



Phone: 202.783.3870
Fax: 202.942.7649

www.freedomworks.org

March 5, 2013

400 North Capitol Street, NW
Suite 765
Washington, DC 20001

Key Vote NO on a Closed Rule for the Continuing Resolution (Demand an Open Rule)

Dear FreedomWorks member,

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your Representative and urge him or her to vote NO on a closed House Rule for the "Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act", H.R. 933.

H.R. 933 contains the Continuing Resolution (CR), which is used to fund the federal government in the absence of a budget, since the Senate has failed to pass a budget resolution for nearly four years. But currently, the House Leadership has indicated that the CR will come to the House floor under a "closed rule", meaning that debate will be limited, and no amendments will be allowed. On a bill which authorizes the government to continue its annually appropriated spending at over a trillion dollars per year, Representatives ought to at least be allowed to have a say in how that spending takes place.

Already, Congressmen Huelskamp (KS-1), DeSantis (FL-6) and Bridenstine (OK-1) have an amendment which would remove all funding for the implementation of ObamaCare from the CR, and other Members may have other ideas for useful spending reductions that would help reduce our unsustainable deficits and our \$16.6 trillion in debt. But for these amendments to see the light of day, Leadership needs to allow the bill to the floor under an open rule, in which amendments are allowed.

I urge you to call your Representative and urge him or her to vote NO on a closed rule for the "Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act", H.R. 933.

If the House insists upon passing a closed rule, we will count the vote on the rule as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2013. The Economic Freedom Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes members of Congress with voting records that support economic freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MK", is displayed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Matt Kibbe

President and CEO, FreedomWorks