WASHINGTON, DC – Last night, the House Republican Conference accepted an amendment to the House Rules offered by Congressman Todd Akin (R-Mo.).

Akin's amendment adds another item to the 'to do' list for House committees as they put together their oversight plan. Each committees oversight plan must now "*include proposals to cut or eliminate programs, including mandatory spending programs, that are inefficient, duplicative, outdated, or more appropriately administered by State or local governments.''*

Akin released the following statement:

"In Washington, nothing moves unless it is pushed. Last year, voters sent a very clear message about which direction they want us to push. My amendment requires each committee to include proposals to cut or eliminate programs in their semi-annual oversight plan."

"This step will ensure that eliminating wasteful spending is a priority for every committee in the 112th Congress."

The House Rules Package is expected to pass today.

Akin is a new member of the House Budget Committee.

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