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**Amendments to H.R. 3170**—FY 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act

H.R. 3170, the FY 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act (sponsored by *Rep. Serrano, D-NY*), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Thursday, July 16, 2009 under a restrictive *structured rule* ([H.Res. 644](#)) that provides one hour of general debate and waives all points of order against the bill’s consideration, except for clauses 9 (the earmark rule) and 10 (PAYGO) of Rule XXI. The rule also waives points of order against the bill itself for failures to comply with various rules for appropriations bills (such as prohibitions on appropriating funds to unauthorized programs).

The rule prohibits re-votes on amendments and allows the Chair to reduce to two minutes the time for electronic voting. Only the Appropriations Committee Chairman or his designee could offer a motion that the Committee of the Whole rise (i.e. stop considering amendments). The Minority would get one motion to recommit the bill, with or without instructions. The structured rule makes in order the 17 amendments described below:

Total amendments submitted to the Rules Committee: **88**  
 Total allowed under this restrictive rule: **17**

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**PERFECTING AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE**

**1. Serrano (D-NY).** Manager’s Amendment. The amendment *increases* funding (compared to the base bill) for the following programs as follows:

- Consumer Product Safety Commission, \$4.9 million.
- Community Development Revolving Fund, \$250,000.

The amendment *decreases* funding (compared to the base bill) for the following program, as follows:

- Federal Buildings Fund, \$5.1 million.

The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used for first-class travel by employees of federal departments and agencies.

**2. Paulsen (R-MN).** *Increases* by \$15 million funding for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; *Reduces* by \$15 million funding for Federal Buildings, rental space.

**3. Price (R-GA).** Eliminates the \$4.2 million provided in the bill for the Council of Economic Advisers.

**4. Emerson (R-MO).** Reduces funding for the Help America Vote Act by \$50 million.

**5. Blackburn (R-TN).** Reduces all appropriations in the bill by 5% across-the-board.

**6. Broun (R-GA).** The amendment prohibits funds made available in the act from being used for the salary of the Assistant to the President on Energy and Climate Change, the Deputy Assistant to the President on Energy and Climate Change, or any position in the Council on Environmental Quality.

**7. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for a “small business incubator project of the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$100,000.

**8. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Commercial Driver Training Institute project of Arkansas State University in Newport, Arkansas,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$200,000.

**9. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Proof of Concept Center of Ida,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$285,000.

**10. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Greenstone Group project of the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund in Virginia, Minnesota,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$200,000.

**11. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Green Business Incubator project of Montgomery County, Maryland,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$150,000.

**12. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Activity Based Total Accountability project of the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$100,000.

**13. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Commercial Kitchen Business Incubator project of the El Pajaro Community

Development Corporation in Watsonville, California,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$90,000.

**14. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Defense Procurement Assistance Program of the Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland in Greenburg, Pennsylvania,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$125,000.

**15. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Myrtle Beach International Trade and Conference Center of the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$100,000.

**16. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for the “Tech Belt Life Sciences Greenhouse project of the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$100,000.

**17. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used for an “infrastructure expansion project to small business of the City of Loma Linda and the City of Grand Terrace, California,” and reduces the relevant funding account by \$900,000.

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