

**Special Rules Providing for the Original Consideration of Legislation in the House,
103rd-112th Congresses (1993-2012)
(Final, Jan. 3, 2013)**

Congress	Open/Modified Open		Structured		Modified Closed		Closed		Totals	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
103rd (1993-94)	46	44%	40	38%	9	9%	9	9%	104	100%
104th (1995-96)	83	58%	20	14%	20	14%	19	14%	142	100%
105th (1997-98)	74	53%	6	4%	36	26%	24	17%	140	100%
106th (1999-00)	91	51%	32	18%	17	9%	39	22%	179	100%
107th (2001-02)	40	37%	20	19%	24	22%	23	22%	107	100%
108th (2003-04)	34	26%	34	26%	28	21%	37	28%	133	101%
109th (2005-06)	24	19%	52	42%	9	7%	40	32%	125	100%
110th (2007-08)	23	14%	71	44%	10	6%	59	36%	163	100%
111th (2009-10)	1	1%	60	54%	12	11%	38	34%	111	100%
112th (2011-12)	25	18%	58	41%	7	5%	50	36%	140	100%

Sources: Committee on Rules Tables for 103rd & 104th Congresses; House Calendars, and personal examination of texts of and reports on special rules reported by the House Rules Committee, from the THOMAS and Rules Committee web sites for 105th-112th Congresses. <http://www.house.gov/rules/welcome.htm>.

Notes: The table applies only to special rules providing for the initial consideration for amendment of bills, joint resolutions, and significant concurrent resolutions (e.g., budget, war-related). It does not apply to privileged resolutions considered in the House, to subsequent rules for the same measure, to conference reports, or to special rules that only waives points of order against appropriations bills but do not provide for consideration in the Committee of the Whole. Rules making in order more than one bill are counted as a separate rule for each measure made in order, e.g., a rule providing for the consideration of four bills under closed rules is counted as four closed rules. An open rule is one which permits any Member to offer an amendment otherwise germane in the Committee of the Whole under the five-minute rule. A modified open rule is one which either requires the pre-printing of amendments (PP) in the Congressional Record, sets an overall time-cap (TC) on the amendment process, or both. A structured rule is one which limits the amendments that can be offered to those specified in the special rule and/or report on the rule. A modified closed rule allows for just one amendment (usually a minority substitute). A closed rule is one which permits the offering of no amendments (except those recommended by the reporting committee(s) or contained in a motion to recommit with instructions). R & NR indicates whether the bill was reported or not reported.

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Self-Executing Rules: 101st-112th Congresses

Congress	Total Rules	Self-Executing Rules	As Percent of Total
101st (1989-90)	90	16	18%
102nd (1991-92)	150	26	17%
103rd (1993-94)	135	30	22%
104th (1995-96)	151	38	25%
105th (1997-98)	147	52	35%
106th (1999-00)	184	40	22%
107th (2001-02)	115	42	37%
108th (2003-04)	139	30	22%
109th (2005-06)	125	28	22%
110th (2007-08)	162	44	28%
111th (2009-10)	111	40	36%
112th (2011-12)	141	36	26%

Notes: A self-executing rule is a simple House resolution reported by the Rules Committee providing for the consideration of a bill or joint resolution that also provides for the adoption of an amendment to the bill or joint resolution upon adoption of the special rule (i.e., the specified amendment is automatically adopted before the bill is even taken up). For example, the special rule will often read, “The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on _XXX_ now printed in the bill, *modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted.*”

**Self-Executing Rules for Committee Amendments
Versus New Amendments, 101st-112th Congresses**

Congress	Committee Amendments	Committee Amendments as Percent of Total	New Amendments	New Amendments as Percent of Total	Total Self-executing Rules
101st (1989-90)	2	13%	14	87%	16
102nd (1991-92)	4	15%	22	85%	26
103rd (1993-94)	4	13%	26	87%	30
104th (1995-96)	4	11%	34	89%	38
105th (1997-98)	12	23%	40	77%	52
106th (1999-00)	13	32%	27	68%	40
107th (2001-02)	13	31%	29	69%	42
108th (2003-04)	9	30%	21	70%	30
109th (2005-06)	8	29%	20	71%	28
110th (2007-08)	13	29%	32	71%	45
111th (2009-10)	11	26%	29	74%	40
112th (2011-12)	8	22%	28	78%	36

Notes: A self-executing provision in a special rule is one which provides for the automatic adoption of additional language into the legislation upon the adoption of the rule. The total number of rules used for self-executing rules is sometimes greater than the total used for amendment type rules because it includes not only rules for initial consideration of bills and joint resolution, but for simple and concurrent resolution and for adopting Senate amendments to House bills.

**Special Rules, 112th Congress
(2011-2012)**

Rule Number	Bill Number	Subject	Rule Type	Amendments By Party	Self- Executing: New or Committee Amend	Previous Question	Adoption	Date
H. Res. 26	H.R. 2 (NR)	Healthcare Act Repeal	C		New	A: 236-182	236-181A:	1/7/11
H. Res. 54	H.R. 359 (NR)	End Taxpayer Pres. Funding	MO			A: 234-178	A: VV	1/26/11
H. Res. 79	H.R. 514 (NR)	U.S. Patriot Act	C			A: UC	A: 248-176	2/10/11
H. Res. 92	H.R. 1 (NR)	Continuing Approps	MO			A: 240-179	A: 242-174	2/15/11
H. Res. 115	H.J. Res. 44 (NR)	Continuing Approps.	C			A: 241-179	A: 251-170	3/1/11
H. Res. 128	H.R. 662 (R)	Surface Transportation	MC	R-1; D-0		A: 243-185	A: 252-175	3/2/11
H. Res. 129	H.R. 4 (R)	Tax Reporting Repealer	C		Committee	A: 243-185	A: 252-175	3/2/11
H. Res. 150	H.R. 830 (R)	FHA Refinance	MO			A: 235-186	A: 240-180	3/9/11
H. Res. 151	H.R. 836 (R)	Mortgage Relief	MO			A: UC	A: VV	3/9/11
H. Res. 167	H.J. Res. 48 (NR)	Continuing Approps	C			A: UC	A: 241-181	3/15/11
H. Res. 170	H.R. 839 (R)	Mortgage Modification	S	R-2; D-7		A: UC	A: 241-180	3/16/11
H. Res. 170	H.R. 861 (R)	Neighborhood Stabilization	S	R-1; D-9		“	“	“
H. Res. 174	H.R. 1076 (NR)	Defund NPR	C			A: 233-179	A: -181	3/17/11
H. Res. 186	H.R. 47 (R)	D.C. Vouchers	MC	R-0; D-1	Committee	A: 237-182	A: 235-178	3/30/11
H. Res. 189	H.R. 658 (R)	FAA Auth.	S	R- 14; D-18		A: UC	A: 249-171	3/31/11
H. Res. 194	H.R. 1255 (NR)	Govt. Shutdown Prevention	C			A: 230-187	A: 230-189	4/1/11
H. Res. 200	H.J. Res. 37 (R)	Disapprove FCC Rules	C			A: 241-175	A: 241-178	4/5/11

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H. Res. 203	H.R. 910 (R)	Energy Tax Prevention	S	R-0; D-12		A: 266-158	A: 250-172	4/6/11
H. Res. 206	H.R. 1363 (NR)	Defense Approps & CR	C			A: 238-185	A: 228-189	4/7/11
H. Res. 218	H.R. 1473 (NR)	Defense Approps & CR	C			A: 242-183	A: 241-179	4/13/11
H. Res. 218	H. Con. Res. 35 (NR)	Repeal Health Care Law	C			“	“	“
H. Res. 218	H. Con. Res. 36 (NR)	Defund Planned Parenthood	C			“	“	“
H. Res. 219	H.R. 1217 (R)	Repeal Public Health Fund	S	R-0; D-3		A: 238-182	A: 237-180	4/13/11
H. Res. 223	H. Con. Res. 34 (R)	Budget Resolution	S	R-2; D-4		A: 238-183	A: 243-181	4/14/11
H. Res. 236	H.R. 1213 (R)	Repeal Health Funding	S	R-0; D-5		A: 234-185	A: 237-185	5/3/11
H. Res. 236	H.R. 1214 (R)	Repeal Health School Funds	MO			“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 237	H.R. 3 (R)	No Fed Funds for Abortion	C		New	A: UC	A: 243-177	5/4/11
H. Res. 245	H.R. 1229 (R)	Gulf Jobs	S	R-0; D-11	Committee	A: 241-171	A: 245-167	5/5/11
H. Res. 245	H.R. 1230 (R)	Offshore Leasing	S	R-0; D-2		“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 257	H.R. 1231R(R)	Reverse Offshore Drilling Moratorium	S	R-1; D-7	Committee	A: 241-179	A: 243-179	5/11/11
H. Res. 264	H.R. 754 (R)	Intelligence Authorization	S	R-4; D-5		A: UC	A: 251-133	5/12/11
H. Res. 269	H.R. 1216 (R)	Public Health Grad ed funds	MO			A: 233-179	A: 238-181	5/24/11
H. Res. 269 H. Res. 276	H.R. 1540 (R)	Defense Authorization	Gen Debate S	R-62; D-74; BP-16		“ A: 239-181	“ A: 243-170	“ 5/25/11

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H. Res. 287	H.R. 2017 (R)	Homeland Security Approps.	O			A: 235-186	A: 231-187	6/1/11
H. Res. 288	H.R. 2055 (R)	MilCon Approps.	O			A: UC	A: VV	6/2/11
H. Res. 294	H. Con. Res. 52 (NR)	Libya Withdrawal	C			A: UC	A: 257-156	6/3/11
H. Res. 294	H. Res. 292 (NR)	Libya Ban on Ground Troops	C			“	“	“
H. Res. 300	H.R. 2112 (R)	Ag Approps.	O			A: UC	A: 235-180	6/14/11
H. Res. 316	H.R. 2021 (R)	OCS Drilling Permits	S	R-0; D-10		A: 230-184	A: 239-186	6/22/11
H. Res. 316	H.R. 1249 (R)	Patent Reform	S	R-4; D-11		“	“	“
H. Res. 320	H.R. 2219 (R)	DoD Approps	O			A: 247-168	A: 251-173	6/23/11
H. Res. 328	H.J. Res. 68 (NR)	Approving Libya War	C			A: UC	A: 240-167	6/24/11
H. Res. 328	H.R. 2278 (NR)	Fund Limit on Libya	C			“	“	“
H.Res. 337	H.R. 2354 (R)	Energy-Water Approps	O			A: UC	A: VV	7/8/11
H. Res. 340	H.R. 1309 (R)	Flood Insurance Reform	S	R-15; D-10		A: UC	A: 269-148	7/8/11
H. Res. 347	H.R. 2018 (R)	Clean Water Co-op Act	S	R-1; D-9		A: UC	A: 250-171	7/13/11
H. Res. 355	H.R. 2560 (NR)	Cut, Cap & Balance	C			A: 235-175	A: 236-177	7/19/11
H. Res. 357	H.R. 2553 (NR)	Airport Airways Extension	C			A: 239-183	A: 242-178	7/20/11
H. Res. 358	H.R. 1315 (R)	Consumer Finance Protect	S	R-3; D-8		A: UC	A: 238-177	7/21/11
H. Res. 359	H.R. 2551(R)	Leg Branch Approps	S	R-11; D-5		A: UC	A: 239-172	7/21/11

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H. Res. 363	H.R. 2584 (R)	Interior Approps	O		New	A: UC	A: 205-131	7/25/11
H. Res. 370	H.R. 1938 (R)	N. America Energy Security	S	R-0; D-11		A: UC	A: 246-171	7/26/11
H. Res. 372	H.R. 2587 (R)	Protecting Jobs	C		Committee	A: 234-177	A: 239-176	9/15/11
H. Res. 375	S. 627 (NR)	Budget Control	C		New	A: UC	A: 238-186	7/28/11
H. Res. 384	S. 365 (NR)	Budget Control	C		New	A: 242-184	A: 249-178	8/1/11
H. Res. 392	H.R. 2218 (R)	Charter Schools	S	R: 3; D-5		A: 226-176	A: 237-163	9/9/11
H. Res. 392	H.R. 1892 (R)	Intel Authoriz.	S	R-3; D-6		"	"	"
H. Res. 405	H.R. 2608 (NR)	Continuing Approps	C		New	A: 237-188	A: 238-185	9/21/88
H. Res. 406	H.R. 2401 (R)	Regulatory Transparency	S	R-3; D-9		A: 237-184	A: 245-175	9/22/11
H. Res. 419	H.R. 2681(R)	EPA Cement Regs	MO			A: UC	A: 257-167	10/4/11
H. Res. 419	H.R. 2250 (R)	EPA Reg Relief	MO			"	"	"
H. Res. 425	H.R. 2832(NR)	Trade Adjust. Assistance	C			A: UC	A: 281-128	10/11/11
H. Res. 425	H.R. 3078(R)	Colombia FTA	C			"	"	"
H. Res. 425	H. R.3079(R)	Panama FTA	C			"	"	"
H. Res. 425	H.R. 3080(R)	S. Korea FTA	C			"	"	"
H. Res. 430	H.R. 358 (R)	Abortion Services	C		committee	A: UC	A: 248-173	10/13/11
H. Res.431	H.R. 2273 (R)	Coal Residuals	S	R-1; D-5		A: 237-166	A: 244-163	10/14/11
H. Res. 444	H.R. 1904 (R)	S.E. Az Land Exchange	S	R-1; D-3	new	A: UC	A: 245-179	10/25/11
H. Res. 448	H.R. 2576 (R)	Health Tax Eligibility	C			A: 243-178	A: 253-172	10/26/11
H. Res. 448	H.R. 674 (R)	Contractors' Tax Withhold.	C		new	"	"	"

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H. Res. 453	H.R. 2930 (R)	Entrepreneur Capital Access	S	R-3; D-3		A: 241-184	A: VV	11/3/11
H. Res. 453	H.R. 2940 (R)	Job Creator Capital Access	MC	R-0; D-1		“	“	“
H. Res. 455	H.R. 2838 (R)	Coast Guard Authorization	S	R-7; D-11		A: 234-177	A: 245-166	11/4/11
H. Res. 463	H.R. 822 (R)	Right to Carry	S	R-2; D-6			A: 271-153	11/15/11
H. Res. 466	H.J. Res. 2 (NR)	Balanced Budget Const. Amendment	C (suspension of rules)		New			
H. Res. 470	H.R. 3094 (R)	Workplace Democracy	S	R-0; D-4		A: UC	A: 239-167	11/18/11
H. Res. 477	H.R. 3463(NR)	End Pres. Election Fund, Commission	C			A: 239-184	A: 239-178	11/30/11
H. Res. 477	H.R. 527 (R)	Reg. Flex Improvements	S	R-0; D-6		“	“	“
H. Res. 477	H.R. 3010 (R)	Reg. Accountability	S	R-1; D-5		“	“	“
H. Res. 479	H.R. 10 (R)	Reg. Scrutiny	S	R-2; D-5	New	A: 236-184	A: 235-180	12/6/11
H. Res. 487	H.R. 1633 (R)	Farm Dust Reg.	S	R-3; D-5		A: 241-173	A: 249-161	12/8/11
H. Res. 491	H.R. 3630 (NR)	Tax Relief & Job Creation	C		New	A: 236-182	A: 236-180	12/13/11
H. Res. 522	H.R. 1173 (R)	Repeal CLASS Healthcare Act	MO (PP, TC)			A: UC	A: 251-157	12/31/12
H. Res. 534	H.R. 3578 (R)	Baseline Reform	MC	R-0; D-1	New	A: 238-177	A: 238-179	2/2/12
H. Res. 534	H.R. 3582 (R)	Pro-Growth Budgeting	S	R-1; D-7		“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 537	H.R. 1734 (R)	Civ. Property Realignment	S	R-1; D-5	New	A: UC	A: 233-155	2/6/12
H. Res. 539	H.R. 3581 (R)	Budget Transparency	S	R-1; D-2		A: UC	A: 239-181	2/7/12

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H. Res. 540	H.R. 3521 (R)	Expedited Rescissions	S	R-2; D-0		A: 240-184	A: 238-175	2/8/12
H. Res. 540	S. 2038	STOCK Act	C (suspension)		New	“	“	“
H. Res. 547	H.R. 3408 (R)	Oil Shale	S	R-7; D-15	New	A: 229-181	A: 235-186	2/15/12
H. Res. 547	H.R. 3813 (R)	Fed. Retire.	S	R-2; D-1	New	“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 547	H.R. 7	Energy- Transpo-Jobs	General Debate Rule		New	“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 563	H.R. 2117 (R)	Higher Ed Regs	S	R-1; D-4		A: UC	A: 244-171	2/28/12
H. Res. 566	H.R. 1837 (R)	San Joaquin Valley Water	S	R-1; D-8		A: 241-178	A: 245-173	2/29/12
H. Res. 570	H.R. 2842 (R)	Hydropower/ Rural Jobs	MO			A: 232-177	A: VV	3/6/12
H. Res. 572	H.R. 3606 (R)	Jobs Act	S	R-4; D-13	New	A: 244-177	A: 252-166	3/7/12
H. Res. 587	H.R. 2087 (R)	Remove Restrictions on Va. Land	MO			A: UC	A: 232-170	3/20/12
H. Res. 591	H.R. 5 (R)	Low-Cost Healthcare	S	R-4; D-2	New	A: 231-179	A: 233-182	3/21/12
H. Res. 595	H.R. 3309(R)	FCC Reform	S	R-2; D-8		A: 236-182	A: 242-177	3/27/12
H. Res. 597	H. Con. Res. 112 (R)	Budget Resolution	S	R-2; D-3; B-1		A: 235-183	A: 241-184	3/28/12
H. Res. 600	H.R. 4281 (NR)	Surface Transpo Ext.	C			A: 237-178	A: VV	3/29/12
H. Res. 614	H.R. 4089 (R)	Sportsmen’s Heritage Act	S	R-3; D-5	New	A: 235-179	A: 228-184	4/17/12

H. Res. 619	H.R. 4348 (NR)	Surface Transpo Ext.	S	R-3; D-0		A: 243-180	A: 246-177	4/18/12
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H. Res. 620	H.R. 9 (R)	Small Business Tax Cut	MC	R-0; D-1	Committee	A: 234-179	A: 234-178	4/19/12
H. Res. 631	H.R. 3523 (R)	Cyber Intel Protection	S	R-8; D-4; B-4		A: 241-179	A: 236-185	4/26/12
H. Res. 631	H.R. 4628 (NR)	Student Loan Interest Rates	C			“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 643	H.R. 5326 (R)	Commerce, Justice Approps.	O			A: 235-174	A: 228-181	5/8/12
H. Res. 648	H.R. 5652 (R)	Sequester Replacement Reconciliation	C		New	A: 237-177	A: 233-183	5/10/12
H. Res. 656	H.R. 4970 (R)	Violence Against Women	C		New	A: 235-187	A: 235-186	5/16/12
H. Res. 656 H. Res. 661	H.R. 4310 (R)	Defense Authorization	Gen. Debate S	R-49; D-64; B-29		“ A: 236-182	“ A: 241-178	5/17/12
H. Res. 667	H.R. 5743 (R)	Intel Authoriz.	S	R-2; D-7		A: 233-180	A: 246-166	5/31/12
H. Res. 667	H.R. 5854 (R)	Mil. Con. Approps.	O			“	“	“
H. Res. 667	H.R. 5855 (R)	Homeland Security App.	O			“	“	“
H. Res. 667	H.R. 5325 (R)	Energy-Water Approps.	O			“	“	“
H. Res. 679	H.R. 436 (R)	Medical Device Tax	C		New	A: 240-179	A: 241-173	6/7/12
H. Res. 679	H.R. 5882 (R)	Leg Branch Approps.	S	R-5; D-2		“””	“””	“””
H. Res. 688	H.R. 2578 (R)	Scenic Rivers Amendments	S	R-3; D-4		A: 238-178	A: 240-175	6/19/12
H. Res. 691	H.R. 4480 (R)	Energy Production	S	R-9; D-17; B-1		A: 242-183	A: 245-178	6/20/12

H. Res. 697	H.R. 5972 (R)	Transportation Approps.	O		New	A: 226-168	A: 229-166	6/26/12
H. Res. 697	H.R. 5973 (R)	Ag Approps.	O			“ “	“ “	“ “
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H. Res. 708	H. Res. 711(R)	Contempt Citation	C			A: UC	A: 254-173	6/28/12
H. Res. 708	H. Res. 706 (NR)	Subpoena Enforcement	C			“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 717	H.R. 5856 (R)	Defense Approps.	O			A: VV	A: 244-176	6/29/12
H. Res. 717	H. R. 6020 (R)	Financial Services Approps.	O			“	“ “	“ “
H. Res. 724	H.R. 6079 (NR)	Repeal Obamacare	C			A: 238-184	A: 240-182	7/10/12
H. Res. 726	H.R. 4402 (R)	Mineral Production	S	R-2; D-5		A: UC	A: 245-180	7/11/12
H. Res. 738	H.R. 4078 (R)	Regulatory Freeze	S	R-8; D-16; B-1	New	A: 238-177	A: 244-170	7/24/12
H. Res. 738	H.R. 6082 (R)	Offshore Drilling	S	R-1; D-7		“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 747	H.R. 6169 (R)	Tax Reform Process	MC	R-0; D-1		A: 240-183	A: 240-184	8/1/12
H. Res. 747	H.R. 8 (NR)	Tax Cut Extension	MC	R-0; D-1		“	“	“
H. Res. 752	H.R. 6233 (NR)	Ag Disaster Assistance	C			A: 236-182	A: 235-181	8/2/12
H. Res. 733	H.R. 5544 (R)	Minn. Educ. Investment	S	R-1; D-3	New	A: 232-177	A: 233-179	9/11/12
H. Res. 733	H.R. 5949 (R)	FISA Reauth.	C		Committee	“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 778	H.J. Res. 117 (NR)	Continuing Appropriations	C			A: 235-178	A: 232-182	9/13/12
H. Res. 778	H.R. 6365 (NR)	Sequester Replacement	C			“”	“”	“”
H. Res. 779	H.R. 6213 (R)	No More Solyndras Act	S	R-0; D-2		A: UC	A: 232-182	9/13/12

H. Res. 788	H.J. Res. 118 (R)	Disapprove Waiver of Work Requirements	C			A: 238-179	A: 233-182	9/20/12
Rule Number	Bill Number	Subject	Rule Type	Amendments By Party	Self-Executing: New or Committee Amend	Previous Question	Adoption	Date
H. Res. 788	H.R. 3409 (R)	Coal Miner Employment	S	R-7; D-6		""	""	""
H. Res. 808	H.R. 6156 (R)	Jackson-Vanik Repeal Act	C		New	A: 243-164	A: 253-150	11/15/12
H. Res. 821	H.R. 6429 (NR)	STEM Jobs Act	C		New	A: UC	A: 241-170	11/29/12
H. Res. 841	H.R. 6684 (NR)	Spending Reduction	C			A: 233-184	A: 219-197	12/20/12