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Rule 1) Crackdown on sneaking controversial provisions; If it hasn't passed the house and the senate, it shouldn't go in the bill

2) scope violations; The majority breaks the rules, you need to pay the price;

3) any member can stand up and get a vote on striking the provision; up or down vote in the house for striking the provision;

Crackdown on backdoor legislating

Enforce principals of fair play (Dreier rule)

We have to allow members from both parties to offer amendments

Members of both parties, even when a closed rule, we're allowed 1 amendment to the rule, at least one

Members of both parties (as well as the majority, the minority) should be allowed to...

If your going to do something, people have a right to know, public record, accountability, people have a right to know who votes for what, who supports what, and who supports these provisions (who, what, when, where, why provision)

End conflict-of-interest job negotiating by members of Congress; no negotiating jobs while negotiating bills; tozan rule

We are a two-party government, protect the principal that we are a 2 party system of government; both parties should be able to offer changes; no shut-outs;