113th Congress

2d Session

# H. Res. __

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**Senate amendment to H.R. 83 - To require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.**
**[Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015]**

1. Provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 83.
2. Makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 83 with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-59 modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report.
3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the motion.
4. Provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read.
5. Provides 70 minutes of debate on the motion, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce.
6. Section 2 provides that upon adoption of the motion specified in section 1, H. Con. Res. 122 (enrollment correction to the title) shall be considered as adopted.
7. Section 3 provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the second session of the 113th Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendment and the motion specified in the first section of the resolution.
8. Section 4 waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee)

against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of December 12, 2014.

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## RESOLUTION

*Resolved,* That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-59 modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for 80 minutes, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

Sec. 2. Upon adoption of the motion specified in the first section of this resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 122 shall be considered as adopted.

Sec. 3. The chair of the Committee on Appropriations may insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the second session of the 113th Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of the Senate amendment and the motion specified in the first section of this resolution.

Sec. 4. The requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 12, 2014.

## SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

| Sponsor | # | Description |
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| **Kline (MN), Miller, George (CA)** | #1 | Addresses pension reforms in two areas. First, the bipartisan pension reforms in Division O will permit trustees of severely underfunded plans to adjust vested benefits, enabling deeply troubled plans to survive without a federal bailout; require approval by plan participants of any proposed benefit adjustments that take effect, with a fail-safe mechanism for those plans that present a systemic risk the multiemployer pension system; provide participant protections to safeguard the most vulnerable retirees, including disabled retirees and individuals age 75 and older; give the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) the authority to take earlier action to help save failing plans, thereby reducing potential future costs; and adjust the premium structure in order to place the PBGC on more firm financial ground. Second, the bipartisan amendments in Division P amend the rules relating to PBGC enforcement and the rules governing certain charity and nonprofit pension plans. Also provides for the budgetary treatment of these divisions. |