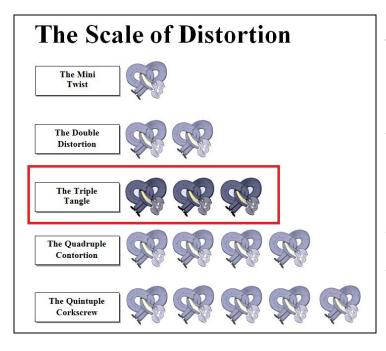




## Watch me pull a waiver out of my hat!

This Congress, House Republicans have granted themselves 11 waivers of the "Cut-go" rule – one of their most fundamental legislative principles.



The most recent example is the so-called STEM "Jobs" Act. When Rules Committee Republicans discovered that the bill actually <u>increased</u> the deficit, they used the "deem-and-pass" process to "fix" the budget violation. *Abra Cadabra!!!* 

Problem is, the "fix" didn't work.

According to the non-partisan

Congressional Budget Office, the bill still violates the Cut-go rule!

## But don't worry – they pulled another magic waiver out of the hat and the problem disappeared!

For their shoddy execution of a legislative "escape act" that would shame the late, great Harry Houdini, we award the Republicans three pretzels – the ever-popular:

## "Triple Tangle"

<u>"Grand Old Pretzels"</u> is a ranking system designed by the Rules Committee Democrats to provide simple insight into complicated tricks. Through a ranking of 1-5, we will rate the level of contortion House Republicans will go through to twist their no-compromise agenda through the House. The more contortions, the more Pretzels they will receive.