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Roll Call #8 defeated

Amendment Offered by Representative Martha Roby (AL) (Roby_002)

Amendment Description

The Amendment would require households that receive SNAP benefits to provide proof of payment for their heating or cooling bill in order to qualify for the income deduction. A current loophole allows beneficiaries of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to take a deduction for home heating costs against the overall asset limit for food stamps. Some states are sending very small LIHEAP payments, which then allows food stamp recipients to qualify for the entire deduction. This amendment would save \$9.38 billion over 10 years over the FARRM Act saves.

AMENDMENT TO _____
OFFERED BY MRS. ROBY OF ALABAMA

Strike section 4005 and insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 4005. STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE.**

2 (a) STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—Section 5 of
3 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (e)(6)(C), by striking clause
6 (iv); and

7 (2) in subsection (k), by striking paragraph (4)
8 and inserting the following:

9 “(4) THIRD PARTY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAY-
10 MENTS.—For purposes of subsection (d)(1), a pay-
11 ment made under a State law (other than a law re-
12 ferred to in paragraph (2)(G)) to provide energy as-
13 sistance to a household shall be considered money
14 payable directly to the household.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
16 2605(f)(2) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
17 Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
2 by striking “and for purposes of determining any ex-
3 cess shelter expense deduction under section 5(e) of
4 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
5 2014(e))”; and

6 (2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the
7 semicolon the following: “, except that such pay-
8 ments or allowances shall not be considered to be ex-
9 pended for purposes of determining any excess shel-
10 ter expense deduction under section 5(e)(6) of the
11 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
12 2014(e)(6))”.

