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# H. RES. 18

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the introduction or consideration of certain legislation that authorizes or makes appropriations of funds for a Federal program not previously authorized or funded, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. PERRY, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. CLOUD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on Ethics, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Less is More  
4 Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN LEGISLATION PRO-**  
2 **POSING NEW FEDERAL PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Rule XII of the Rules of the  
4 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following new clause:

6 **“Prohibition on certain legislation proposing new**  
7 **Federal programs**

8 “9.(a) A bill, resolution, or conference report, or an  
9 amendment thereto, that authorizes the appropriation of  
10 funds or makes appropriations for a Federal program not  
11 previously authorized or funded may not be introduced or  
12 considered in the House unless the measure includes a  
13 provision providing for a reduction in Federal funding  
14 with respect to not less than 2 Federal programs and each  
15 such reduction is equal to or greater than the amount au-  
16 thorized or appropriated with respect to the Federal pro-  
17 gram in such measure.

18 “(b) For the purposes of this clause, the term ‘pro-  
19 gram’ has the meaning given such term in section 1122(a)  
20 of title 31, United States Code.”.

21 (b) WRITTEN STATEMENT REQUIREMENT.—Rule  
22 XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is  
23 amended—

24 (1) by redesignating clause 22 as clause 23;  
25 and

1           (2) by inserting after clause 21 the following  
2       new clause:

3       “22.(a) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-  
4       sioner who introduces a bill, resolution, or conference re-  
5       port, or an amendment thereto, that authorizes the appro-  
6       priation of funds or makes appropriations for a Federal  
7       program not previously authorized or funded shall provide  
8       a written statement to the chair and ranking minority  
9       member of the committee of jurisdiction that includes the  
10      name of the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner  
11      and a certification that the measure complies with the re-  
12      quirements of clause 9 of rule XII.

13      “(b) Each committee shall maintain the information  
14      transmitted under paragraph (a), and the written state-  
15      ment included in any measure reported by the committee  
16      or conference report filed by the chair of the committee  
17      or any subcommittee thereof shall be open for public in-  
18      spection.

19      “(c) For the purposes of this clause, the term ‘pro-  
20      gram’ has the meaning given such term in section 1122(a)  
21      of title 31, United States Code.”.

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