

## **Chairwoman Foxx House Administration Testimony – Rules Budget 2025**

Chairman Steil, Ranking Member Morelle, and  
Members of the Committee –

Thank you for inviting me to testify on committee  
funding for the Rules Committee for the 119<sup>th</sup>  
Congress.

I thank Ranking Member McGovern for the  
welcoming, kind words afforded to me since  
organizing.

Even more, I thank him and the staff for the  
constructive, professional, and business first approach  
that they have maintained during this transition.

I am humbled and honored to serve as Chairwoman  
of the Committee on Rules. I thank Speaker Johnson  
for placing his trust and faith in me to lead this  
esteemed committee.

As I said at the time of my appointment, the  
American people gave President Trump and  
Congressional Republicans a mandate in November  
to turn our Republic around and move towards a  
brighter and more prosperous future.

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Our Republican majority in the People’s House will achieve that end, and we will deliver upon Speaker Johnson’s and President Trump’s agenda with diligence and expediency – and we welcome our Democrat colleagues to join us.

The Rules Committee, on both sides, has a long, documented history of respect for the House and its traditions. We respect each other as committee members despite what one might see in the middle of a hearing.

The foundation for this posture can be found in the very dynamics that we will talk about in this hearing.

In short, the Ranking Member and I together request a two and a half percent increase in funding for the Rules Committee this Congress.

This comes on the heels of a flat funding request last Congress.

As you all know, the Committee on Rules retains one of the smallest budgets in the House of Representatives.

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This is the case despite the fact that without the Rules Committee, the House of Representatives would be rendered inoperable. The business we conduct would be at a standstill.

Indeed, everything from the creation of the Rules of the House to the creation of select committees, to the week's legislative agenda, to the granular decisions of minutes of debate on an amendment – it's all predicated on a fully functioning Rules Committee.

And so, while we may have a small scale in terms of budget and manpower, our workflow is immense, and the timelines prove to be intense.

As you all know, the agenda for the week can turn on a dime.

A national emergency, or an environmental catastrophe, or matter of national security may bring emergent measures to the floor with little notice.

However, we cannot retain the flexibility or nimbleness required without capacity – meaning capacity to keep staff and resources on hand for eventualities.

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Payroll continues to serve as the Committee's main factor reflected in our budgeting.

In addition, to tackle the unique workflow, the Committee invested in a custom automated system.

Without this system, our ability to process the thousands of amendments we receive over the course of a Congress would grind to a halt.

Much of this maintenance is billed hourly, and we are limited in our ability to predict maintenance costs for this workflow.

To give you a picture of the needs of this workflow, this committee processed over 13,900 amendments in the last Congress, the 118<sup>th</sup>.

This is well over the nearly 8,7000 processed in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress – a historic 62% increase.

While the increase we are seeking might be modest, it is necessary.

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Our ability to deliver the House's business, as well as the Republican Conference's commitment to maximum inclusiveness in the legislative process, is fully at stake.

Please understand that as a notoriously frugal member of Congress, this budget request came with the requisite diligence and thoughtfulness that you might expect from a Foxx Chairwomanship.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I am pleased to answer any questions you may have.