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H.R. 2771 – Amendments to the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, FY 2008

H.R. 2771, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, FY 2008 (sponsored by Rep. Wasserman Schultz, D-FL), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Friday, June 22, 2007, subject to a structured rule ([H.Res. 502](#)), making in order the following three amendments debatable for 10 minutes each. The rule allows one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except those regarding PAYGO and earmarks, and allows the Chair to postpone consideration of the legislation at any time during its consideration. The rule also waives the no-authorizing-on-appropriations point of order against provisions in the underlying bill.

Note: The summaries below are based on RSC staff's review of *actual amendment text*. For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released earlier.

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1. Harman (D-CA) / Upton (R-MI) / Inglis (R-SC) / Lipinski (D-IL). Prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs, unless the light bulbs have the "ENERGY STAR" or "Federal Energy Management Program" designation.

2. Flake (R-AZ). Reduces funds for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Printing and Binding account by \$3.2 million. According to the sponsor's office, this amendment seeks to save \$3.2 million by reducing the number of copies of the Congressional Record that are printed and distributed to congressional offices each day.

The sponsor's office states that GPO "compiles, prints, and distributes 5,600 copies of the Congressional Record per day when Congress is in session, at a cost of over \$25 million per year." The \$3.2 million funding reduction represents approximately 50 percent of the cost incurred annually for printing the Congressional Record. Reducing the number of CRs printed annually by 50 percent would save approximately 57 tons of paper a year, in addition to the savings realized in cost and labor output.

3. Jordan (R-OH). Reduces appropriations in the bill by 4 percent across-the-board, returning the funding to the FY 2007 level.

For information on five amendments by RSC Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) **not** made in order under the rule, aimed at reducing funds for House Leadership offices, the House Appropriations Committee, and other such House items, [click here](#).

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