

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3962
OFFERED BY MRS. BLACKBURN OF TENNESSEE

After section one, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION AGAINST EXCESSIVE SPENDING.**

2 (a) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than October 1 of
3 each year, beginning 2010, the Director of the Congres-
4 sional Budget Office shall submit to Congress a report
5 on—

6 (1) the total cost of the activities carried out
7 pursuant to this Act; and

8 (2) the percentage of the Federal budget attrib-
9 uted to such total cost.

10 (b) JOINT RESOLUTION.—In this section, the term
11 “joint resolution” means only a joint resolution—

12 (1) which does not have a preamble;

13 (2) the matter after the resolving clause of
14 which is as follows: “That the Congress hereby re-
15 peals the Affordable Health Care for America Act
16 (Public Law _____) and the amendments
17 made by such Act shall expire on the date of the en-
18 actment of this Resolution. Effective on the date fol-
19 lowing the date of the enactment of this Resolution,
20 the provisions of law amended by such Act, as in ef-

1 fect on the day before the date of the enactment of
2 such Act, are hereby revived.”, the blank space being
3 appropriately filled in with the Public Law number
4 of this Act; and

5 (3) the title of which is as follows: “Joint reso-
6 lution repealing costly health reforms”.

7 (c) INTRODUCTION; REFERRAL; AND REPORT OR
8 DISCHARGE.—

9 (1) INTRODUCTION.—On the first calendar day
10 on which both Houses are in session, on or imme-
11 diately following the date on which a report is sub-
12 mitted to Congress under subsection (a) if the per-
13 centage described under paragraph (2) of that sub-
14 section is 25 percent or greater, a joint resolution
15 shall be introduced (by request)—

16 (A) in the Senate by the majority leader of
17 the Senate, for himself and the minority leader
18 of the Senate, or by Members of the Senate
19 designated by the majority leader and minority
20 leader of the Senate; and

21 (B) in the House of Representatives by the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives, for
23 herself and the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives, or by Members of the House of
25 Representatives designated by the Speaker and

1 minority leader of the House of Representa-
2 tives.

3 (2) REFERRAL.—A joint resolution that is in-
4 troduced in the House of Representatives shall be
5 referred to the Committee on Oversight and Govern-
6 ment Reform. A joint resolution that is introduced
7 in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on
8 Governmental Affairs. The committee to which such
9 joint resolution is referred may only either rec-
10 ommend passage or recommend against passage
11 when reporting such joint resolution.

12 (3) REPORT OR DISCHARGE.—If a committee to
13 which a joint resolution is referred has not reported
14 such resolution by the end of the 15th calendar day
15 after the date of the introduction of such joint reso-
16 lution, such committee shall be immediately dis-
17 charged from further consideration of such joint res-
18 olution, and upon being reported or discharged from
19 the committee, such joint resolution shall be placed
20 on the appropriate calendar.

21 (d) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—When the committee to
23 which a joint resolution is referred has reported, or
24 has been discharged under subsection (b)(3), it is at
25 any time thereafter in order (even though a previous

1 motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) for
2 any Member of the respective House to move to pro-
3 ceed to the consideration of the joint resolution, and
4 all points of order against the joint resolution (and
5 against consideration of the joint resolution) are
6 waived. The motion is highly privileged in the House
7 of Representatives and is privileged in the Senate
8 and is not debatable. The motion is not subject to
9 amendment, or to a motion to postpone, or to a mo-
10 tion to proceed to the consideration of other busi-
11 ness. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the
12 motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in
13 order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration of
14 the joint resolution is agreed to, the joint resolution
15 shall remain the unfinished business of the respec-
16 tive House until disposed of.

17 (2) AMENDMENTS.—A joint resolution may not
18 be amended in the Senate or the House of Rep-
19 resentatives.

20 (3) DEBATE.—Debate on the joint resolution,
21 and on all debatable motions and appeals in connec-
22 tion therewith, shall be limited to not more than 10
23 hours, which shall be divided equally between those
24 favoring and those opposing the resolution. A motion
25 further to limit debate is in order and not debatable.

1 An amendment to, or a motion to postpone, or a mo-
2 tion to proceed to the consideration of other busi-
3 ness, or a motion to recommit the joint resolution is
4 not in order. A motion to reconsider the vote by
5 which the joint resolution is agreed to or disagreed
6 to is not in order.

7 (4) VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE.—Immediately
8 following the conclusion of the debate on a joint res-
9 olution, and a single quorum call at the conclusion
10 of the debate if requested in accordance with the
11 rules of the appropriate House, the vote on final
12 passage of the joint resolution shall occur.

13 (5) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—
14 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to
15 the application of the rules of the Senate or the
16 House of Representatives, as the case may be, to the
17 procedure relating to a joint resolution shall be de-
18 cided without debate.

19 (e) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
20 HOUSE.—If, before the passage by 1 House of a joint res-
21 olution of that House, that House receives from the other
22 House a joint resolution, then the following procedures
23 shall apply:

24 (1) The joint resolution of the other House
25 shall not be referred to a committee.

1 (2) With respect to a joint resolution of the
2 House receiving the joint resolution—

3 (A) the procedure in that House shall be
4 the same as if no joint resolution had been re-
5 ceived from the other House; but

6 (B) the vote on final passage shall be on
7 the joint resolution of the other House.

