

Motion to Recommit H.R. 2847, the FY 2010 CJS Bill

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Summary of Motion: The motion would recommit H.R. 2847, the FY 2010 CJS bill, back to the House Committee on Appropriations with instructions that the committee report the bill back to the House floor forthwith (i.e. instantaneously) with an amendment.

The amendment would increase, and then immediately decrease (by \$1 million), funding for Department of Justice Salaries and Expenses, Departmental Administration. The amendment would also increase, and then immediately decrease (by \$1 million), funding for FBI Salaries and Expenses, Overseas Employment.

The intent of this amendment is to express the will of the House that the underlying bill should not provide spending authority to provide Miranda rights for detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Process: This MTR moves to recommit the bill (with instructions) “forthwith.” If passed, the forthwith directive would technically send the bill back to committee along with the MTR instructions, requiring the committee to immediately return the bill to the House along with the amendment. In effect, the chairman of the committee would take the floor and immediately report the bill back to the House with the amendment instructions in the MTR. The House would then vote on the amendment (in essence, a second vote on the MTR with instructions). If this passes, a vote on final passage – with the amendment included – would be before the House.

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