

115th Rules Package

Summary: Beginning with the 1st session of the 115th Congress, every bill that comes to the House floor for consideration shall have an easily searchable electronic comparative print that shows how the proposed legislation will change current law, showing by appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions proposed.

The comparative print should also clearly reflect how the proposed legislation, any substitute amendment, or managers amendment would change current law. Any changes from a Committee reported bill, likewise, should be clearly distinguishable.

Clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

1 “(3)(A) Before a bill or joint resolution proposing to
2 repeal or amend a statute or part thereof may be consid-
3 ered in the House, there shall be made available on a pub-
4 licly available website of the House an easily searchable
5 electronic comparative print that shows how the bill or
6 joint resolution proposes to change current law, showing
7 (to the greatest extent practicable) by appropriate typo-
8 graphical devices the omissions and insertions proposed.

9 “(B) Before an amendment in the nature of a sub-
10 stitute may be considered in the House if the amendment
11 proposes to repeal or amend a statute or part thereof,
12 there shall be made available on a publicly available
13 website of the House an easily searchable electronic com-
14 parative print that shows (to the greatest extent prac-
15 ticable) how the amendment proposes to change current
16 law, showing by appropriate typographical devices the
17 omissions and insertions proposed.

18 “(4) If a committee reports a bill or joint resolution,
19 before the bill or joint resolution may be considered in the
20 House with text different from the text reported, there

1 shall be made available on a publicly available website of
2 the House a document that shows, by appropriate typo-
3 graphical devices, the differences between the text of the
4 bill or joint resolution as proposed to be considered and
5 the text of the bill or joint resolution as reported.”.

