

HR 534

Responsible Government Empowerment Act of 2009

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 14, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 24, 2009
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 14, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 393	Related bill	Feb 24, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.
111 HR 311	Related bill	Jan 8, 2009: Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform

Responsible Government Empowerment Act of 2009 - Establishes the Federal Agency Sunset Commission to review and report to Congress on the efficiency and public need for each federal agency, recommending abolishment or reorganization.

Provides for relocation of federal employees if their agency is abolished.

Directs the Comptroller General and the Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), in cooperation with the Director of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), to prepare an inventory of federal programs within each agency.

Makes it out of order in both chambers to consider any measure making supplemental appropriations for two or more unrelated emergencies.

Sets forth points of order against consideration of: (1) reported supplemental appropriations legislation and conference reports containing undesignated emergency spending; or (2) such legislation if the accompanying report or joint statement of managers, as applicable, is noncompliant with such requirement.

Requires the report accompanying legislation that provides budget authority for any emergency to identify specified budget authority and outlay requirements, including certain justifications.

Sets forth points of order against reporting legislation or considering conference reports making supplemental appropriations that contain earmarks.

Requires the congressional budget committees to report legislation: (1) establishing discretionary spending limits for at least each of the three years beginning at least 90 calendar days after such bill is reported; and (2) providing that such limits shall be enforceable through presidential sequestration orders.

Sets forth points of order against consideration of legislation that authorizes a program, project, or activity without setting forth a specific dollar amount for such authorization.

Requires every measure reported by a congressional committee that authorizes a program, project, or activity to include a General Accounting Office (GAO) statement describing the degree to which such authorization is duplicative of an existing authorization.

Requires all legislation considered by Congress to include a CBO estimate of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out such legislation for a specified period.

Requires a recorded vote in both chambers on final passage of any legislation that authorizes the appropriations of more than \$75 million for up to five fiscal years.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 24, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Budget, 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.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to House Rules
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to House Budget