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# H. R. 4189

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 1994

Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. ORTON, Mr. BLUTE, and Mr. QUINN) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Government Operations and Rules

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUDGET RESERVE AC-**  
4 **COUNT.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—A budget reserve account  
6 (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “account”)  
7 shall be established for the purpose of setting aside ade-  
8 quate funding for natural disasters and national security  
9 emergencies.

1 (b) PRIOR APPROPRIATION REQUIRED.—The ac-  
2 count shall consist of such sums as may be provided in  
3 advance in appropriation Acts for a particular fiscal year.

4 (c) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—(1) Notwith-  
5 standing any other provision of law, the amounts in the  
6 account shall not be available for other than emergency  
7 funding requirements for particular natural disasters or  
8 national security emergencies so designated by Acts of  
9 Congress.

10 (2) Funds in the account that are not obligated dur-  
11 ing the fiscal year for which they are appropriated may  
12 only be used for deficit reduction purposes.

13 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS CHANGES.**

14 (a) CONTENTS OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON  
15 THE BUDGET.—Section 301(a) of the Congressional  
16 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by redesignating para-  
17 graphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively,  
18 and by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new  
19 paragraph:

20 “(6) total new budget authority and total  
21 budget outlays for emergency funding requirements  
22 for natural disasters and national security emer-  
23 gencies to be included in a budget reserve account;”.

1 (b) SECTION 602 ALLOCATIONS.—(1) Section 602 of  
2 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by add-  
3 ing at the end the following new subsection:

4 “(f) COMMITTEE SPENDING ALLOCATIONS AND  
5 SUBALLOCATIONS FOR BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT.—

6 “(1) ALLOCATIONS.—The joint explanatory  
7 statement accompanying a conference report on a  
8 budget resolution shall include allocations, consistent  
9 with the resolution recommended in the conference  
10 report, of the appropriate levels (for each fiscal year  
11 covered by that resolution) of total new budget au-  
12 thority and outlays to the Committee on Appropria-  
13 tions of each House for emergency funding require-  
14 ments for natural disasters and national security  
15 emergencies to be included in a budget reserve  
16 account.

17 “(2) SUBALLOCATIONS.—As soon as practicable  
18 after a budget resolution is agreed to, the Commit-  
19 tee on Appropriations of each House (after consult-  
20 ing with the Committee on Appropriations of the  
21 other House) shall suballocate each amount allocated  
22 to it for the budget year under paragraph (1) among  
23 its subcommittees. Each Committee on Appropria-  
24 tions shall promptly report to its House

1 suballocations made or revised under this  
2 paragraph.”.

3 (2) Section 602(c) of the Congressional Budget Act  
4 of 1974 is amended by inserting “or subsection (f)(1)”  
5 after “subsection (a)” and by inserting “or subsection  
6 (f)(2)” after “subsection (b)”.

7 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF ADJUSTMENT FOR EMERGENCY APPRO-**  
8 **PRIATIONS.**

9 Section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and  
10 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is repealed.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORTING.**

12 Not later than November 30, 1996, and at annual  
13 intervals thereafter, the Director of the Office of Manage-  
14 ment and Budget shall submit a report to each House of  
15 Congress listing the amounts of money expended from the  
16 budget reserve account established under section 1 for the  
17 fiscal year ending during that calendar year for each natu-  
18 ral disaster and national security emergency.

19 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 This Act and the amendments made by it shall apply  
21 to fiscal year 1996 and subsequent fiscal years.

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