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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONALDS (for himself and Mr. GROTHMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Budgetary Quid Pro
3 Quo Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF LEGIS-**
5 **LATION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR PRO-**
6 **GRAMS NOT OFFSET BY REDUCTIONS IN**
7 **OTHER FUNDING.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—It shall not be in order in the
9 House of Representatives or Senate to consider any bill,
10 joint resolution, conference report, or an amendment
11 thereto, that authorizes the appropriation of an amount
12 of funds for a program unless the measure includes a pro-
13 vision reducing by at least the same amount the amount
14 otherwise authorized to be appropriated for the program
15 or for any other program.

16 (b) SPECIAL RULES.—In carrying out subsection (a),
17 the following rules shall apply:

18 (1) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to
19 the National Defense Authorization Act for a fiscal
20 year only to the extent that the aggregate amount
21 authorized to be appropriated under the Act for pro-
22 grams described within the same defense function
23 under the budget resolution for that fiscal year ex-
24 ceeds the aggregate amount of budget authority for
25 such function under the budget resolution.

1 (2) A provision of a measure that directs, re-
2 quires, or permits an agency to undertake a par-
3 ticular activity that can reasonably be carried out
4 with funds available from the agency's regular ad-
5 ministrative budget, and for which the measure does
6 not provide a specific authorization of appropriations
7 for such activity, may be included in the measure
8 without violating subsection (a).

9 (3) A provision of a measure that expands the
10 permissible use of an existing authorization of ap-
11 propriation of funds, but does not itself require or
12 authorize an increase in the amount authorized to be
13 appropriated, may be included in the measure with-
14 out violating subsection (a).

15 (4) A provision of a measure that extends the
16 period during which funds may be provided under an
17 existing authorization of appropriations, but does
18 not increase the amount authorized to be appro-
19 priated, may be included in the measure without vio-
20 lating subsection (a).

21 (5) A provision of a measure that provides an
22 authorization of appropriations for a program for a
23 fiscal year in the same amount as the amount appro-
24 priated for the most recent fiscal year for which
25 funds were appropriated for the program may be in-

1 cluded in the measure without violating subsection
2 (a).

3 (c) PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 “program” has the meaning given such term in section
5 1122(a) of title 31, United States Code.

6 (d) RULES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE.—This sec-
7 tion is enacted by Congress—

8 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
9 the Senate and the House of Representatives, re-
10 spectively, and as such is deemed a part of the rules
11 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
12 respect to the procedure to be followed in the House
13 in the case of joint resolutions described in this sec-
14 tion, and supersedes other rules only to the extent
15 that it is inconsistent with such other rules; and

16 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
17 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
18 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
19 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
20 the case of any other rule of that House.

21 **SEC. 3. ONLINE PORTAL FOR LAWS ENACTED TO AUTHOR-**
22 **IZE APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF ONLINE
24 PORTAL.—The Director of the Government Publishing Of-
25 fice (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Direc-

1 tor”) shall establish and operate on the official public
2 website of the Government Publishing Office a dedicated
3 online portal through which members of the public may
4 find in electronic form—

5 (1) each of the laws enacted during a Congress
6 which authorize appropriations of funds, together
7 with the information described in subsection (b); and

8 (2) a statement of the total amount of funds
9 authorized to be appropriated during the Congress.

10 (b) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED.—

11 The information described in this subsection is, with re-
12 spect to a law which authorizes the appropriation of funds,
13 the following:

14 (1) A statement of the amount of funds author-
15 ized to be appropriated for each program or activity
16 for which funds are authorized to be appropriated by
17 the law.

18 (2) A statement of the amount of funds, if any,
19 subsequently appropriated or otherwise made avail-
20 able for each such program or activity.

21 (3) A citation to the provision of law, rule, or
22 regulation which provides the authority for appro-
23 priating funds for each such program or activity.

24 (4) Such other information as the Director con-
25 siders appropriate for inclusion in the online portal.

1 (c) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall carry out
2 this section in consultation with the Clerk of the House
3 of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, and the
4 Librarian of Congress.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

6 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PORTAL.—The Direc-
7 tor shall establish and operate the online portal
8 under this section not later than 1 year after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (2) CONGRESSES COVERED.—The online portal
11 shall include information on laws enacted during the
12 most recent Congress which ends before the date of
13 the enactment of this Act and each subsequent Con-
14 gress.

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