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1 *Resolved*, That clause 2(b) of rule XXI of the Rules
2 of the House of Representatives is amended by inserting
3 “and does not increase budget authority in any of the nine
4 subsequent outyears” immediately after “covered by the
5 bill”.

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RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to
strengthen spending reduction accounts.

1 *Resolved*, That Rule XXI of the Rules of the House
2 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
3 following new clause:

4 “12. (a) During the reading of a general appropria-
5 tion bill for amendment in the Committee of the Whole
6 House on the state of the Union, it shall be in order to
7 consider en bloc amendments proposing only to transfer
8 appropriations from an object or objects in the bill to a

1 spending reduction account. When considered en bloc
2 under this paragraph, such amendments may amend por-
3 tions of the bill not yet read for amendment (following
4 disposition of any points of order against such portions)
5 and are not subject to a demand for division of the ques-
6 tion in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

7 “(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a), it shall not
8 be in order to consider an amendment to a spending re-
9 duction account in the House or in the Committee of the
10 Whole House on the state of the Union.

11 “(c) It shall not be in order to consider an amend-
12 ment to a general appropriation bill proposing a net in-
13 crease in budget authority in the bill (unless considered
14 en bloc with another amendment or amendments pro-
15 posing an equal or greater decrease in such budget author-
16 ity pursuant to clause 2(f)).

17 “(d) A point of order under clause 2(b) shall not
18 apply to a spending reduction account.

19 “(e) A general appropriation bill may not be consid-
20 ered in the Committee of the Whole House on the state
21 of the Union unless it includes a spending reduction ac-
22 count as the last section of the bill. An order to report
23 a general appropriation bill to the House shall constitute
24 authority for the chair of the Committee on Appropria-

1 tions to add such a section to the bill or modify the figure
2 contained therein.

3 “(f)(1) Upon the engrossment of an appropriation bill
4 and for purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of
5 1974—

6 “(A) the chair of the Committee on the Budget
7 shall change the section 302(a) allocation established
8 under such Act by an amount equal to the spending
9 reduction account of the bill; and

10 “(B) if an adjustment is made under subdivi-
11 sion (A), the chair of the Committee on Appropria-
12 tions shall change the section 302(b) suballocations
13 established under such Act for such bill by an
14 amount equal to the spending reduction account of
15 the bill.

16 “(2) Upon the filing of a conference report in the
17 House or for consideration of amendments between the
18 Houses, if the rule on such measure provides for a reduc-
19 tion in the amounts dedicated to the spending reduction
20 account and the House adopts that rule, for purposes of
21 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974—

22 “(A) the chair of the Committee on the Budget
23 shall change such section 302(a) allocations estab-
24 lished under such Act; and

1 “(B) if an adjustment is made under subdivi-
2 sion (A), the chair of the Committee on Appropria-
3 tions shall change the section 302(b) suballocations
4 established under such Act for such measure.

5 “(3) The chair of the Committee on the Budget shall
6 maintain and publish in the Congressional Record the
7 amounts in the spending reduction account by appropria-
8 tions bill and any adjustments made to section 302(a) allo-
9 cations under this paragraph.

10 “(g) For the purpose of this clause, the term ‘spend-
11 ing reduction account’ means an account in a general ap-
12 propriation bill that bears that caption and contains only
13 a recitation of the amount by which an applicable alloca-
14 tion of new budget authority under section 302(b) of the
15 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 exceeds the amount of
16 new budget authority proposed by the bill.”.