

the enactment of H.R. 1, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics shall jointly conduct a study that would illustrate the effect that this act will have on job levels and, second, that these effects will be reported on a monthly basis to the American people on the first Friday of each month.

We have competing visions of what the effect of H.R. 1 will be. We have the Economic Policy Institute, which has estimated that the implications of H.R. 1 will be a job loss of over 800,000. We have the Center for American Progress saying that the result of passing H.R. 1 will be a job loss of 650,000 jobs directly and 325,000 indirect jobs lost.

And then we have Speaker BOEHNER. Speaker BOEHNER says, and I'm quoting him exactly, he says that if we reduce spending, we'll create a better environment for job creation in America.

And so very simply put, what my amendment does is it finds out who's right. Is the Economic Policy Institute right? Is the Center for American Progress right? Or is Speaker BOEHNER and others who believe that this will in fact create jobs?

And let me say why I am so focused on this.

H.R. 1 cuts funding for the Office of Science by 20 percent, \$1.1 billion; and it cuts funding by 40 percent for the energy efficiency and renewable energy program. These are the two programs that support a Department of Energy lab in my district. That is the second largest employer in my district.

And so I asked the administrators of the lab to tell me what the implications would be. So this is one set of cuts in one district on one facility. And what the implications will be would be a layoff of a third of the workforce and the shutdown of two very important analytical pieces of equipment that attract 3,300 scientists from all over the world.

So we would lay off a third of my constituents, and we would reduce the number of scientists who use this facility by 3,300. So that's 3,300 people not staying in our hotels, not renting our cars, not eating in our restaurants, not buying their coffee in our delis.

That's just one district, one facility, one decision.

Let us find out whether or not this bill, H.R. 1, will in fact be the engine of job creation that the majority has presented it to be, or will it destroy jobs as we believe it will and as the Center for Academic Progress believes that it will.

With that, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlelady from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO).

Ms. DELAURO. I thank the gentleman and rise to support his amendment.

We should have a quantifiable way of finding out the impact of this continuing resolution on job creation. What else could be more important than that?

There was an examination of the jobs that came out of the economic recovery program. If this continuing resolution would be enacted into law, will the unemployment rate decrease? Will wages go up for middle class families? Will this continuing resolution help to turn the economy around?

I would think that the majority would welcome the opportunity to verify their claim that the continuing resolution would create jobs. Let's prove us wrong. We believe that it will destroy jobs. Prove us wrong—unless you feel that if jobs are lost, so be it.

So why not have the Bureau of Labor Statistics work on these critical issues? And I ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, what are you afraid of?

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Chairman, I make a point of order against the amendment because it proposes to change existing law and constitutes legislation in an appropriation bill and therefore violates clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule states in pertinent part: "An amendment to a general appropriation shall not be in order if changing existing law." The amendment imposes additional duties.

I ask for a ruling of the Chair.

The Acting CHAIR. Does any Member wish to be heard on the point of order?

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Chairman, I am prepared to accept your ruling on the point of order, but I would like to make this comment.

And the comment is, Why would you not want to have the information that this amendment would elicit? It's very important information. We all know that our actions have consequences. We all know that the Republican leadership promised us the most transparent Congress in history.

The Acting CHAIR. The Chair is prepared to rule. The gentleman is not addressing the point of order.

The Chair finds that this amendment imposes new duties. The amendment therefore constitutes legislation in violation of clause 2 of rule XXI.

The point of order is sustained, and the amendment is not in order.

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WESTMORELAND) having assumed the chair, Mrs. CAPITO, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

MAKING IN ORDER FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1, FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 1 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 92 and the order of the House of February 17, 2011, it shall be in order for the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments specified in the order of the House of February 17 not earlier disposed of, and that amendments so offered shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by said chair and ranking minority member, 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 SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

Mr. DICKS. Reserving the right to object, and I do not intend to object. This is for the Members who want to voluntarily enter into this arrangement.

Is that correct?

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. DICKS. I withdraw my reservation, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 92 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes, with Mrs. CAPITO (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 336 offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP), had been disposed of, and the bill had been read through page 359, line 22.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the chair or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations may offer certain amendments en bloc, to be considered under the terms of that order.