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H.R. 5063 - Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016

1. Structured rule.
2. Waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.
3. Provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.
4. Makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read.
5. Waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute.
6. Makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.
7. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.
8. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5063) to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes. The first reading of

the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

Sponsor	#	Description	Debate Time
1. Conyers (MI), Johnson, Hank (GA), Meeks (NY)	#2	Exempts from the bill any settlement pertaining to discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, or any other protected category.	(10 minutes)
2. Cicilline (RI)	#1	Exempts settlement agreements that strengthen the personal privacy of Americans from the blanket prohibition in this legislation.	(10 minutes)

3. Jackson Lee (TX)	#7	Exempts settlement agreements that pertain to providing restitution for a State.	(10 minutes)
4. Jackson Lee (TX)	#8	Exempts settlement agreements that resolves a civil action or potential civil action in relation to sexual harassment, violence, or discrimination in the work place.	(10 minutes)
5. Gosar (AZ)	#6	Caps settlement payments for attorney fees provided in relation to environmental cases at $125 per hour.	(10 minutes)
6. Price, Tom (GA)	#9	**(LATE) (REVISED)** Requires the head of each Federal agency to electronically submit a report to the Congressional Budget Office on each settlement agreement entered into pursuant to this bill.	(10 minutes)
7. Price, Tom (GA)	#10	**(LATE) (REVISED)** Requires each agency's Inspector General to report annually to the House and Senate Committees on the Budget, the Judiciary, and Appropriations on any settlement agreement entered into by an during the previous year that are in violation of section 2.	(10 minutes)