

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 3442) TO PROVIDE FURTHER MEANS OF ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES DEBT AND PROMOTE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 3293) TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, TO PROMOTE THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT SERVES THAT NATIONAL INTEREST

FEBRUARY 9, 2016.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 609]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 609, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3442, the Debt Management and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2015, under a structured rule. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of this report. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3293, the Scientific Research in the National Interest Act, under a

structured rule. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of this report. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 3442, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

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COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 144

Motion by Ms. Slaughter to report open rules for H.R. 3442 and H.R. 3293. Defeated: 4–8

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx	Nay	Ms. Slaughter	Yea
Mr. Cole	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Woodall	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida	Yea
Mr. Burgess	Nay	Mr. Polis	Yea
Mr. Stivers	Nay		
Mr. Collins	Nay		

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Byrne.			
Mr. Newhouse	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman	Nay		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3442 IN PART A MADE IN
ORDER

1. Grijalva (AZ), Pocan (WI): Requires the Treasury Secretary's report to also include historical levels of federal revenue, including corporate and individual federal income taxes as a percent of gross domestic product. (10 minutes)

2. Huelskamp (KS): Requires Secretary of the Treasury to provide weekly reporting of extraordinary measures and projected exhaustion date upon notification the debt limit has been reached. (10 minutes)

3. Newhouse (WA), Byrne (AL), Stivers (OH): Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to include in the debt report to Congress whether the President recommends that Congress adopt a balanced budget amendment to control the accumulation of future debt. (10 minutes)

4. Kelly, Robin (IL): Requires the Treasury Secretary's report to also include an economic forecast of the negative consequences of failing to raise the debt limit, including costs associated with public health and safety. (10 minutes)

5. Duffy (WI), Hensarling (TX), McClintock (CA), Messer, Luke (IN): Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to notify Congress whether it is able to pay only principal and interest on the national debt, as opposed to other obligations, in the event that the debt limit is reached. (10 minutes)

6. Messer, Luke (IN): Requires the Secretary to report on extraordinary measures the Treasury Department intends to use if the debt limit is not lifted, project how long such measures will fund the federal government, and project the administrative costs to the Treasury Department associated with taking such actions. (10 minutes)

7. Grijalva (AZ), Pocan (WI): Requires the Treasury Secretary's report to also include individual salary and wage information, as well as projections of consumer spending and the impact of spending cuts on gross domestic product. (10 minutes)

8. Takano (CA): Requires the report to include the impact the threat of default would have on the economy, including, but not limited to, the impact on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), interest rates, employment, household wealth, and retirement assets. (10 minutes)

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3293 IN PART B MADE IN
ORDER

1. Jackson Lee (TX): Replaces the phrase "basic research" with "applied research." (10 minutes)

2. Johnson, Eddie Bernice (TX): Replaces subsection 2(b), "Determination", to ensure that such determination is consistent with the mission of the agency and with the existing merit-review criteria. (10 minutes)

3. Jackson Lee (TX): Establishes a new objective of the research which would ensure that the research conducted is consistent with established and widely accepted scientific methods applicable to the field of study of exploration. (10 minutes)

4. Jackson Lee (TX): Establishes a new objective of the research that would ensure that the research conducted is consistent with the definition of basic research as it applies to the purpose and field of study. (10 minutes)

5. DelBene (WA): Clarifies that language in the bill allowing research to be funded for the development of an American STEM workforce also includes computer science and information technology sectors. (10 minutes)

6. DelBene (WA): Clarifies that the bill does not impact grant funding that has already been awarded by the National Science Foundation. (10 minutes)

PART A—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3442 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, after line 3, insert the following:

“(B) the historical levels of Federal revenue, including corporate and individual Federal income taxes as a percent of the gross domestic product;”.

Page 4, line 4, strike “(B)” and insert “(C)”.

Page 4, line 6, strike “(C)” and insert “(D)”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUELSKAMP OF KANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 5, strike “and”.

Page 4, line 8, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 4, after line 8, insert the following:

“(D) any reduction measures the Secretary intends to take to fund Federal Government obligations if the debt limit is not raised, including—

“(i) notifying the Congress when the limit has been reached; and

“(ii) notifying the Congress when the Secretary has begun taking such measures and specifying which measures are currently being used.”.

Page 4, line 21, strike “and”.

Page 4, line 25, strike the period and insert “: and”.

Page 4, after line 25, insert the following:

“(D) the plan of the President for each week that the debt of the United States Government is at the statutory limit, to publicly disclose, on the website of the Department of the Treasury, the following:

“(i) All reduction measures currently being used by the Secretary to avoid defaulting on obligations of the Government.

“(ii) With respect to each reduction measure, whether or not such measure is currently being used—

“(I) the total dollar amount of such measure that has been used; and

“(II) the total dollar amount of such measure that the Secretary estimates is still available for use.

“(iii) The date on which the Secretary estimates that all reduction measures will be exhausted, and the Government will begin defaulting on its obligations.”.

Page 6, after line 2, insert the following:

“(d) REDUCTION MEASURES DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘reduction measures’ means each of the following:

“(1) Directing or approving the issuance of debt by the Federal Financing Bank for the purpose of entering into an exchange transaction for debt that is subject to the limit under this section.

“(2) Suspending investments in the Government Securities Investment Fund of the Thrift Savings Fund.

“(3) Suspending investments in the stabilization fund established under section 5302 of title 31, United States Code.

“(4) Suspending new investments in the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund or the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund.

“(5) Selling or redeeming securities, obligations, or other invested assets of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund or the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund before maturity.

“(6) Such other measures as the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWHOUSE OF WASHINGTON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 5, strike “and”.

Page 4, line 8, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 4, after line 8, insert the following:

“(D) if the President recommends that Congress adopt, in general, a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States to help control the accumulation of future debt.”.

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLY OF ILLINOIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 5, strike “and”.

Page 4, line 8, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 4, after line 8, insert the following:

“(D) an economic forecast of the negative consequences of failing to raise the debt limit, including costs associated with public health and safety.”.

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

Page 4, line 21, strike “and”.

Page 4, line 25, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 4, after line 25, add the following:

“(D) whether the Administration acknowledges that it is technologically capable of paying only principal and interest on the national debt, as opposed to other obligations, in the event that the debt limit, as specified under section 3101, is reached.”.

6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MESSER OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 21, strike “and”.

Page 4, line 25, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 4, after line 25, insert the following:

“(D) any extraordinary measures the Secretary intends to take to fund Federal government obligations if the debt limit is not raised, a projection of how long such extraordinary measures will fund the Federal government, and a projection of the administrative cost of taking such extraordinary measures.”.

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 21, strike “and”.

Page 4, after line 25, insert the following:

“(D) projections of earnings of individuals, including salary and wages by decile, and

“(E) projections of consumer spending and the impacts of such projections on gross domestic product.”.

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 21, strike “and”.

Page 4, line 25, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 4, after line 25, insert the following:

“(D) how delayed action by Congress to raise the debt limit and the threat of default impacts the economy, including, but not limited to, the impact on the gross domestic product (GDP), interest rates, employment, household wealth, and retirement assets.”.

PART B—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3293 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 3, line 10, strike “basic research” and insert “applied research”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 3, line 15, through page 4, line 15, amend subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b) DETERMINATION.—A determination referred to in subsection (a) is a justification by the responsible Foundation official as to how the research grant or cooperative agreement—

(1) by itself, or by contributing to a portfolio of research in that field or across fields, is in the national interest as reflected in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861 et seq), namely to promote the progress of science, to advance the national health, prosperity and welfare, and to secure the national defense; and

(2) is worthy of Federal funding, as demonstrated by having met the merit review criteria of the Foundation.

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 3, line 22, strike “and”.

Page 3, line 23, redesignate paragraph (2) as paragraph (3).

Page 3, after line 22, insert the following:

(2) is consistent with established and widely accepted scientific methods applicable to the field of study of exploration; and

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 3, line 22, strike “and”.

Page 3, line 23, redesignate paragraph (2) as paragraph (3).

Page 3, after line 22, insert the following:

(2) is consistent with the definition of basic research as it applies to the purpose and field of study; and

5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DELBENE OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 6, insert “, including computer science and information technology sectors,” after “workforce”.

6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DELBENE OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 5, after line 3, add the following:

(e) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impact Federal funding for research grants or cooperative agreements awarded by the National Science Foundation prior to the date of enactment of this Act.