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To amend chapter 31 of title 31 of the United States Code and title IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to automatically suspend the debt limit for the fiscal year of a budget resolution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HUIZENGA, and Ms. BOURDEAUX) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, 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

To amend chapter 31 of title 31 of the United States Code and title IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to automatically suspend the debt limit for the fiscal year of a budget resolution.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Responsible Budgeting
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE DEBT**
2 **LIMIT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 31, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking section 3101A and inserting the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 3101A. Modification of statutory limit on the public**
7 **debt**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon adoption by Congress of
9 a concurrent resolution on the budget under section 301
10 or 304 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
11 632, 634) that satisfies the required ratio, as determined
12 by the Congressional Budget Office, the Clerk of the
13 House of Representatives shall prepare an engrossment of
14 a joint resolution in the form prescribed in subsection (b)
15 suspending the statutory limit on the public debt until the
16 last day of the fiscal year of that concurrent resolution.
17 Upon engrossment of the joint resolution, the vote by
18 which the concurrent resolution on the budget was adopt-
19 ed by the House of Representatives shall also be consid-
20 ered as a vote on passage of the joint resolution in the
21 House of Representatives, and the joint resolution shall
22 be considered as passed by the House of Representatives
23 and duly certified and examined. The engrossed copy shall
24 be signed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives
25 and transmitted to the Senate. Upon receipt of the House
26 of Representatives joint resolution in the Senate, the vote

1 by which the concurrent resolution on the budget was
2 adopted in the Senate shall also be considered as a vote
3 on passage of the joint resolution in the Senate, and the
4 joint resolution shall be considered as passed by the Sen-
5 ate, duly certified and examined, and transmitted to the
6 House of Representatives for enrollment.

7 “(b) FORM OF JOINT RESOLUTION.—The form of the
8 joint resolution described in this subsection is a joint reso-
9 lution—

10 “(1) which does not have a preamble;

11 “(2) the title of which is only as follows: ‘Joint
12 resolution suspending the debt limit, as prepared
13 under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code,
14 on _____’ (with the blank containing the
15 date on which the joint resolution is prepared); and

16 “(3) the matter after the resolving clause which
17 is only as follows: ‘Section 3101(b) of title 31,
18 United States Code, shall not apply for the period
19 beginning on the date of enactment and ending on
20 September 30, _____.’ (with the blank being
21 filled with the fiscal year of the concurrent resolu-
22 tion on the budget).

23 “(c) INCREASE OF DEBT LIMIT.—Effective on the
24 date on which the authority of a joint resolution described

1 in subsection (b) terminates, the limitation in effect under
2 section 3101(b) shall be increased to the extent that—

3 “(1) the face amount of obligations issued
4 under this chapter and the face amount of obliga-
5 tions whose principal and interest are guaranteed by
6 the United States Government (except guaranteed
7 obligations held by the Secretary of the Treasury)
8 outstanding on such date, exceeds

9 “(2) the face amount of such obligations out-
10 standing on the date the debt limit was last in ef-
11 fect.

12 “(d) RESTORING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY OVER
13 THE NATIONAL DEBT.—

14 “(1) EXTENSION LIMITED TO NECESSARY OBLI-
15 GATIONS.—An obligation shall not be taken into ac-
16 count under subsection (c)(1) unless the issuance of
17 such obligation was necessary to fund a commitment
18 incurred pursuant to law by the Federal Government
19 that required payment before the date on which the
20 authorization of the joint resolution described in
21 subsection (b) terminates.

22 “(2) PROHIBITION ON CREATION OF CASH RE-
23 SERVE DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.—The Secretary
24 of the Treasury shall not issue obligations during
25 the period specified in the matter after the resolving

1 clause of a joint resolution, as described in sub-
2 section (b)(3), for the purpose of increasing the cash
3 balance above normal operating balances in anticipa-
4 tion of the expiration of such period.

5 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be construed as limiting or otherwise affecting—

7 “(1) the power of the House of Representatives
8 or the Senate to consider and pass bills or joint res-
9 olutions, without regard to the procedures under
10 subsection (a), that would change the statutory limit
11 on the public debt; or

12 “(2) the rights of Members, Delegates, the
13 Resident Commissioner, or committees with respect
14 to the introduction, consideration, and reporting of
15 such bills or joint resolutions.

16 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and section
17 3101B—

18 “(1) the term ‘required ratio’ means the ratio
19 that reduces by not less than 5 percentage points
20 the projected ratio under current law of debt held by
21 the public to Gross Domestic Product in the tenth
22 fiscal year after the current fiscal year; and

23 “(2) the term ‘statutory limit on the public
24 debt’ means the maximum face amount of obliga-
25 tions issued under authority of this chapter and obli-

1 gations guaranteed as to principal and interest by
 2 the United States (except such guaranteed obliga-
 3 tions as may be held by the Secretary of the Treas-
 4 ury), as determined under section 3101(b) after the
 5 application of section 3101(a), that may be out-
 6 standing at any one time.

7 **“§ 3101B. Presidential modification of the debt ceil-**
 8 **ing**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(1) WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.—If, for a fiscal
 11 year, Congress does not adopt a concurrent resolu-
 12 tion on the budget that satisfies the required ratio
 13 by the covered date, the President may submit a
 14 written notification to Congress, including a debt re-
 15 duction proposal with legislative language that satis-
 16 fies the required ratio, that the President is sus-
 17 pending the statutory limit on the public debt sub-
 18 ject to limit in section 3101(b) and that further bor-
 19 rowing is required to meet existing commitments.

20 “(2) EFFECT OF NOTIFICATION.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
 22 graph (C), upon the submission of a written no-
 23 tification by the President under paragraph (1),
 24 including a debt reduction proposal comprised
 25 of legislative text that the Director of the Office

1 of Management and Budget has determined
2 satisfies the required ratio, the statutory limit
3 on the public debt shall be suspended until the
4 end of the fiscal year beginning in the calendar
5 year in which the President submits a request.

6 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as pro-
7 vided in subparagraph (C), a suspension of the
8 statutory limit on the public debt under sub-
9 paragraph (A) shall take effect on the date that
10 is 30 calendar days after the date on which the
11 written notification is submitted by the Presi-
12 dent under paragraph (1).

13 “(C) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The
14 statutory limit on the public debt shall not be
15 suspended under this paragraph if, during the
16 30-calendar-day period beginning on the date
17 on which Congress receives a notification under
18 this paragraph, Congress enacts into law a joint
19 resolution of disapproval in accordance with
20 subsection (b).

21 “(3) COVERED DATE DEFINED.—For purposes
22 of paragraph (1), the term ‘covered date’ means the
23 earlier of—

1 “(A) April 15 of the calendar year in
2 which the fiscal year of the applicable concur-
3 rent resolution on the budget begins; or

4 “(B) 60 days before the date on which the
5 statutory limit on the public debt will be
6 reached, as described in the congressional noti-
7 fication submitted by the Secretary of the
8 Treasury.

9 “(4) INCREASE OF DEBT LIMIT.—Effective on
10 the date the debt limit extension pursuant to the
11 written notification under paragraph (1) terminates,
12 the limitation in effect under section 3101(b) shall
13 be increased to the extent that—

14 “(A) the face amount of obligations issued
15 under this chapter and the face amount of obli-
16 gations whose principal and interest are guar-
17 anteed by the United States Government (ex-
18 cept guaranteed obligations held by the Sec-
19 retary of the Treasury) outstanding on such
20 date, exceeds

21 “(B) the face amount of such obligations
22 outstanding on the date the debt limit was last
23 in effect.

24 “(5) RESTORING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY
25 OVER THE NATIONAL DEBT.—

1 “(A) EXTENSION LIMITED TO NECESSARY
2 OBLIGATIONS.—An obligation shall not be taken
3 into account under paragraph (4)(A) unless the
4 issuance of such obligation was necessary to
5 fund a commitment incurred pursuant to law by
6 the Federal Government that required payment
7 before the date on which the debt limit exten-
8 sion pursuant to the written notification under
9 paragraph (1) terminates.

10 “(B) PROHIBITION ON CREATION OF CASH
11 RESERVE DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.—The
12 Secretary of the Treasury shall not issue obliga-
13 tions during the period beginning on the effec-
14 tive date described in paragraph (2)(B) and
15 ending on the last day of the fiscal year de-
16 scribed in paragraph (2)(A) for the purpose of
17 increasing the cash balance above normal oper-
18 ating balances in anticipation of the expiration
19 of such period.

20 “(b) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a joint resolution of dis-
22 approval has not been enacted by the end of the 30-
23 calendar-day period beginning on the date on which
24 the presidential notification to which the joint reso-
25 lution relates was received by Congress under sub-

1 section (a), the statutory limit on public debt shall
2 be suspended as specified in the presidential notifi-
3 cation.

4 “(2) CONTENTS OF JOINT RESOLUTION.—For
5 the purpose of this section, the term ‘joint resolu-
6 tion’ means only a joint resolution—

7 “(A) that is introduced between the date
8 the written notification is received and 3 cal-
9 endar days after that date (or if the House of
10 Representatives or Senate is not in session, the
11 next calendar date in which it is in session);

12 “(B) which does not have a preamble;

13 “(C) the title of which is only as follows:
14 ‘Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of
15 the President’s exercise of authority to suspend
16 the debt limit, as submitted under section
17 3101B(a) of title 31, United States Code, on
18 _____’ (with the blank containing the
19 date of such submission); and

20 “(D) the matter after the resolving clause
21 of which is only as follows: ‘That Congress dis-
22 approves of the President’s exercise of authority
23 to suspend the debt limit, as exercised pursuant
24 to the written notification under section
25 3101B(a) of title 31, United States Code.’.

1 “(c) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES.—

3 “(1) RECONVENING.—Upon receipt of a written
4 notification described in subsection (a)(1), the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives, if the
6 House of Representatives would otherwise be ad-
7 journed, shall notify the Members of the House of
8 Representatives that, pursuant to this section, the
9 House of Representatives shall convene not later
10 than the second calendar day after receipt of such
11 written notification.

12 “(2) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—A joint
13 resolution introduced under paragraph (1) shall be
14 referred to the Committee on Ways and Means of
15 the House of Representatives and such committee
16 shall report the joint resolution to the House of Rep-
17 resentatives without amendment not later than 5
18 calendar days after the date on which the joint reso-
19 lution is introduced. If the Committee on Ways and
20 Means fails to report the joint resolution within the
21 5-day period, the Committee on Ways and Means
22 shall be discharged from further consideration of the
23 joint resolution and it shall be referred to the appro-
24 priate calendar.

1 “(3) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—Upon
2 report or discharge from the Committee on Ways
3 and Means of the House of Representatives, and not
4 later than 6 days after the date on which the joint
5 resolution is introduced under paragraph (1), it shall
6 be in order to move to proceed to consider the joint
7 resolution in the House of Representatives. All
8 points of order against the motion are waived. Such
9 a motion shall not be in order after the House of
10 Representatives has disposed of a motion to proceed
11 on a joint resolution addressing a particular submis-
12 sion. The previous question shall be considered as
13 ordered on the motion to its adoption without inter-
14 vening motion. The motion shall not be debatable. A
15 motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion
16 is disposed of shall not be in order.

17 “(4) CONSIDERATION.—The joint resolution
18 shall be considered as read. All points of order
19 against the joint resolution and against its consider-
20 ation are waived. The previous question shall be con-
21 sidered as ordered on the joint resolution to its pas-
22 sage without intervening motion except two hours of
23 debate equally divided and controlled by the pro-
24 ponent and an opponent. A motion to reconsider the

1 vote on passage of the joint resolution shall not be
2 in order.

3 “(d) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE IN SENATE.—

4 “(1) RECONVENING.—Upon receipt of a written
5 notification under subsection (a)(1), if the Senate
6 has adjourned or recessed for more than 2 days, the
7 majority leader of the Senate, after consultation
8 with the minority leader of the Senate, shall notify
9 the Members of the Senate that, pursuant to this
10 section, the Senate shall convene not later than the
11 second calendar day after receipt of such message.

12 “(2) PLACEMENT ON CALENDAR.—Upon intro-
13 duction in the Senate, the joint resolution shall be
14 immediately placed on the calendar.

15 “(3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding Rule
17 XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is
18 in order at any time during the period begin-
19 ning on the day after the date on which Con-
20 gress receives a written notification under sub-
21 section (a) and ending on the sixth day after
22 the date on which Congress receives a written
23 notification under subsection (a) (even though a
24 previous motion to the same effect has been dis-
25 agreed to) to move to proceed to the consider-

1 ation of the joint resolution, and all points of
2 order against the joint resolution (and against
3 consideration of the joint resolution) are
4 waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable.
5 The motion is not subject to a motion to post-
6 pone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which
7 the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not
8 be in order. If a motion to proceed to the con-
9 sideration of the resolution is agreed to, the
10 joint resolution shall remain the unfinished
11 business until disposed of.

12 “(B) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration of
13 the joint resolution, and on all debatable mo-
14 tions and appeals in connection therewith, shall
15 be limited to not more than 10 hours, which
16 shall be divided equally between the majority
17 and minority leaders or their designees. A mo-
18 tion further to limit debate is in order and not
19 debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to
20 postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consid-
21 eration of other business, or a motion to recom-
22 mit the joint resolution is not in order.

23 “(C) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—If the Senate
24 has voted to proceed to a joint resolution, the
25 vote on passage of the joint resolution shall

1 occur immediately following the conclusion of
2 consideration of the joint resolution, and a sin-
3 gle quorum call at the conclusion of the debate
4 if requested in accordance with the rules of the
5 Senate.

6 “(D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
7 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
8 relating to the application of the rules of the
9 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
10 lating to a joint resolution shall be decided
11 without debate.

12 “(e) AMENDMENT NOT IN ORDER.—A joint resolu-
13 tion of disapproval considered pursuant to this section
14 shall not be subject to amendment in either the House
15 of Representatives or the Senate.

16 “(f) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
17 HOUSE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, before passing the joint
19 resolution, one House receives from the other a joint
20 resolution—

21 “(A) the joint resolution of the other
22 House shall not be referred to a committee; and

23 “(B) the procedure in the receiving house
24 shall be the same as if no joint resolution had
25 been received from the other house until the

1 vote on passage, when the joint resolution re-
2 ceived from the other house shall supplant the
3 joint resolution of the receiving House.

4 “(2) TREATMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTION OF
5 OTHER HOUSE.—If the Senate fails to introduce or
6 consider a joint resolution under this section, the
7 joint resolution of the House shall be entitled to ex-
8 pedited floor procedures under this section.

9 “(3) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES.—
10 If, following passage of the joint resolution in the
11 Senate, the Senate then receives the companion
12 measure from the House of Representatives, the
13 companion measure shall not be debatable.

14 “(4) CONSIDERATION AFTER PASSAGE.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If Congress passes a
16 joint resolution, the period beginning on the
17 date the President is presented with the joint
18 resolution and ending on the date the President
19 signs, allows to become law without the signa-
20 ture of the President, or vetoes and returns the
21 joint resolution (but excluding days when either
22 House is not in session) shall be disregarded in
23 computing the appropriate calendar day period
24 described in subsection (b)(1).

1 “(B) DEBATE ON VETO MESSAGE.—De-
2 bate on a veto message in the Senate under this
3 section shall be 1 hour equally divided between
4 the majority and minority leaders or their des-
5 ignees.

6 “(C) VETO OVERRIDE.—If, within the 30-
7 calendar-day period described in subsection
8 (b)(1), Congress overrides a veto of a joint reso-
9 lution, the limitation in effect under section
10 3101(b) shall not be suspended.

11 “(g) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
12 SENATE.—This section and section 3101A are enacted by
13 Congress—

14 “(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
15 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
16 tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules
17 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
18 respect to the procedure to be followed in that
19 House in the case of a joint resolution, and it super-
20 sedes other rules only to the extent that it is incon-
21 sistent with such rules; and

22 “(2) with full recognition of the constitutional
23 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
24 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,

1 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
2 the case of any other rule of that House.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 of subchapter I of chapter 31 of title 31, United States
5 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section
6 3101A and inserting the following:

“3101A. Modification of statutory limit on the public debt.

“3101B. Presidential modification of the debt ceiling.”.

7 **SEC. 3. CONSIDERATION OF THE DEBT REDUCTION PRO-**
8 **POSAL SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title IV of the Congres-
10 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2
11 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
12 406 the following:

13 **“SEC. 407. CONSIDERATION OF THE DEBT REDUCTION PRO-**
14 **POSAL SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any debt reduction proposal
16 submitted by the President under section 3101B(a)(2)(A)
17 of title 31, United States Code, is required to satisfy the
18 required ratio as determined by the Office of Management
19 and Budget.

20 “(b) CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT’S PRO-
21 POSAL IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

22 “(1) INTRODUCTION.—Any debt reduction pro-
23 posal submitted by the President under section
24 3101B of title 31, United States Code, shall be in-

1 introduced by the majority or minority leader of the
2 House of Representatives or their designees. Upon
3 introduction, the Chair of the Committee on the
4 Budget shall within 3 days submit the proposal to
5 the Congressional Budget Office to be scored.

6 “(2) REFERRAL.—Any proposal introduced
7 under paragraph (1) shall be referred to the Com-
8 mittee on the Budget of the House of Representa-
9 tives.

10 “(3) REQUESTS BY BUDGET COMMITTEE.—Not
11 later than 3 days after the date on which a proposal
12 is referred under paragraph (2), the Chair of the
13 Committee on the Budget of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives shall submit to each appropriate com-
15 mittee of the House a request that, during the 30-
16 day period beginning on the date on which the re-
17 quest is made, the appropriate committee submit to
18 the Committee on the Budget of the House—

19 “(A) a general assessment of the proposal
20 introduced under paragraph (1); and

21 “(B)(i) any recommendations related to
22 the proposal; or

23 “(ii) any alternative recommendation to re-
24 duce the deficit within the jurisdiction of the
25 committee.

1 “(4) REPORTED LEGISLATION BY BUDGET COM-
2 MITTEE.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on the
4 Budget of the House of Representatives shall
5 report a bill that meets the required ratio not
6 later than 60 days after the date on which the
7 President submits a debt reduction proposal
8 under this section.

9 “(B) CONTENTS OF LEGISLATION.—The
10 bill reported under subparagraph (A) may in-
11 clude—

12 “(i) the debt reduction proposal sub-
13 mitted by the President under this section;
14 and

15 “(ii) any recommendations submitted
16 to the Committee on the Budget of the
17 House of Representatives under paragraph
18 (3), including any modifications to such
19 proposals by the Committee on the Budget
20 of the House of Representatives.

21 “(C) CBO SCORE.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—No bill may be re-
23 ported under subparagraph (A) unless the
24 Chair of the Committee on the Budget—

1 “(I) submits to the Director of
2 the Congressional Budget Office such
3 bill for a cost estimate to be prepared
4 under section 402; and

5 “(II) receives from the Director a
6 cost estimate described in subclause
7 (I) that includes a statement that
8 such bill meets the required ratio.

9 “(ii) TIME PERIOD.—The 60-day pe-
10 riod described in subparagraph (A) shall
11 not include the period beginning on the
12 date on which the Chair of the Committee
13 on the Budget of the House of Representa-
14 tives submits to the Director of the Con-
15 gressional Budget Office the bill under
16 clause (i)(I) and ending on the date on
17 which the Chair receives the cost estimate
18 under clause (i)(II).

19 “(5) DISCHARGE.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Committee on
21 the Budget of the House of Representatives
22 fails to report a bill within 60 days after the re-
23 ferral of the proposal submitted under section
24 3101B of title 31, United States Code, and
25 such proposal has been determined by the Di-

1 rector to satisfy the required ratio, then the
2 committee shall be discharged from further con-
3 sideration of the bill that embodies the debt re-
4 duction proposal of the President and it shall
5 be referred to the appropriate calendar.

6 “(B) CONSIDERATION.—In the House of
7 Representatives, if the Committee on Rules fails
8 to report a rule within 7 legislative days of the
9 bill being placed on the Calendar for the consid-
10 eration of a bill reported by the Committee on
11 the Budget under paragraph (4) or discharged
12 under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph
13 which has been determined by the Director to
14 satisfy the required ratio, then any Member
15 may offer a privilege resolution providing for
16 the consideration of the bill. Such resolution
17 shall provide that upon its adoption it shall be
18 in order to consider in the House of Represent-
19 atives the bill. The bill under the procedure set
20 forth in section 408(c) shall be debatable for
21 two hours equally divided and controlled by a
22 proponent and opponent of thereof. The pre-
23 vious question shall be considered as ordered on
24 the bill of final passage without intervening mo-
25 tion except 1 motion to recommit.

1 “(c) CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT’S PRO-
2 POSAL IN THE SENATE.—

3 “(1) INTRODUCTION.—Any debt reduction pro-
4 posal submitted by the President under section
5 3101B of title 31, United States Code, shall be in-
6 troduced by the majority or minority leader of the
7 Senate or their designees. Upon introduction, the
8 Chair of the Committee on the Budget shall within
9 3 days submit the proposal to the Congressional
10 Budget Office to be scored.

11 “(2) REFERRAL.—Any proposal introduced
12 under paragraph (1) shall be referred to the Com-
13 mittee on the Budget of the Senate.

14 “(3) REQUESTS BY BUDGET COMMITTEE.—

15 “(A) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—Not
16 later than 3 days after the date on which a pro-
17 posal is referred under paragraph (2), the Chair
18 of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate
19 shall submit to each appropriate committee of
20 the Senate a request that, during the 30-day
21 period beginning on the date on which the re-
22 quest is made, the appropriate committee sub-
23 mit to the Committee on the Budget of the
24 Senate—

1 “(i) a general assessment of the pro-
2 posal introduced under paragraph (1); and

3 “(ii)(I) any recommendations related
4 to the proposal; or

5 “(II) any alternative recommendation
6 to reduce the deficit within the jurisdiction
7 of the committee.

8 “(B) OTHER PROPOSALS.—Any Member of
9 the Senate may introduce a bill that meets the
10 required ratio, as determined by the Congres-
11 sional Budget Office, which shall be referred to
12 the Committee on the Budget of the Senate if
13 the proposal is sponsored by not less than one-
14 fifth of the Members, duly chosen and sworn,
15 including—

16 “(i) not fewer than 10 Members who
17 are members of or caucus with the mem-
18 bers of the political party of the majority
19 leader of the Senate; and

20 “(ii) not fewer than 10 Members who
21 are members of or caucus with any other
22 political party that is not the political
23 party of the majority leader of the Senate.

24 “(4) REPORTED LEGISLATION BY BUDGET COM-
25 MITTEE.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on the
2 Budget of the Senate shall report a bill that
3 meets the required ratio not later than 60 days
4 after the date on which the President submits
5 a debt reduction proposal under this section.

6 “(B) CONTENTS OF LEGISLATION.—The
7 bill reported under subparagraph (A) may in-
8 clude—

9 “(i) the debt reduction proposal sub-
10 mitted by the President under this section;
11 and

12 “(ii) any proposal submitted to the
13 Committee on the Budget of the Senate
14 under paragraph (3), including any modi-
15 fications to such proposals by the Com-
16 mittee on the Budget of the Senate.

17 “(C) CBO SCORE.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—No bill may be re-
19 ported under subparagraph (A) unless the
20 Chair of the Committee on the Budget—

21 “(I) submits to the Director of
22 the Congressional Budget Office such
23 bill for a cost estimate to be prepared
24 under section 402; and

1 “(II) receives from the Director a
2 cost estimate described in subclause
3 (I) that includes a statement that
4 such bill meets the required ratio.

5 “(ii) TIME PERIOD.—The 60-day pe-
6 riod described in subparagraph (A) shall
7 not include the period beginning on the
8 date on which the Chair of the Committee
9 on the Budget of the Senate submits to the
10 Director of the Congressional Budget Of-
11 fice the bill under clause (i)(I) and ending
12 on the date on which the Chair receives the
13 cost estimate under clause (i)(II).

14 “(5) DISCHARGE.—If the Committee on the
15 Budget of the Senate has not reported a bill under
16 paragraph (4) before the end of the 60-day period
17 described in that paragraph, the Committee on the
18 Budget of the Senate shall be automatically dis-
19 charged from further consideration of—

20 “(A) the proposal introduced under para-
21 graph (1), which shall be placed on the appro-
22 priate calendar; and

23 “(B) any proposal submitted under para-
24 graph (3)(B), which shall be placed on the ap-
25 propriate calendar.

1 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section and section 408,
2 the term ‘required ratio’ means the ratio that reduces by
3 not less than 5 percentage points the projected ratio under
4 current law of debt held by the public to Gross Domestic
5 Product in the tenth fiscal year after the current fiscal
6 year.

7 **“SEC. 408. CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-**
8 **ATIVES OF ALTERNATIVE DEBT REDUCTION**
9 **PROPOSALS.**

10 “(a) INTRODUCTION.—In the House of Representa-
11 tives, any bill that satisfies the required ratio as deter-
12 mined by the Congressional Budget Office and does not
13 contain any matter that is unrelated to debt reduction may
14 be introduced by the majority leader, the minority leader,
15 or by any other Member (if that Member’s proposed bill
16 is cosponsored by at least 145 other Members or by at
17 least 20 Members of the majority party and 20 Members
18 of the minority party).

19 “(b) REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE ON RULES.—Any
20 bill introduced under subsection (a) shall be referred to
21 the Committee on Rules. Each such bill shall be scored
22 by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to de-
23 termine if such bill satisfies the required ratio. If such bill
24 achieves the required ratio, it shall be reported without

1 amendment to the House for its consideration within 30
2 calendar days of the date of introduction of the bill.

3 “(c) **QUEEN-OF-THE-HILL RULE FOR CONSIDER-**
4 **ATION.**—In the House of Representatives, any bill de-
5 scribed in section 407 and any bill reported under sub-
6 section (b) shall be considered in the House of Representa-
7 tives pursuant to a special order of business if the text
8 of the bill provides that the text of all such bills reported
9 under subsection (b) may be offered as amendments in
10 the nature of a substitute and if more than one such
11 amendment is adopted then the one receiving the greater
12 number of affirmative recorded votes shall be considered
13 as finally adopted.

14 **“SEC. 409. CONSIDERATION ON THE FLOOR OF THE SEN-**
15 **ATE.**

16 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding Rule XXII of
17 the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order, not later
18 than 5 days of session after the date on which a bill meet-
19 ing the requirements of section 407(c)(4) is reported from
20 the Committee on the Budget of the Senate or the date
21 on which any proposal is placed on the calendar after dis-
22 charge under section 407(c)(5), as applicable, for the ma-
23 jority leader of the Senate or a Member of the Senate des-
24 ignated by the majority leader of the Senate to move to
25 proceed to the consideration of the bill. It shall also be

1 in order, notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing
2 Rules of the Senate, for any Member of the Senate to
3 move to proceed to the consideration of the bill at any
4 time after the conclusion of such 5-day period. A motion
5 to proceed is in order even though a previous motion to
6 the same effect has been disagreed to. All points of order
7 against the motion to proceed to the bill are waived. The
8 motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A motion
9 to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to
10 or disagreed to shall not be in order. Consideration of the
11 motion to proceed shall be limited to not more than 10
12 hours equally divided between the majority leader and the
13 minority leader or their designees. A motion to proceed
14 shall require an affirmative vote of three-fifths of Senators
15 duly chosen and sworn.

16 “(b) EXTRANEIOUS PROVISIONS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—When the Senate is consid-
18 ering a bill under subsection (a), upon a point of
19 order being made by any Senator against a extra-
20 neous material contained in the joint resolution, and
21 the point of order is sustained by the Chair, the pro-
22 vision that contains the extraneous material shall be
23 stricken from the joint resolution.

1 “(2) EXTRANEOUS MATERIAL DEFINED.—In
 2 this subsection, the term ‘extraneous material’
 3 means—

4 “(A) a provision that does not produce a
 5 change in outlays or revenue, including changes
 6 in outlays and revenues brought about by
 7 changes in the terms and conditions under
 8 which outlays are made or revenues are re-
 9 quired to be collected (but a provision in which
 10 outlay decreases or revenue increases exactly
 11 offset outlay increases or revenue decreases
 12 shall not be considered extraneous by virtue of
 13 this subparagraph); or

14 “(B) a provision producing changes in out-
 15 lays or revenues which are merely incidental to
 16 the non-budgetary components of the provision.

17 “(3) FORM OF THE POINT OF ORDER.—A point
 18 of order under paragraph (1) may be raised by a
 19 Senator as provided in section 313(e) of the Con-
 20 gressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 644(e)).

21 **“SEC. 410. CONSIDERATION BY OTHER HOUSE.**

22 “If a House of Congress receives a bill passed by the
 23 other House under section 408 or 409 and has not yet
 24 passed a bill under section 408 or 409, the following pro-
 25 cedures for consideration shall apply:

1 “(1) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE
2 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

3 “(A) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—It shall be in
5 order, not later than 30 days after the
6 date on which the House of Representa-
7 tives receives a bill passed by the Senate
8 under section 409, to move to proceed to
9 consider the bill in the House of Rep-
10 resentatives.

11 “(ii) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to
12 proceed to consider a bill under this sub-
13 paragraph—

14 “(I) all points of order against
15 the motion are waived;

16 “(II) such a motion shall not be
17 in order after the House of Represent-
18 atives has disposed of a motion to
19 proceed on the bill;

20 “(III) the previous question shall
21 be considered as ordered on the mo-
22 tion to its adoption without inter-
23 vening motion;

24 “(IV) the motion shall not be de-
25 batable; and

1 “(V) a motion to reconsider the
2 vote by which the motion is disposed
3 of shall not be in order.

4 “(B) CONSIDERATION.—If the House of
5 Representatives proceeds to consideration of a
6 bill under this paragraph—

7 “(i) the bill shall be considered as
8 read;

9 “(ii) all points of order against the
10 bill and against its consideration are
11 waived;

12 “(iii) the previous question shall be
13 considered as ordered on the bill to its pas-
14 sage without intervening motion except
15 three hours of debate equally divided and
16 controlled by the proponent and an oppo-
17 nent;

18 “(iv) an amendment to the bill shall
19 not be in order; and

20 “(v) a motion to reconsider the vote
21 on passage of the bill shall not be in order.

22 “(2) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE SEN-
23 ATE.—

24 “(A) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
 2 rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the
 3 Senate, it is in order, not later than 30
 4 days after the date on which the Senate re-
 5 ceives a bill passed under section 408 by
 6 the House of Representatives, to move to
 7 proceed to consider the bill in the Senate.

8 “(ii) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to
 9 proceed to the consideration of a bill under
 10 this paragraph—

11 “(I) all points of order against
 12 the motion are waived;

13 “(II) the motion is not debatable;

14 “(III) the motion is not subject
 15 to a motion to postpone;

16 “(IV) a motion to reconsider the
 17 vote by which the motion is agreed to
 18 or disagreed to shall not be in order;
 19 and

20 “(V) if the motion is agreed to,
 21 the bill shall remain the unfinished
 22 business until disposed of.

23 “(B) FLOOR CONSIDERATION GEN-
 24 ERALLY.—If the Senate proceeds to consider-
 25 ation of a bill under this paragraph—

1 “(i) all points of order against the bill
2 (and against consideration of the bill) are
3 waived;

4 “(ii) consideration of the bill, and all
5 debatable motions and appeals in connec-
6 tion therewith, shall be limited to not more
7 than 20 hours, which shall be divided
8 equally between the majority and minority
9 leaders or their designees;

10 “(iii) a motion further to limit debate
11 is in order and not debatable;

12 “(iv) an amendment to, a motion to
13 postpone, or a motion to recommit the bill
14 is not in order; and

15 “(v) a motion to proceed to the con-
16 sideration of other business is not in order.

17 “(C) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on
18 passage of a bill under this paragraph shall
19 occur immediately following the conclusion of
20 the consideration of the bill, and a single
21 quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if
22 requested in accordance with the rules of the
23 Senate, and shall require an affirmative vote of
24 three-fifths of the Members of the Senate duly
25 chosen and sworn.

1 “(3) CONFERENCES.—If the Senate and the
2 House of Representatives have both passed the bill
3 in different forms, then a conference committee on
4 the bill shall be considered as ordered and the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
6 majority leader of the Senate shall immediately ap-
7 point Managers to such conference committee to re-
8 solve any disagreement between the Houses.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
10 in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impound-
11 ment Control Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after
12 the item relating to section 406 the following:

“Sec. 407. Consideration of the debt reduction proposal submitted by the Presi-
dent.

“Sec. 408. Consideration in the House of Representatives of alternative debt re-
duction proposals.

“Sec. 409. Consideration on the floor of the Senate.

“Sec. 410. Consideration by other house.”.

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