

An amendment to H. Res. 231 offered by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts

In section 2, strike “except one hour of debate.” and insert “except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit with instructions that the Managers on the part of the House –

- 1) reject the austere and mindless sequester spending cuts in critical services and instead offer a plan to put the budget on a fiscally responsible path by making responsible, targeted spending cuts and by closing special interest tax breaks that benefit only the very wealthiest.
- 2) provide equal increases in both defense and non-defense spending above the sequester cap levels to:
 - a. make necessary investments that boost the economy to create jobs, rebuild our infrastructure, educate our children and sharpen the nation’s competitive edge;
 - b. avoid another unnecessary and harmful government shutdown; and
 - c. protect national security, including law enforcement, homeland security, defense and international programs that help protect the nation; and
- 3) protect Medicare and reject attempts to end Medicare’s guaranteed benefit by turning it into a voucher system that will increase costs for seniors and destabilize the traditional Medicare program that has served seniors well for half a century.