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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the  
Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Federal Programs.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina submitted the following resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION**

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to  
establish the Committee on the Elimination of Non-  
essential Federal Programs.

1       *Resolved*, That (a) clause 1 of rule X of the Rules  
2 of the House of Representatives is amended by redesign-  
3 nating paragraphs (f) through (t) as paragraphs (g)  
4 through (u) and by inserting after paragraph (e) the fol-  
5 lowing new paragraph:  
6               “(f) Elimination of Nonessential Federal Pro-  
7 grams.

1                   “(1) Modification or elimination of under-  
2                   performing or nonessential Federal programs.

3                   “(2) Identification of Federal programs  
4                   and activities that duplicate or compete with ac-  
5                   tivities available from the private sector.”.

6           (b) Clause 4 of rule X of the Rules of the House of  
7 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing new paragraph:

9           “(g) The Committee on the Elimination of Non-  
10 essential Federal Programs shall—

11                   “(1) (A) research, review, and study Federal  
12                   programs that are underperforming or nonessential;  
13                   and

14                   “(B) determine which Federal programs should  
15                   be modified or eliminated;

16                   “(2) develop recommendations to the House for  
17                   action designed to modify or eliminate underper-  
18                   forming or nonessential Federal programs; and

19                   “(3) submit to the House—

20                           “(A) at least once a year, reports includ-  
21                   ing—

22                                   “(i) a detailed statement of the find-  
23                                   ings and conclusions of the Committee;  
24                                   and

1                   “(ii) a list of underperforming or non-  
2                   essential Federal programs; and

3                   “(B) legislation to eliminate the programs  
4                   described in section subdivision (ii) and rescis-  
5                   sions based on the findings of the report de-  
6                   scribed in subdivision (i).”.

7           (c) Clause 5(a) of rule X of the Rules of the House  
8 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following new paragraph:

10       “(5)(A) The Committee on the Elimination of Non-  
11 essential Federal Programs shall be composed of members  
12 as follows:

13           “(i) Four members from the Committee on Ap-  
14 propriations.

15           “(ii) Four members from the Committee on the  
16 Budget.

17           “(iii) Four members from the Committee on  
18 Oversight and Government Reform.

19           “(iv) Four members from the Committee on  
20 Ways and Means.

21           “(v) One member who does not serve on any of  
22 committees described in items (i) through (iv), who  
23 shall be appointed by the Speaker and designated by  
24 the Speaker as the Chair of the Committee.

1           “(vi) One member who does not serve on any  
2           of committees described in items (i) through (iv),  
3           who shall be appointed by the Speaker and des-  
4           ignated by the Speaker as the Vice Chair of the  
5           Committee.

6           “(B) A member of the Committee may not serve on  
7           the committee during more than three Congresses in a pe-  
8           riod of five successive Congresses (disregarding for this  
9           purpose any service for less than a full session in a Con-  
10          gress).

11          “(C) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee  
12          shall not be from the same political party.”.

13          (d) Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representa-  
14          tives is amended by adding at the end the following new  
15          clause:

16          **“Expedited procedures for legislation reported by**  
17                               **the Committee on the Elimination of Non-**  
18                               **essential Federal Programs**

19          “12. With respect to any bill or resolution reported  
20          by the Committee on the Elimination of Nonessential Fed-  
21          eral Programs, the following shall apply:

22               “(a) After the expiration of the 7-day period  
23               (excluding any day on which the House is not in ses-  
24               sion) that begins on the date the Committee reports  
25               the bill or resolution, it is in order to move to pro-

1       ceed to the consideration of the bill or resolution.

2       The motion is highly privileged and is not debatable,

3       an amendment to the motion is not in order, and it

4       is not in order to move to reconsider the vote by

5       which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to.

6               “(b) Debate on the bill or resolution shall be

7       limited to not more than 10 hours, which shall be

8       divided equally between those favoring and those op-

9       posing the bill or resolution. A motion to further

10      limit debate is not debatable.

11              “(c) An amendment to, or motion to recommit,

12      the bill or resolution is not in order, and it is not

13      in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the

14      bill or resolution is agreed to or disagreed to.”.