AMENDMENT TO H. CON. RES. 312
OFFERED BY MR. KING OF IOWA

At the end of title IV, add the following new section:

SEC. ___. REQUIRING CONSIDERATION OF RESCISSION BILLS UNDER OPEN RULES.

(a) FINDINGS.—

(1) Rescissions bill, which would cut Federal spending, should be brought to the House floor at the beginning of every fiscal quarter to give Congress the opportunity to cut and cancel unnecessary, wasteful, and bloated government spending to eliminate the deficit.

(2) Any Federal appropriations that have not yet been spent would be on the table for cuts.

(3) The House of Representatives would consider this spending slashing bill under an open rule procedure that allows any Member of Congress to offer an amendment to cut Federal spending and demand a recorded vote to hold Congress accountable.

(4) In this spending cutting process every single spending item would be up for reconsideration and no Member of Congress could make excuses for fail-

1 ing to cut spending because the process would pro-
2 vide a record of their actions.
3 (5) The taxpayer money saved through this
4 spending cutting process will be returned to the gen-
5 eral fund and cannot be used for new spending.
6 (6) The process of cutting spending should be
7 open to the public, by posting this spending cutting
8 bill and its amendments on the Internet, so that
9 Americans can exercise their right to contact their
10 Members of Congress and make their views known.
11 (b) PROHIBITED REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON
12 RULES.—Clause 6(c) of rule XIII of the Rules of the
13 House of Representatives is amended by striking the pe-
14 riod and inserting "; or" at the end of subparagraph (2)
15 and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
16 "(3) a rule or order that would limit any amendment
17 that would otherwise be in order to a rescission bill.".
18 (c) DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—
19 Clause 4(b) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives is amended by inserting "(1)" after "(b)", by
21 redesignating subparagraphs (1) through (6) as subdivi-
22 sions (A) through (F), respectively, and by adding at the
23 end the following:
24 "(2)(A) Whenever a rescission bill passes the House,
25 the Committee on the Budget shall immediately reduce the

1 applicable allocations under section 302(a) of the Congres-
2 sional Budget Act of 1974 by the total amount of reduc-
3 tions in budget authority and in outlays resulting from
4 such rescission bill.

5 "(B) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'rescis-
6 sion bill' means a bill or joint resolution which only re-
7 scinds, in whole or in part, budget authority and which
8 includes only titles corresponding to the most recently en-
9 acted appropriation bills that continue to include unobli-
10 gated balances.".

11 (d) TREATMENT OF RESCISSION BILLS.—Rule XIII
12 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended
13 by adding at the end the following new clause:

14 "8. (a) By February 1, May 1, July 30, and Novem-
15 ber 11 of each session, the majority leader shall introduce
16 a rescission bill. If such bill is not introduced by that date,
17 then whenever a rescission bill is introduced during a ses-
18 sion on or after that date, a motion to discharge the com-
19 mittee from its consideration shall be privileged after the
20 10-legislative day period beginning on that date for the
21 first 5 such bills.

22 "(b) It shall not be in order to offer any amendment
23 to a rescission bill except an amendment that increases
24 the amount of budget authority that such bill rescinds.

"(c) As used in this clause and in clause 6, the term 'rescission bill' has the meaning given such term in clause 4(b)(2)(B) of rule X.".

(e) POINT OF ORDER.—Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives (as amended by subsection (d)) is further amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

"8. (a) It shall not be in order to consider any rescission bill, or conference report thereon or amendment thereto, unless—

"(1) in the case of such bill or conference report thereon, it is made available to Members and the general public on the Internet for at least 48 hours before its consideration; or

"(2)(A) in the case of an amendment to such rescission bill made in order by a rule, it is made available to Members and the general public on the Internet within one hour after the rule is filed; or

"(B) in the case of an amendment under an open rule, it is made available to Members and the general public on the Internet immediately after being offered; in a format that is searchable and sortable.

1 "(3) No amendment to an amendment to a re-
2 scission bill shall be in order unless germane to the
3 amendment to which it is offered.".