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H. R. 2622

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that budget resolutions be joint resolutions and that those resolutions contain extensions of the statutory limit on the public debt, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 1995

Mr. CARDIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, 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

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that budget resolutions be joint resolutions and that those resolutions contain extensions of the statutory limit on the public debt, and for other purposes.

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. JOINT BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.**

4 (a) Sections 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 308, 310,
5 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2
6 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) are amended by striking “concurrent”
7 each place it appears and by inserting “joint”.

1 (b) Sections 401 and 406 of the Congressional Budg-
2 et Act of 1974 are amended by striking “concurrent” each
3 place it appears and by inserting “joint”.

4 (c)(1) Sections 601(b)(1) of the Congressional Budg-
5 et Act of 1974 are amended by striking “concurrent reso-
6 lution on the budget for fiscal year 1995, 1996, 1997, or
7 1998” and inserting “concurrent resolution on the budget
8 for fiscal year 1995 or 1996 or joint resolution on the
9 budget for fiscal year 1997 or 1998”.

10 (2) Sections 602 (except subsection (d)), 603, 604,
11 605, and 606(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
12 are amended by striking “concurrent” each place it ap-
13 pears and by inserting “joint”.

14 (d)(1) Paragraph (4) of sections 3 of the Congres-
15 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is
16 amended by striking “concurrent” each place it appears
17 and by inserting “joint”.

18 (2) The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of
19 such Act is amended by striking “Concurrent” in the item
20 relating to section 303 and inserting “Joint” and by strik-
21 ing “concurrent” in the items relating to sections 301 and
22 304 and inserting “joint”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGES IN STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC**
2 **DEBT.**

3 (a) CONTENTS OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.—Section
4 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(j) CHANGES IN THE STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE
7 PUBLIC DEBT.—The joint resolution on the budget shall
8 contain a provision that amends section 3101(b) of title
9 31, United States Code, to provide for an up-to-date tem-
10 porary statutory limit on the public debt.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING CHANGE.—Rule XLIX of the Rules
12 of the House of Representatives (relating to the establish-
13 ment of statutory limit on the public debt) is repealed.

14 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF**
15 **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

16 Clauses 1(d)(2), 4(a)(2), 4(b)(2), 4(g), 4(h), and 4(i)
17 of rule X, clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI, clause 7 of rule XV,
18 and clause 8 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of
19 Representatives are amended by striking “concurrent”
20 and by inserting in its place “joint”.

21 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE BALANCED**
22 **BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL**
23 **ACT OF 1985.**

24 Section 258C(b)(1) of the Balanced Budget and
25 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by
26 striking “concurrent” and by inserting “joint”.

1 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall apply to fis-
3 cal year 1997 and subsequent fiscal years.

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