
12 pears.

13           (4) Section 1017 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 687) is  
14 amended—

15           (A) in subsection (a), by striking “rescis-  
16 sion bill introduced with respect to a special  
17 message or”;

18           (B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “re-  
19 scission bill or”, by striking “bill or” the second  
20 place it appears, by striking “rescission bill with  
21 respect to the same special message or”, and by  
22 striking “, and the case may be,”;

23           (C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “bill  
24 or” each place it appears;

1 (D) in subsection (c), by striking “rescis-  
2 sion” each place it appears and by striking “bill  
3 or” each place it appears;

4 (E) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “re-  
5 scission bill or” and by striking “, and all  
6 amendments thereto (in the case of a rescission  
7 bill)”;

8 (F) in subsection (d)(2)—

9 (i) by striking the first sentence;

10 (ii) by amending the second sentence  
11 to read as follows: “Debate on any debat-  
12 able motion or appeal in connection with  
13 an impoundment resolution shall be limited  
14 to 1 hour, to be equally divided between,  
15 and controlled by, the mover and the man-  
16 ager of the resolution, except that in the  
17 event that the manager of the resolution is  
18 in favor of any such motion or appeal, the  
19 time in opposition thereto shall be con-  
20 trolled by the minority leader or his des-  
21 ignee.”;

22 (iii) by striking the third sentence;

23 and

24 (iv) in the fourth sentence, by striking  
25 “rescission bill or” and by striking

1           “amendment, debatable motion,” and by  
2           inserting ‘debatable motion’;  
3           (G) in paragraph (d)(3), by striking the  
4           second and third sentences; and  
5           (H) by striking paragraphs (4), (5), (6),  
6           and (7) of paragraph (d).

7           (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections  
8           for subpart B of title X of the Congressional Budget and  
9           Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by redesignig-  
10          nating the item relating to sections 1014 through 1018  
11          as items 1015 through 1019, respectively, and by inserting  
12          after the item relating to section 1012 the following new  
13          item:

          “Sec. 1013. Enhanced consideration of certain proposed rescissions.”.