

1 the ranking minority member of such committee,
2 may order the taking of depositions, including pur-
3 suant to subpoena, by a member or counsel of such
4 committee.

5 (2) Depositions taken under the authority pre-
6 scribed in this subsection shall be subject to regula-
7 tions issued by the chair of the Committee on Rules
8 and printed in the Congressional Record.

9 (3) The committees referred to in paragraph
10 (1) are as follows: the Committee on Energy and
11 Commerce, the Committee on Financial Services, the
12 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and
13 the Committee on Ways and Means.

14 (c) PROVIDING FOR TRANSPARENCY WITH RESPECT
15 TO MEMORIALS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF
16 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.—With re-
17 spect to any memorial presented under clause 3 of rule
18 XII purporting to be an application of the legislature of
19 a State calling for a convention for proposing amendments
20 to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Arti-
21 cle V, or a rescission of any such prior application—

22 (1) the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary
23 shall, in the case of such a memorial presented in
24 the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, and may, in
25 the case of such a memorial presented prior to the

1 One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, designate any
2 such memorial for public availability by the Clerk;
3 and

4 (2) the Clerk shall make such memorials as are
5 designated pursuant to paragraph (1) publicly avail-
6 able in electronic form, organized by State of origin
7 and year of receipt.

8 (d) SPENDING REDUCTION AMENDMENTS IN APPRO-
9 PRIATIONS BILLS.—

10 (1) During the reading of a general appropria-
11 tion bill for amendment in the Committee of the
12 Whole House on the state of the Union, it shall be
13 in order to consider en bloc amendments proposing
14 only to transfer appropriations from an object or ob-
15 jects in the bill to a spending reduction account.
16 When considered en bloc under this paragraph, such
17 amendments may amend portions of the bill not yet
18 read for amendment (following disposition of any
19 points of order against such portions) and are not
20 subject to a demand for division of the question in
21 the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

22 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (1), it
23 shall not be in order to consider an amendment to
24 a spending reduction account in the House or in the