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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUSSLE (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KASICH, Mr. DREIER, Mr. GOSS, Mr. MINGE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. STENHOLM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Appropriations, 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

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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. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
 5 “Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999”.

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1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purposes of this Act are to—

- 3 (1) give the budget the force of law;  
 4 (2) budget for emergencies;  
 5 (3) display the unfunded liabilities of Federal  
 6 insurance programs;  
 7 (4) strengthen enforcement of budgetary deci-  
 8 sions;  
 9 (5) increase accountability for Federal spend-  
 10 ing;  
 11 (6) mitigate the bias in the budget process to-  
 12 ward higher spending; and  
 13 (7) modify paygo requirements when there is an  
 14 on-budget surplus.

15 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 Except as otherwise specifically provided, this Act  
 17 and the amendments made by this Act shall become effec-  
 18 tive on the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply  
 19 with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30,  
 20 2000.

1 **SEC. 4. DECLARATION OF PURPOSES FOR THE BUDGET**  
2 **ACT.**

3 Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 2 of the Congres-  
4 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 are  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(1) to assure effective control over the budg-  
7 etary process;

8 “(2) to facilitate the determination each year of  
9 the appropriate level of Federal revenues and ex-  
10 penditures by the Congress and the President;”.

11 **TITLE I—BUDGET WITH FORCE**  
12 **OF LAW**

13 **SEC. 101. PURPOSES.**

14 The purposes of this title are to—

15 (1) focus initial budgetary deliberations on ag-  
16 gregate levels of Federal spending and taxation;

17 (2) encourage cooperation between Congress  
18 and the President in developing overall budgetary  
19 priorities; and

20 (3) reach budgetary decisions early in the legis-  
21 lative cycle.

22 **SEC. 102. THE TIMETABLE.**

23 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
24 is amended to read as follows:

## 1 “TIMETABLE

2 “SEC. 300. The timetable with respect to the congres-  
3 sional budget process for any fiscal year is as follows:

<b>“On or before:</b>	<b>Action to be completed:</b>
First Monday in February .....	President submits his budget.
February 15 .....	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
Not later than 6 weeks after President submits budget.	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
April 1 .....	Senate Budget Committee reports joint resolution on the budget.
April 15 .....	Congress completes action on joint resolution on the budget.
June 10 .....	House Appropriations Committee reports last annual appropriation bill.
June 15 .....	Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation.
June 30 .....	House completes action on annual appropriation bills.
October 1 .....	Fiscal year begins.”.

4 **SEC. 103. ANNUAL JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET.**

5 (a) ANNUAL JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET.  
6 ET.—(1) Section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
7 1974 is amended to read as follows:

8 “ANNUAL JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET

9 “SEC. 301. (a) CONTENT OF JOINT RESOLUTION ON  
10 THE BUDGET.—On or before April 15 of each year, the  
11 Congress shall complete action on a joint resolution on the  
12 budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of such  
13 year. The joint resolution shall set forth appropriate levels  
14 for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of such year  
15 and for at least each of the 4 ensuing fiscal years for the  
16 following—

17 “(1) totals of new budget authority and outlays;

1           “(2) total Federal revenues and the amount, if  
2           any, by which the aggregate level of Federal reve-  
3           nues should be increased or decreased by bills and  
4           resolutions to be reported by the appropriate com-  
5           mittees;

6           “(3) the surplus or deficit in the budget;

7           “(4) subtotals of new budget authority and out-  
8           lays for nondefense discretionary spending, defense  
9           discretionary spending, and direct spending, and, if  
10          deemed necessary, other subsets of discretionary  
11          spending and of direct spending;

12          “(5) the level of the statutory limit on the pub-  
13          lic debt;

14          “(6) for fiscal years to which the amendments  
15          made by title II of the Comprehensive Budget Proc-  
16          ess Reform Act of 1999 apply, subtotals of new  
17          budget authority and outlays for emergencies, in-  
18          cluding subtotals for direct spending and discre-  
19          tionary spending;

20          “(7) For purposes of Senate enforcement under  
21          this title, outlays of the old-age, survivors, and dis-  
22          ability insurance program established under title II  
23          of the Social Security Act for the fiscal year of the  
24          resolution and for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal  
25          years; and

1           “(8) For purposes of Senate enforcement under  
2 this title, revenues of the old-age, survivors, and dis-  
3 ability insurance program established under title II  
4 of the Social Security Act (and the related provisions  
5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) for the fiscal  
6 year of the resolution and for each of the 4 succeed-  
7 ing fiscal years.

8           “(b) ADDITIONAL MATTERS IN JOINT RESOLU-  
9 TION.—The joint resolution on the budget may—

10           “(1) include a heading entitled ‘Debt Increase  
11 as Measure of Deficit’ in which the joint resolution  
12 shall set forth the amounts by which the debt sub-  
13 ject to limit (in section 3101 of title 31, United  
14 States Code) has increased or would increase in each  
15 of the relevant fiscal years;

16           “(2) if submitted by the Committee on Ways  
17 and Means of the House of Representatives or the  
18 Committee on Finance of the Senate to the Commit-  
19 tee on the Budget of that House of Congress, amend  
20 section 3101 of title 31, United States Code, to  
21 change the statutory limit on the public debt;

22           “(3) require a procedure under which all or cer-  
23 tain bills or resolutions providing new budget au-  
24 thority or new entitlement authority for such fiscal  
25 year shall not be enrolled until the Congress has



1 completed action on any reconciliation bill or rec-  
2 onciliation resolution or both required by such con-  
3 current resolution to be reported in accordance with  
4 section 310(b);

5 “(4) require such other congressional proce-  
6 dures, relating to the budget, as may be appropriate  
7 to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

8 “(5) set forth procedures in the Senate whereby  
9 committee allocations, aggregates, and other levels  
10 can be revised for legislation if that legislation would  
11 not increase the deficit, or would not increase the  
12 deficit when taken with other legislation enacted  
13 after the adoption of the resolution, for the first fis-  
14 cal year or the total period of fiscal years covered by  
15 the resolution.

16 “(c) CONSIDERATION OF PROCEDURES OR MATTERS  
17 WHICH HAVE THE EFFECT OF CHANGING ANY RULE OF  
18 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If the Committee  
19 on the Budget of the House of Representatives reports  
20 any joint resolution on the budget which includes any pro-  
21 cedure or matter which has the effect of changing any rule  
22 of the House of Representatives, such joint resolution shall  
23 then be referred to the Committee on Rules with instruc-  
24 tions to report it within five calendar days (not counting  
25 any day on which the House is not in session). The Com-

1 mittee on Rules shall have jurisdiction to report any joint  
2 resolution referred to it under this paragraph with an  
3 amendment or amendments changing or striking any such  
4 procedure or matter.

5       “(d) VIEWS AND ESTIMATES OF OTHER COMMIT-  
6 TEES.—Within 6 weeks after the President submits a  
7 budget under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States  
8 Code, or at such time as may be requested by the chair-  
9 man of the Committee on the Budget, each committee of  
10 the House of Representatives having legislative jurisdic-  
11 tion shall submit to the Committee on the Budget of the  
12 House and each committee of the Senate having legislative  
13 jurisdiction shall submit to the Committee on the Budget  
14 of the Senate its views and estimates (as determined by  
15 the committee making such submission) with respect to  
16 all matters set forth in subsections (a) and (b) which re-  
17 late to matters within the jurisdiction or functions of such  
18 committee. The Joint Economic Committee shall submit  
19 to the Committees on the Budget of both Houses its rec-  
20 ommendations as to the fiscal policy appropriate to the  
21 goals of the Employment Act of 1946. Any other commit-  
22 tee of the House of Representatives or the Senate may  
23 submit to the Committee on the Budget of its House, and  
24 any joint committee of the Congress may submit to the  
25 Committees on the Budget of both Houses, its views and

1 estimates with respect to all matters set forth in sub-  
2 sections (a) and (b) which relate to matters within its ju-  
3 risdiction or functions. Any other committee of the House  
4 of Representatives or the Senate that anticipates that the  
5 committee will consider legislation establishing, amending,  
6 or reauthorizing any Federal program likely to have a sig-  
7 nificant budgetary impact on any State, local, or tribal  
8 government, or likely to have a significant financial impact  
9 on the private sector, including any legislative proposal  
10 submitted by the executive branch likely to have such a  
11 budgetary or financial impact, shall include its views and  
12 estimates on that proposal to the Committee on the Budg-  
13 et of the applicable House.

14 “(e) HEARINGS AND REPORT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the joint res-  
16 olution on the budget referred to in subsection (a)  
17 for each fiscal year, the Committee on the Budget  
18 of each House shall hold hearings and shall receive  
19 testimony from Members of Congress and such ap-  
20 propriate representatives of Federal departments  
21 and agencies, the general public, and national orga-  
22 nizations as the committee deems desirable. Each of  
23 the recommendations as to short-term and medium-  
24 term goal set forth in the report submitted by the  
25 members of the Joint Economic Committee under

1 subsection (d) may be considered by the Committee  
2 on the Budget of each House as part of its consider-  
3 ation of such concurrent resolution, and its report  
4 may reflect its views thereon, including its views on  
5 how the estimates of revenues and levels of budget  
6 authority and outlays set forth in such concurrent  
7 resolution are designed to achieve any goals it is rec-  
8 ommending.

9 “(2) REQUIRED CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The  
10 report accompanying the resolution shall include—

11 “(A) new budget authority and outlays for  
12 each major functional category, based on alloca-  
13 tions of the total levels set forth pursuant to  
14 subsection (a)(1);

15 “(B) a comparison of the levels of total  
16 new budget authority, total outlays, total reve-  
17 nues, and the surplus or deficit for each fiscal  
18 year set forth in the resolution with those re-  
19 quested in the budget submitted by the Presi-  
20 dent;

21 “(C) with respect to each major functional  
22 category, an estimate of total new budget au-  
23 thority and total outlays, with the estimates di-  
24 vided between discretionary and direct spending  
25 amounts;

1           “(D) a measure, as a percentage of gross  
2 domestic product, of total outlays, total Federal  
3 revenues, the surplus or deficit, and new out-  
4 lays for nondefense discretionary spending, de-  
5 fense spending, and direct spending as set forth  
6 in such resolution;

7           “(E) the economic assumptions that un-  
8 derlie each of the matters set forth in the reso-  
9 lution and any alternative economic assump-  
10 tions and objectives the committee considered;

11           “(F) information, data, and comparisons  
12 indicating the manner in which, and the basis  
13 on which, the committee determined each of the  
14 matters set forth in the resolution;

15           “(G) a justification for allocating any new  
16 budget authority and outlays for any new pro-  
17 gram, project, or activity to a committee for  
18 which such new budget authority and outlays  
19 would not be subject to discretionary appropria-  
20 tions;

21           “(H) allocations described in section  
22 302(a);

23           “(I) the estimated levels of tax expendi-  
24 tures (the tax expenditures budget) by major

1 items and functional categories for the Presi-  
2 dent's budget and in the resolution; and

3 “(J) if the joint resolution on the budget  
4 includes any allocation to a committee (other  
5 than the Committee on Appropriations) of levels  
6 in excess of current law levels, a justification  
7 for not subjecting any program, project, or ac-  
8 tivity (for which the allocation is made) to an-  
9 nual discretionary appropriation.”.

10 “(3) ADDITIONAL CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The  
11 report accompanying the resolution may include—

12 “(A) reconciliation directives described in  
13 section 310;

14 “(B) a statement of any significant  
15 changes in the proposed levels of Federal assist-  
16 ance to State and local governments;

17 “(C) an allocation of the level of Federal  
18 revenues recommended in the resolution among  
19 the major sources of such revenues; and

20 “(D) other matters, relating to the budget  
21 and to fiscal policy, that the committee deems  
22 appropriate.

23 “(f) ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS FOR REDUCING UN-  
24 EMPLOYMENT.—

1           (1) If, pursuant to section 4(c) of the Employ-  
2           ment Act of 1946, the President recommends in the  
3           Economic Report that the goals for reducing unem-  
4           ployment set forth in section 4(b) of such Act be  
5           achieved in a year after the close of the five-year pe-  
6           riod prescribed by such subsection, the concurrent  
7           resolution on the budget for the fiscal year begin-  
8           ning after the date on which such Economic Report  
9           is received by the Congress may set forth the year  
10          in which, in the opinion of the Congress, such goals  
11          can be achieved.

12           “(2) After the Congress has expressed its opin-  
13          ion pursuant to paragraph (1) as to the year in  
14          which the goals for reducing unemployment set forth  
15          in section 4(b) of the Employment Act of 1946 can  
16          be achieved, if, pursuant to section 4(e) of such Act,  
17          the President recommends in the Economic Report  
18          that such goals be achieved in a year which is dif-  
19          ferent from the year in which the Congress has ex-  
20          pressed its opinion that such goals should be  
21          achieved, either in its action pursuant to paragraph  
22          (1) or in its most recent action pursuant to this  
23          paragraph, the concurrent resolution on the budget  
24          for the fiscal year beginning after the date on which  
25          such Economic Report is received by the Congress

1 may set forth the year in which, in the opinion of  
2 the Congress, such goals can be achieved.

3 “(3) It shall be in order to amend the provision  
4 of such resolution setting forth such year only if the  
5 amendment thereto also proposes to alter the esti-  
6 mates, amounts, and levels (as described in sub-  
7 section (a)) set forth in such resolution in germane  
8 fashion in order to be consistent with the economic  
9 goals (as described in sections 3(a)(2) and (4)(b) of  
10 the Employment Act of 1946) which such amend-  
11 ment proposes can be achieved by the year specified  
12 in such amendment.

13 “(g) ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS.—

14 “(1) It shall not be in order in the Senate to  
15 consider any joint resolution on the budget for a fis-  
16 cal year, or any amendment thereto, or any con-  
17 ference report thereon, that sets forth amounts and  
18 levels that are determined on the basis of more than  
19 one set of economic and technical assumptions.

20 “(2) The joint explanatory statement accom-  
21 panying a conference report on a joint resolution on  
22 the budget shall set forth the common economic as-  
23 sumptions upon which such joint statement and con-  
24 ference report are based, or upon which any amend-  
25 ment contained in the joint explanatory statement to



1 be proposed by the conferees in the case of technical  
2 disagreement, is based.

3 “(3) Subject to periodic reestimation based on  
4 changed economic conditions or technical estimates,  
5 determinations under titles III and IV of the Con-  
6 gressional Budget Act of 1974 shall be based upon  
7 such common economic and technical assumptions.

8 “(h) BUDGET COMMITTEES CONSULTATION WITH  
9 COMMITTEES.—The Committee on the Budget of the  
10 House of Representatives shall consult with the commit-  
11 tees of its House having legislative jurisdiction during the  
12 preparation, consideration, and enforcement of the joint  
13 resolution on the budget with respect to all matters which  
14 relate to the jurisdiction or functions of such committees.

15 “(i) SOCIAL SECURITY POINT OF ORDER.—It shall  
16 not be in order in the Senate to consider any concurrent  
17 resolution on the budget (or amendment, motion, or con-  
18 ference report on the resolution) that would decrease the  
19 excess of social security revenues over social security out-  
20 lays in any of the fiscal years covered by the concurrent  
21 resolution. No change in chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue  
22 Code of 1986 shall be treated as affecting the amount of  
23 social security revenues unless such provision changes the  
24 income tax treatment of social security benefits.”.

1 (b) PRESIDENT'S BUDGET SUBMISSION TO THE CON-  
2 GRESS.—(1) The first two sentences of section 1105(a)  
3 of title 31, United States Code, are amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 “On or after the first Monday in January but not later  
6 than the first Monday in February of each year the Presi-  
7 dent shall submit a budget of the United States Govern-  
8 ment for the following fiscal year which shall set forth the  
9 following levels:

10 (A) totals of new budget authority and out-  
11 lays;

12 (B) total Federal revenues and the amount, if  
13 any, by which the aggregate level of Federal reve-  
14 nues should be increased or decreased by bills and  
15 resolutions to be reported by the appropriate com-  
16 mittees;

17 (C) the surplus or deficit in the budget;

18 (D) subtotals of new budget authority and  
19 outlays for nondefense discretionary spending, de-  
20 fense discretionary spending, and direct spending,  
21 and, if deemed necessary, other subsets of discre-  
22 tionary spending and of direct spending;

23 (E) the level of the statutory limit on the pub-  
24 lic debt; and

1           “(F) for fiscal years to which the amendments  
2           made by title II of the Comprehensive Budget Proc-  
3           ess Reform Act of 1999 apply, subtotals of new  
4           budget authority and outlays for emergencies, in-  
5           cluding subtotals for direct spending and discre-  
6           tionary spending.

7           Each budget submission shall include a budget message  
8           and summary and supporting information and, as a sepa-  
9           rately delineated statement, the levels required in the pre-  
10          ceding sentence for at least each of the 4 ensuing fiscal  
11          years.”.

12          (2) The third sentence of section 1105(a) of title 31,  
13          United States Code, is amended by inserting “submission”  
14          after “budget”.

15          (c) LIMITATION ON CONTENTS OF BUDGET RESOLU-  
16          TIONS.—Section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
17          1974 is amended by adding at the end the following new  
18          subsection:

19          “(e) LIMITATION ON CONTENTS.—(1) Any joint reso-  
20          lution on the budget or any amendment thereto or con-  
21          ference report thereon that contains any matter not speci-  
22          fied in section 301(a) or (b) shall not be treated in the  
23          House of Representatives or the Senate as a budget reso-  
24          lution under subsection (a) or (b) or as a conference report  
25          on a budget resolution under subsection (c) of this section.

1 “(2) It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives or in the Senate to consider any joint resolu-  
3 tion on the budget or any amendment thereto or con-  
4 ference report thereon that contains any matter referred  
5 to in paragraph (1).”.

6 **SEC. 104. BUDGET REQUIRED BEFORE SPENDING BILLS**  
7 **MAY BE CONSIDERED; FALL-BACK PROCE-**  
8 **DURES IF PRESIDENT VETOES JOINT BUDG-**  
9 **ET RESOLUTION.**

10 (a) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 303 AND CONFORM-  
11 ING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 303 of the Congressional  
12 Budget Act of 1974 is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph  
14 (2), by inserting “or” at the end of paragraph (1),  
15 and by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph  
16 (2); and

17 (B) by striking its section heading and inserting  
18 the following new section heading: “CONSIDERATION  
19 OF BUDGET-RELATED LEGISLATION BEFORE BUDG-  
20 ET BECOMES LAW”.

21 (2) Section 302(g)(1) of the Congressional Budget  
22 Act of 1974 is amended by striking “April 15” and insert-  
23 ing the following: “the date upon which a joint resolution  
24 on the budget for a fiscal year is enacted”.



1 Representatives or Senate may introduce a concurrent res-  
2 olution on the budget or joint resolution on the budget  
3 for such fiscal year. If the Committee on the Budget of  
4 either House fails to report such concurrent or joint reso-  
5 lution referred to it within three legislative days after the  
6 date of such referral, the committee shall be automatically  
7 discharged from further consideration of such resolution  
8 and such resolution shall be placed on the appropriate cal-  
9 endar.

10 “(b) PROCEDURE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-  
11 TIVES AND THE SENATE.—

12 “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the  
13 provisions of section 305 for the consideration in the  
14 House of Representatives and in the Senate of joint  
15 resolutions on the budget and conference reports  
16 thereon shall also apply to the consideration of con-  
17 current resolutions on the budget introduced under  
18 subsection (a) and conference reports thereon.

19 “(2) Debate in the Senate on any concurrent  
20 resolution on the budget or joint resolution on the  
21 budget introduced under subsection (a), and all  
22 amendments thereto and debatable motions and ap-  
23 peals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not  
24 more than 10 hours and in the House such debate  
25 shall be limited to not more than 3 hours.

1           “(c) CONTENTS OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.—  
2 The contents of any concurrent resolution on the budget  
3 introduced under subsection (a) shall be in compliance  
4 with sections 301 and 305.

5           “(d) EFFECT OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE  
6 BUDGET.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
7 title, whenever a concurrent resolution on the budget de-  
8 scribed in subsection (a) is agreed to, then the aggregates,  
9 allocations, and reconciliation directives (if any) contained  
10 in the accompanying report to such concurrent resolution  
11 shall be considered to be the aggregates, allocations, and  
12 reconciliation directives for all purposes of this title for  
13 the applicable fiscal years and such concurrent resolution  
14 shall be deemed to be a joint resolution for all purposes  
15 of this title and the Rules of the House of Representatives  
16 and any reference to the date of enactment of a joint reso-  
17 lution on the budget shall be deemed to be a reference  
18 to the date agreed to when applied to such concurrent res-  
19 olution.”.

20           (2) The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of  
21 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act  
22 of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating  
23 to section 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Expedited procedures upon veto of joint resolution on the budget.”.

1 **SEC. 105. REAFFIRMING SPECIAL BUDGETARY STATUS OF**  
2 **SOCIAL SECURITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional  
4 Budget Act of 1974 (as amended by section 104(b)) is  
5 further amended by adding at the end the following new  
6 section:

7 “SOCIAL SECURITY

8 “SEC. 317. (a) IN GENERAL.—The joint resolution  
9 on the budget shall not include the outlays and revenue  
10 totals of the old age, survivors, and disability insurance  
11 program established under title II of the Social Security  
12 Act or the related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code  
13 of 1986 in the surplus or deficit totals required by section  
14 301(a), in any other surplus or deficit totals required by  
15 this Act, or in any other surplus or deficit totals required  
16 by chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code.

17 “(b) LIMITATION ON CHANGES TO THE SOCIAL SE-  
18 CURITY ACT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of  
19 law, it shall not be in order in the Senate or the House  
20 of Representatives to consider any reconciliation bill or  
21 reconciliation resolution reported pursuant to a joint reso-  
22 lution on the budget agreed to under section 301 or 304,  
23 or a joint resolution pursuant to section 258C of the Bal-  
24 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985,  
25 or any amendment thereto or conference report thereon,  
26 that contains recommendations with respect to the old-



1 age, survivors, and disability insurance program estab-  
2 lished under title II of the Social Security Act.

3 “(c) EXCLUSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY FROM ALL  
4 BUDGETS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
5 the receipts and disbursements of the Federal Old-Age  
6 and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Dis-  
7 ability Insurance Trust Fund shall not be counted as new  
8 budget authority, outlays, receipts, or deficit or surplus  
9 for purposes of—

10 “(1) the budget of the United States Govern-  
11 ment as submitted by the President,

12 “(2) the congressional budget, or

13 “(3) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Defi-  
14 cit Control Act of 1985.

15 “(d) PROTECTION OF OASDI TRUST FUNDS IN THE  
16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—(1) It shall not be in  
17 order in the House of Representatives to consider any bill  
18 or joint resolution, as reported, or any amendment thereto  
19 or conference report thereon, if, upon enactment—

20 “(A)(i) such legislation under consideration  
21 would provide for a net increase in OASDI benefits  
22 of at least 0.02 percent of the present value of fu-  
23 ture taxable payroll for the 75-year period utilized in  
24 the most recent annual report of the Board of  
25 Trustees provided pursuant to section 201(c)(2) of

1 the Social Security Act, and (ii) such legislation  
2 under consideration does not provide at least a net  
3 increase, for such 75-year period, in OASDI taxes  
4 of the amount by which the net increase in such  
5 benefits exceeds 0.02 percent of the present value  
6 of future taxable payroll for such 75-year period,

7 “(B)(i) such legislation under consideration  
8 would provide for a net increase in OASDI benefits  
9 (for the 5-year estimating period for such legislation  
10 under consideration), (ii) such net increase, together  
11 with the net increases in OASDI benefits resulting  
12 from previous legislation enacted during that fiscal  
13 year or any of the previous 4 fiscal years (as esti-  
14 mated at the time of enactment) which are attrib-  
15 utable to those portions of the 5-year estimating pe-  
16 riods for such previous legislation that fall within  
17 the 5-year estimating period for such legislation  
18 under consideration, exceeds \$250,000,000, and (iii)  
19 such legislation under consideration does not provide  
20 at least a net increase, for the 5-year estimating pe-  
21 riod for such legislation under consideration, in  
22 OASDI taxes which, together with net increases in  
23 OASDI taxes resulting from such previous legisla-  
24 tion which are attributable to those portions of the  
25 5-year estimating periods for such previous legisla-

1       tion that fall within the 5-year estimating period for  
2       such legislation under consideration, equals the  
3       amount by which the net increase derived under  
4       clause (ii) exceeds \$250,000,000;

5           “(C)(i) such legislation under consideration  
6       would provide for a net decrease in OASDI taxes of  
7       at least 0.02 percent of the present value of future  
8       taxable payroll for the 75-year period utilized in the  
9       most recent annual report of the Board of Trustees  
10      provided pursuant to section 201(c)(2) of the Social  
11      Security Act, and (ii) such legislation under consid-  
12      eration does not provide at least a net decrease, for  
13      such 75-year period, in OASDI benefits of the  
14      amount by which the net decrease in such taxes ex-  
15      ceeds 0.02 percent of the present value of future  
16      taxable payroll for such 75-year period, or

17           “(D)(i) such legislation under consideration  
18      would provide for a net decrease in OASDI taxes  
19      (for the 5-year estimating period for such legislation  
20      under consideration), (ii) such net decrease, together  
21      with the net decreases in OASDI taxes resulting  
22      from previous legislation enacted during that fiscal  
23      year or any of the previous 4 fiscal years (as esti-  
24      mated at the time of enactment) which are attrib-  
25      utable to those portions of the 5-year estimating pe-

1       riods for such previous legislation that fall within  
2       the 5-year estimating period for such legislation  
3       under consideration, exceeds \$250,000,000, and (iii)  
4       such legislation under consideration does not provide  
5       at least a net decrease, for the 5-year estimating pe-  
6       riod for such legislation under consideration, in  
7       OASDI benefits which, together with net decreases  
8       in OASDI benefits resulting from such previous leg-  
9       islation which are attributable to those portions of  
10      the 5-year estimating periods for such previous legis-  
11      lation that fall within the 5-year estimating period  
12      for such legislation under consideration, equals the  
13      amount by which the net decrease derived under  
14      clause (ii) exceeds \$250,000,000.

15      “(2) APPLICATION.—In applying subparagraph (C)  
16      or (D) of paragraph (1), any provision of any bill or joint  
17      resolution, as reported, or any amendment thereto, or con-  
18      ference report thereon, the effect of which is to provide  
19      for a net decrease for any period in taxes described in  
20      paragraph (3)(B)(i) shall be disregarded if such bill, joint  
21      resolution, amendment, or conference report also includes  
22      a provision the effect of which is to provide for a net in-  
23      crease of at least an equivalent amount for such period  
24      in medicare taxes.

25      “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection:

1           “(A) The term ‘OASDI benefits’ means the  
2 benefits under the old-age, survivors, and disability  
3 insurance programs under title II of the Social Secu-  
4 rity Act.

5           “(B) The term ‘OASDI taxes’ means—

6                 “(i) the taxes imposed under sections  
7 1401(a), 3101(a), and 3111(a) of the Internal  
8 Revenue Code of 1986, and

9                 “(ii) the taxes imposed under chapter 1 of  
10 such Code (to the extent attributable to section  
11 86 of such Code).

12           “(C) The term ‘medicare taxes’ means the taxes  
13 imposed under sections 1401(b), 3101(b), and  
14 3111(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

15           “(D) The term ‘previous legislation’ shall not  
16 include legislation enacted before fiscal year 1991.

17           “(E) The term ‘5-year estimating period’  
18 means, with respect to any legislation, the fiscal year  
19 in which such legislation becomes or would become  
20 effective and the next 4 fiscal years.

21           “(F) No provision of any bill or resolution, or  
22 any amendment thereto or conference report there-  
23 on, involving a change in chapter 1 of the Internal  
24 Revenue Code of 1986 shall be treated as affecting  
25 the amount of OASDI taxes referred to in subpara-

1 graph (B)(ii) unless such provision changes the in-  
2 come tax treatment of OASDI benefits.

3 “(e) PRESENTATION OF BUDGETARY AGGRE-  
4 GATES.—For purposes of chapter 11 of title 31, United  
5 States Code, or this Act, tables and other displays of  
6 budgetary aggregates for the United States Government  
7 of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
8 or the Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall  
9 not include social security revenues or outlays.”.

10 (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The  
11 table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congres-  
12 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is  
13 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
14 316 the following new item:

“Sec. 317. Social security.”.

15 **SEC. 106. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO EFFECTUATE**  
16 **JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET.**

17 (a) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRES-  
18 SIONAL BUDGET AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF  
19 1974.—(1)(A) Sections 300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 308,  
20 310, 311, 312, 314, 405, and 904 of the Congressional  
21 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621 et seq.) are amended  
22 by striking “concurrent” each place it appears and by in-  
23 serting “joint”.

24 (B)(i) Sections 302(d), 302(g), 308(a)(1)(A), and  
25 310(d)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are

1 amended by striking “most recently agreed to concurrent  
2 resolution on the budget” each place it occurs and insert-  
3 ing “most recently enacted joint resolution on the budget  
4 or agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget (as appli-  
5 cable)”.

6 (ii) Section 304 of such Act is amended by striking  
7 “concurrent resolution on the budget for such fiscal year  
8 most recently agreed to” and inserting “most recently en-  
9 acted joint resolution on the budget or agreed to concur-  
10 rent resolution on the budget (as applicable) for such  
11 year”.

12 (C) Sections 302, 303, 304, 308, 310, 311, and 401  
13 of such Act are amended by striking “agreed to” each  
14 place it appears and by inserting “enacted”.

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

19 (B) The table of contents set forth in section 1(b)  
20 of such Act is amended—

21 (i) in the item relating to section 301 by strik-  
22 ing “Adoption of Concurrent Resolution” and insert-  
23 ing “Joint Resolutions”;

24 (ii) by striking the item relating to section 303  
25 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 303. Consideration of budget-related legislation before budget becomes law.”; and

1           (iii) by striking “concurrent” and inserting  
2           “joint” in the items relating to sections 304 and  
3           305.

4           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF  
5 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—(1) Clauses 1(e)(1),  
6 4(a)(4), 4(b)(2), 4(f)(1)(A), and 4(f)(2) of rule X, clause  
7 10 of rule XVIII, and clause 10 of rule XX of the Rules  
8 of the House of Representatives are amended by striking  
9 “concurrent” each place it appears and by inserting  
10 “joint”.

11          (2) Clause 10 of rule XVIII of the Rules of the House  
12 of Representatives is amended—

13           (A) in paragraph (b)(2), by striking “(5)” and  
14           inserting “(6)”; and

15           (B) by striking paragraph (c).

16          (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE BALANCED  
17 BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF  
18 1985.—Section 258C(b)(1) of the Balanced Budget and  
19 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.  
20 907d(b)(1)) is amended by striking “concurrent” and by  
21 inserting “joint”.

22          (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 310  
23 REGARDING RECONCILIATION DIRECTIVES.—(1) The side  
24 heading of section 310(a) of the Congressional Budget Act



1 of 1974 (as amended by section 106(a)) is further amend-  
2 ed by inserting “JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AC-  
3 COMPANYING CONFERENCE REPORT ON” before “JOINT”.

4 (2) Section 310(a) of such Act is amended by striking  
5 “A” and inserting “The joint explanatory statement ac-  
6 companying the conference report on a”.

7 (3) The first sentence of section 310(b) of such Act  
8 is amended by striking “If” and inserting “If the joint  
9 explanatory statement accompanying the conference re-  
10 port on”.

11 (4) Section 310(c)(1) of such Act is amended by in-  
12 serting “the joint explanatory statement accompanying  
13 the conference report on” after “pursuant to”.

14 (5) Subsection (g) of section 310 of such Act is re-  
15 pealed.

16 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 3 RE-  
17 GARDING DIRECT SPENDING.—Section 3 of the Congres-  
18 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (as  
19 amended by section 104(a)(3)) is further amended by add-  
20 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

21 “(12) The term ‘direct spending’ has the mean-  
22 ing given to such term in section 250(c)(8) of the  
23 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
24 Act of 1985.”.

1 (f) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT REGARDING REVISED  
2 SUBALLOCATIONS.—Section 314(d) of the Congressional  
3 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by—

4 (1) striking “REPORTING” in the side heading,  
5 by inserting “the chairmen of” before “the Commit-  
6 tees”, and by striking “may report” and inserting  
7 “shall make and have published in the Congressional  
8 Record”; and

9 (2) adding at the end the following new sen-  
10 tence: “For purposes of considering amendments  
11 (other than for amounts for emergencies covered by  
12 subsection (b)(1)), suballocations shall be deemed to  
13 be so adjusted.”.

14 **TITLE II—RESERVE FUNDS FOR**  
15 **EMERGENCIES**

16 **SEC. 201. PURPOSE.**

17 The purposes of this title are to—

18 (1) develop budgetary and fiscal procedures for  
19 emergencies;

20 (2) subject spending for emergencies to budg-  
21 etary procedures and controls; and

22 (3) establish criteria for determining compliance  
23 with emergency requirements.

1 **SEC. 202. REPEAL OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR EMERGENCIES.**

2 (a) DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—Section  
3 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985 is repealed.

5 (b) DIRECT SPENDING.—Sections 252(e) and  
6 252(d)(4)(B) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
7 Deficit Control Act of 1985 are repealed.

8 (c) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—Clause 2 of rule  
9 XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is  
10 amended by repealing paragraph (e) and by redesignating  
11 paragraph (f) as paragraph (e).

12 **SEC. 203. OMB EMERGENCY CRITERIA.**

13 Section 3 of the Congressional Budget and Impound-  
14 ment Control Act of 1974 (as amended by sections  
15 104(a)(3) and 106(e)) is further amended by adding at  
16 the end the following new paragraph:

17 “(13)(A) The term ‘emergency’ means a situa-  
18 tion that—

19 “(i) requires new budget authority and  
20 outlays (or new budget authority and the out-  
21 lays flowing therefrom) for the prevention or  
22 mitigation of, or response to, loss of life or  
23 property, or a threat to national security; and

24 “(ii) is unanticipated.

1           “(B) As used in subparagraph (A), the term  
2           ‘unanticipated’ means that the underlying situation  
3           is—

4                   “(i) sudden, which means quickly coming  
5                   into being or not building up over time;

6                   “(ii) urgent, which means a pressing and  
7                   compelling need requiring immediate action;

8                   “(iii) unforeseen, which means not pre-  
9                   dicted or anticipated as an emerging need; and

10                   “(iv) temporary, which means not of a per-  
11                   manent duration.”.

12   **SEC. 204. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR APPLICA-**  
13                   **TION OF EMERGENCY DEFINITION.**

14           Not later than 5 months after the date of enactment  
15   of this Act, the chairmen of the Committees on the Budget  
16   (in consultation with the President) shall, after consulting  
17   with the chairmen of the Committees on Appropriations  
18   and applicable authorizing committees of their respective  
19   Houses and the Directors of the Congressional Budget Of-  
20   fice and the Office of Management and Budget, jointly  
21   publish in the Congressional Record guidelines for applica-  
22   tion of the definition of emergency set forth in section  
23   3(13) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment  
24   Control Act of 1974.

1 **SEC. 205. RESERVE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCIES IN PRESI-**  
2 **DENT'S BUDGET.**

3 Section 1105(f) of title 31, United States Code is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:  
5 “Such budget shall also comply with the requirements of  
6 section 314(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.”.

7 **SEC. 206. ADJUSTMENTS AND RESERVE FUNDS FOR EMER-**  
8 **GENCIES IN JOINT BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.**

9 (a) **ADJUSTMENTS FOR EMERGENCIES.**—(1) Section  
10 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amend-  
11 ed to read as follows:

12 “(a) **ADJUSTMENTS.**—

13 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—After the reporting of a bill  
14 or joint resolution, the offering of an amendment  
15 thereto, or the submission of a conference report  
16 thereon, the chairman of the Committee on the  
17 Budget of the House of Representatives or the Sen-  
18 ate shall make the adjustments set forth in para-  
19 graph (2) for the amount of new budget authority  
20 (or outlays) in that measure (if that measure meets  
21 the requirements set forth in subsection (b)) and the  
22 outlays flowing from that budget authority.

23 “(2) **MATTERS TO BE ADJUSTED.**—The adjust-  
24 ments referred to in paragraph (1) are to be made  
25 to—

1           “(A) the discretionary spending limits in  
2           the Senate, if any, set forth in the appropriate  
3           joint resolution on the budget;

4           “(B) the allocations made pursuant to the  
5           appropriate joint resolution on the budget pur-  
6           suant to section 302(a); and

7           “(C) the budgetary aggregates as set forth  
8           in the appropriate joint resolution on the budg-  
9           et;

10          but in the case of subsection (b)(1), the adjustments  
11          shall only be made to the allocations.”.

12          (2) Section 314(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget  
13          Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

14                 “(1) an amount not to exceed the amount re-  
15                 served for emergencies pursuant to the requirements  
16                 of subsection (f);”.

17          (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVE FUNDS.—Section  
18          314 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended  
19          by adding at the end the following new subsections:

20                 “(f) RESERVE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCIES.—

21                         “(1) RESERVE FUND FOR DISCRETIONARY  
22                         BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS.—

23                                 “(A) AMOUNTS.—The amount set forth in  
24                                 the reserve fund for emergencies for discre-  
25                                 tionary budget authority and outlays for a fiscal

1 year pursuant to section 301(a)(6) shall  
2 equal—

3 “(i) the average of the enacted levels  
4 of discretionary budget authority for emer-  
5 gencies in the 5 fiscal years preceding the  
6 current year; and

7 “(ii) the average of the levels of out-  
8 lays in such 5 preceding fiscal years for  
9 emergencies flowing from enacted levels of  
10 discretionary budget authority.

11 “(B) AVERAGE DISCRETIONARY LEVELS.—  
12 For purposes of subparagraph (A), the amount  
13 used for a fiscal year to calculate the average  
14 of the enacted levels when one or more of such  
15 5 preceding fiscal years is any of fiscal years  
16 1994 through 1998 is as follows: the amount of  
17 enacted levels of discretionary budget authority  
18 and the amount of outlays flowing therefrom  
19 for emergencies, which shall be determined by  
20 the Committees on the Budget of the House of  
21 Representatives and the Senate after receipt of  
22 a report on such matter transmitted to such  
23 committees by the Director of the Congressional  
24 Budget Office 6 months after the date of enact-

1           ment of this subsection and thereafter in Feb-  
2           ruary of each calendar year.

3           “(2) RESERVE FUND FOR DIRECT SPENDING  
4           BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAYS.—

5           “(A) AMOUNTS.—The amount set forth in  
6           the reserve fund for emergencies for direct  
7           spending for a fiscal year pursuant to section  
8           301(a)(6) shall equal—

9           “(i) the average annual enacted levels  
10           of direct spending budget authority for  
11           emergencies in the 5 fiscal years preceding  
12           the current year; and

13           “(ii) the average annual level of out-  
14           lays in such 5 preceding fiscal years for  
15           emergencies flowing from enacted levels of  
16           direct spending.

17           “(B) AVERAGE DIRECT SPENDING LEV-  
18           ELS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the  
19           amount used for a fiscal year to calculate the  
20           average of the enacted levels when one or more  
21           of such 5 preceding fiscal years is any of fiscal  
22           years 1994 through 1998 is as follows: the  
23           amount of enacted levels of direct spending  
24           budget authority and the amount of outlays  
25           flowing therefrom for emergencies, which shall



1           be determined by the Committees on the Budg-  
2           et of the House of Representatives and the Sen-  
3           ate after receipt of a report on such matter  
4           transmitted to such committees by the Director  
5           of the Congressional Budget Office 6 months  
6           after the date of enactment of this subsection  
7           and thereafter in February of each calendar  
8           year.

9           “(3) INCREASED ALLOCATIONS.—In the case of  
10          legislation that provides budget authority for any  
11          emergency pursuant to subsection (h), the chairman  
12          of the Committee on the Budget shall make an ad-  
13          justment under subsection (a)(1) only to the applica-  
14          ble allocation if the chairman determines and cer-  
15          tifies that such outlays or budget authority and the  
16          resulting outlays are for an emergency within the  
17          meaning of section 3(13).

18          “(g) EMERGENCIES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS IN RE-  
19          SERVE FUNDS.—Whenever the Committee on Appropria-  
20          tions or any other committee reports any bill or joint reso-  
21          lution that provides budget authority for any emergency  
22          and the report accompanying that bill or joint resolution,  
23          pursuant to subsection (h), identifies any provision that  
24          increases outlays or provides budget authority (and the  
25          outlays flowing therefrom) for such emergency, the enact-

1 ment of which would cause the total amount provided for  
2 emergencies in the joint resolution on the budget (pursu-  
3 ant to section 301(a)(6)) to be exceeded and that emer-  
4 gency is certified as an emergency pursuant to section  
5 (f)(3):

6           “(1) Such bill or joint resolution shall be re-  
7           ferred to the Committee on the Budget of the House  
8           or the Senate, as the case may be, with instructions  
9           to report it without amendment, other than that  
10          specified in paragraph (2), within 3 legislative days  
11          of the day in which it is reported from the originat-  
12          ing committee. If the Committee on the Budget of  
13          either House fails to report a bill or joint resolution  
14          referred to it under this paragraph within such 3-  
15          day period, the committee shall be automatically dis-  
16          charged from further consideration of such bill or  
17          joint resolution and such bill or joint resolution shall  
18          be placed on the appropriate calendar.

19           “(2) An amendment to such a bill or joint reso-  
20          lution referred to in this subsection shall only consist  
21          of an exemption from section 251 or 252 (as appli-  
22          cable) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Defi-  
23          cit Control Act of 1985 of all or any part of the pro-  
24          visions that provide budget authority (and the out-  
25          lays flowing therefrom) for such emergency if the

1 committee determines that such emergency meets  
2 the criteria set forth in subsection (f).

3 “(3) If such a bill or joint resolution is reported  
4 with an amendment specified in paragraph (2) by  
5 the Committee on the Budget of the House of Rep-  
6 resentatives or the Senate, then the budget authority  
7 and resulting outlays that are the subject of such  
8 amendment shall not be included in any determina-  
9 tions under section 302(f) or 311(a) for any bill,  
10 joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference  
11 report.”.

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The section  
13 heading of section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act  
14 of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

15 “ADJUSTMENTS; RESERVE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCIES”.

16 (2) The item relating to section 314 in the table of  
17 contents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional  
18 Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amend-  
19 ed to read as follows:

“Sec. 314. Adjustments; reserve funds for emergencies.”.

20 **SEC. 207. COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY LEG-**  
21 **ISLATION.**

22 Section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
23 (as amended by section 206) is further amended by adding  
24 at the end the following new subsection:

1       “(h) COMMITTEE NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY  
2 LEGISLATION.—Whenever the Committee on Appropria-  
3 tions or any other committee of either House (including  
4 a committee of conference) reports any bill or joint resolu-  
5 tion that provides budget authority for any emergency, the  
6 report accompanying that bill or joint resolution (or the  
7 joint explanatory statement of managers in the case of a  
8 conference report on any such bill or joint resolution) shall  
9 identify all provisions that provide budget authority and  
10 the outlays flowing therefrom for such emergency.”.

11 **SEC. 208. APPLICATION OF SECTION 306 TO EMERGENCIES**  
12 **IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS IN RESERVE FUNDS.**

13       Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
14 is amended by inserting at the end the following new sen-  
15 tence: “No amendment reported by the Committee on the  
16 Budget (or from the consideration of which such commit-  
17 tee has been discharged) pursuant to section 314(g) may  
18 be amended.”.

19 **SEC. 209. UP-TO-DATE TABULATIONS.**

20       Section 308(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act  
21 of 1974 is amended by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
22 paragraph (B), by striking the period at the end of sub-  
23 paragraph (C) and inserting “; and”, and by adding at  
24 the end the following new subparagraph:

1           “(D) shall include an up-to-date tabulation  
2           of amounts remaining in the reserve funds for  
3           emergencies.”.

4 **SEC. 210. REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON THE BUDGET.**

5           Section 301(e)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act  
6 of 1974 (as amended by section 103(b)) is further amend-  
7 ed by striking “and” after subparagraph (F), by striking  
8 the period at the end of subparagraph (G) and inserting  
9 “; and”, and by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 paragraph:

11           “(H) the average annual enacted levels  
12           of—

13                   “(i) discretionary budget authority  
14                   and the resulting outlays for emergencies;  
15                   and

16                   “(ii) direct spending budget authority  
17                   and the resulting outlays for emergencies;  
18                   for the 5 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year  
19                   of such resolution.”.

20 **SEC. 211. PROHIBITION ON AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY**  
21 **RESERVE FUNDS.**

22           (a) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 305 of the Congres-  
23 sional Budget Act of 1974 (as amended by section 103(e))  
24 is further amended by adding at the end the following new  
25 subsection:

1       “(f) It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives or in the Senate to consider an amendment  
3       to a joint resolution on the budget which changes the  
4       amount of budget authority and outlays set forth in sec-  
5       tion 301(a)(6) for emergency reserve funds.”.

6       (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—(1) Section 904(c)(1)  
7       of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by  
8       inserting “section 305(e), section 305(f),” after “section  
9       305(c)(4),”.

10       (2) Section 904(d)(2) of the Congressional Budget  
11       Act of 1974 is amended by inserting “section 305(e), sec-  
12       tion 305(f),” after “section 305(c)(4),”.

13       **SEC. 212. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14       The amendments made by this title shall take effect  
15       only after the enactment of legislation changing or extend-  
16       ing for any fiscal year any of the discretionary spending  
17       limits set forth in section 251 of the Balanced Budget and  
18       Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and such amend-  
19       ments shall apply to fiscal years determined as follows:

20               (1) Fiscal years beginning after the fiscal year  
21       in which such effective date occurs if such effective  
22       date occurs on or before April 15 of such fiscal year.

23               (2) Fiscal years beginning after the first fiscal  
24       year after the fiscal year in which such effective date

1 occurs if such effective date occurs after April 15 of  
2 the fiscal year in which such effective date occurs.

3 **TITLE III—ENFORCEMENT OF**  
4 **BUDGETARY DECISIONS**

5 **SEC. 301. PURPOSES.**

6 The purposes of this title are to—

7 (1) close loopholes in the enforcement of budget  
8 resolutions;

9 (2) require committees of the House of Rep-  
10 resentatives to include budget compliance statements  
11 in reports accompanying all legislation;

12 (3) require committees of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives to justify the need for waivers of the  
14 Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

15 (4) provide cost estimates of conference reports.

16 **Subtitle A—Application of Points of**  
17 **Order to Unreported Legislation**

18 **SEC. 311. APPLICATION OF BUDGET ACT POINTS OF ORDER**

19 **TO UNREPORTED LEGISLATION.**

20 (a) Section 315 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
21 1974 is amended by striking “reported” the first place it  
22 appears.

23 (b) Section 303(b) of the Congressional Budget Act  
24 of 1974 (as amended by section 104(a)(1)) is further  
25 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(A)” and by  
2 redesignating subparagraph (B) as paragraph (2)  
3 and by striking the semicolon at the end of such new  
4 paragraph (2) and inserting a period; and

5 (2) by striking paragraph (2) (as redesignated  
6 by such section 104(a)(1)).

7 **Subtitle B—Compliance with**  
8 **Budget Resolution**

9 **SEC. 321. BUDGET COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS.**

10 Clause 3(d) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House  
11 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the  
12 following new subparagraph:

13 “(4) A budget compliance statement prepared  
14 by the chairman of the Committee on the Budget,  
15 if timely submitted prior to the filing of the report,  
16 which shall be comprised of an assessment by such  
17 chairman as to whether the bill or joint resolution  
18 complies with the requirements of sections 302, 303,  
19 311, and 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
20 1974 and may include the budgetary implications of  
21 that bill or joint resolution under section 251 or 252  
22 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-  
23 trol Act of 1985, as applicable.”.



1           **Subtitle C—Justification for**  
2                           **Budget Act Waivers**

3   **SEC. 331. JUSTIFICATION FOR BUDGET ACT WAIVERS IN**  
4                           **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

5           Clause 6 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of  
6 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new paragraph:

8           “(h) It shall not be in order to consider any resolution  
9 from the Committee on Rules for the consideration of any  
10 reported bill or joint resolution which waives section 302,  
11 303, 311, or 401 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
12 1974, unless the report accompanying such resolution in-  
13 cludes a description of the provision proposed to be  
14 waived, an identification of the section being waived, the  
15 reasons why such waiver should be granted, and an esti-  
16 mated cost of the provisions to which the waiver applies.”.

17           **Subtitle D—CBO Scoring of**  
18                           **Conference Reports**

19   **SEC. 341. CBO SCORING OF CONFERENCE REPORTS.**

20           (a) The first sentence of section 402 of the Congres-  
21 sional Budget Act of 1974 is amended as follows:

22                   (1) Insert “or conference report thereon,” be-  
23 fore “and submit”.

24                   (2) In paragraph (1), strike “bill or resolution”  
25 and insert “bill, resolution, or conference report”.

1           (3) At the end of paragraph (2) strike “and”,  
2           at the end of paragraph (3) strike the period and in-  
3           sert “; and”, and after such paragraph (3) add the  
4           following new paragraph:

5           “(4) A determination of whether such bill, joint  
6           resolution, or conference report provides indefinite  
7           spending authority.”.

8           (b) The second sentence of section 402 of the Con-  
9           gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by inserting  
10          before the period the following: “, or in the case of a con-  
11          ference report, shall be included in the joint explanatory  
12          statement of managers accompanying such conference re-  
13          port if timely submitted before such report is filed”.

14           **TITLE IV—ACCOUNTABILITY**  
15           **FOR FEDERAL SPENDING**

16           **SEC. 401. PURPOSES.**

17           The purposes of this title are to—

18           (1) require committees to develop a schedule for  
19           reauthorizing all programs within their jurisdictions;

20           (2) facilitate amendments to subject new enti-  
21           tlement programs to annual discretionary appropria-  
22           tions;

23           (3) require the Committee on the Budget to  
24           justify any allocation to an authorizing committee

1 for legislation that would not be subject to annual  
2 discretionary appropriation;

3 (4) provide estimates of the long-term impact of  
4 spending and tax legislation;

5 (5) provide a point of order for legislation cre-  
6 ating a new entitlement program that does not ex-  
7 pire within 10 years; and

8 (6) require a vote in the House of Representa-  
9 tives on any measure that increases the statutory  
10 limit on the public debt.

11 **Subtitle A—Prohibitions on**  
12 **Indefinite Spending**

13 **SEC. 411. FIXED-YEAR AUTHORIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR**  
14 **NEW PROGRAMS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401 of the Congressional  
16 Budget Act of 1974 is amended—

17 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b) and in-  
18 serting the following new subsection:

19 “(a) PROHIBITION ON INDEFINITE AUTHORIZA-  
20 TIONS.—It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-  
21 resentatives or in the Senate to consider a bill or joint  
22 resolution, or an amendment, motion, or conference report  
23 that provides direct spending for a new program, unless  
24 such spending is limited to a period of 10 or fewer fiscal  
25 years.”;



1 **SEC. 412. AMENDMENTS TO SUBJECT NEW ENTITLEMENTS**  
2 **TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 (a) HOUSE PROCEDURES.—Clause 5 of rule XVIII  
4 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(c)(1) In the Committee of the Whole, an amend-  
7 ment to subject a new program providing direct spending  
8 to discretionary appropriations, if offered by the chairman  
9 of the Committee on the Budget (or his designee) or the  
10 chairman of the Committee of Appropriations (or his des-  
11 ignee), may be precluded from consideration only by the  
12 specific terms of a special order of the House. Any such  
13 amendment, if offered, shall be debatable for twenty min-  
14 utes equally divided and controlled by the proponent of  
15 the amendment and a Member opposed and shall not be  
16 subject to amendment.

17 “(2) As used in subparagraph (1), the term ‘direct  
18 spending’ has the meaning given such term in section  
19 3(12) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment  
20 Control Act of 1974.”.

21 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING  
22 LIMITS FOR DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET  
23 BY MANDATORY SAVINGS.—

24 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the amend-  
25 ments made by this subsection is to hold the discre-  
26 tionary spending limits and the allocations made to

1 the Committee on Appropriations under section  
2 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
3 harmless for legislation that offsets a new discre-  
4 tionary program with a designated reduction in di-  
5 rect spending.

6 (2) DESIGNATING ENTITLEMENT SAVINGS IN  
7 AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION FOR NEW DISCRE-  
8 TIONARY PROGRAMS.—Section 252 of the Balanced  
9 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985  
10 (as amended by section 202) is further amended by  
11 adding at the end the following new subsection:

12 “(e) OFFSETS.—If a provision of direct spending leg-  
13 islation is enacted that—

14 “(1) decreases direct spending for any fiscal  
15 year; and

16 “(2) is designated as an offset pursuant to this  
17 subsection and such designation specifically identi-  
18 fies an authorization of discretionary appropriations  
19 (contained in such legislation) for a new program,  
20 then the reductions in new budget authority and outlays  
21 in all fiscal years resulting from that provision shall be  
22 designated as an offset in the reports required under sub-  
23 section (d).”.

24 (3) EXEMPTING SUCH DESIGNATED ENTITLE-  
25 MENT SAVINGS FROM PAYGO SCORECARD.—Section

1 252(d)(4) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
2 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (as amended by section  
3 202(b)) is further amended by adding at the end the  
4 following new subparagraph:

5 “(B) offset provisions as designated under  
6 subsection (e).”.

7 (4) ADJUSTMENT IN DISCRETIONARY SPENDING  
8 LIMITS.—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced Budget  
9 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following new  
11 subparagraph:

12 “(H) DISCRETIONARY AUTHORIZATION  
13 OFFSETS.—If an authorization Act includes one  
14 or more provisions reducing direct spending and  
15 specifically identifies those provisions as offsets  
16 pursuant to section 252(e), the adjustments  
17 shall be an increase in the budget authority and  
18 outlay caps in each fiscal year equal to the  
19 amount of the budget authority and outlay re-  
20 ductions, respectively, achieved by the specified  
21 offsets in that fiscal year, except that the ad-  
22 justments for the first fiscal year in which the  
23 offsetting provisions take effect shall not exceed  
24 the amount of discretionary new budget author-  
25 ity enacted for the new program (authorized in

1           that Act) in an Act making discretionary appro-  
2           priations, and the outlays flowing therefrom.”.

3           (5) ADJUSTMENT IN APPROPRIATION COMMIT-  
4           TEE’S ALLOCATIONS.—Section 314(b) of the Con-  
5           gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by strik-  
6           ing “; or” at the end of paragraph (5), by striking  
7           the period and inserting “; or” at the end of para-  
8           graph (6), and by adding at the end the following  
9           new paragraph:

10           “(7) the amount appropriated for the program  
11           for which an offset was designated pursuant to sec-  
12           tion 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
13           Deficit Control Act of 1985 and any outlays flowing  
14           therefrom, but not to exceed the amount of the des-  
15           ignated decrease in direct spending for that year for  
16           that program in a prior law.”.

17           (6) ADJUSTMENT IN AUTHORIZING COMMIT-  
18           TEE’S ALLOCATIONS.—Section 314 of the Congres-  
19           sional Budget Act of 1974 (as amended by sections  
20           206 and 207) is further amended by adding at the  
21           end the following new subsection:

22           “(i) ADJUSTMENT IN AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE’S  
23           ALLOCATIONS BY AMOUNT OF DIRECT SPENDING OFF-  
24           SET.—After the reporting of a bill or joint resolution (by  
25           a committee other than the Committee on Appropria-



1 tions), or the offering of an amendment thereto or the sub-  
2 mission of a conference report thereon, that contains a  
3 provision that decreases direct spending for any fiscal year  
4 and that is designated as an offset pursuant to section  
5 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
6 Control Act of 1985, the chairman of the Committee on  
7 the Budget shall reduce the allocations of new budget au-  
8 thority and outlays made to such committee under section  
9 302(a)(1) by the amount so designated.”.

10 **Subtitle B—Enhanced Congressional Oversight Responsibilities**  
11 **sional Oversight Responsibilities**  
12 **ities**

13 **SEC. 421. TEN-YEAR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW REQUIRE-**  
14 **MENT OF PERMANENT BUDGET AUTHORITY.**

15 (a) **TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW.**—Clause 2(d)(1) of  
16 rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives is  
17 amended by striking subdivisions (B) and (C) and insert-  
18 ing the following new subdivision:

19 “(B) provide in its plans a specific timetable for  
20 its review of those laws, programs, or agencies with-  
21 in its jurisdiction, including those that operate under  
22 permanent budget authority or permanent statutory  
23 authority. Such timetable shall demonstrate that  
24 each law, program, or agency within the committee’s

1 jurisdiction will be reauthorized at least once every  
2 ten years.”.

3 (b) REVIEW OF PERMANENT BUDGET AUTHORITY  
4 BY THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.—Clause 4(a)  
5 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives  
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking subparagraph (2); and

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (3) as sub-  
9 paragraph (2) and by striking “from time to time”  
10 and inserting “at least once each Congress” in sub-  
11 paragraph (2) (as redesignated).

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause 4(e)(2) of  
13 rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives is  
14 amended by striking “from time to time” and inserting  
15 “at least once every ten years”.

16 **SEC. 422. JUSTIFICATIONS OF DIRECT SPENDING.**

17 (a) SECTION 302 ALLOCATIONS.—Section 302(a) of  
18 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by add-  
19 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

20 “(6) JUSTIFICATION OF CERTAIN SPENDING AL-  
21 LOCATIONS.—The joint explanatory statement ac-  
22 companying a conference report on a joint resolution  
23 on the budget that includes any allocation to a com-  
24 mittee (other than the Committee on Appropria-  
25 tions) of levels in excess of current law levels shall

1 set forth a justification for not subjecting any pro-  
2 gram, project, or activity (for which the allocation is  
3 made) to annual discretionary appropriation.”.

4 (b) **PRESIDENTS’ BUDGET SUBMISSIONS.**—Section  
5 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by  
6 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(33) a justification for not subjecting each  
8 new program to discretionary appropriations.”.

9 (c) **COMMITTEE JUSTIFICATION FOR DIRECT SPEND-**  
10 **ING.**—The first sentence of clause 4(e)(1) of rule X of the  
11 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by in-  
12 serting before the period the following: “, and will provide  
13 specific information in any report accompanying such bills  
14 and joint resolutions to justify why the programs and ac-  
15 tivities involved would not be subject to annual appropria-  
16 tion”.

17 **SEC. 423. SURVEY OF ACTIVITY REPORTS OF HOUSE COM-**  
18 **MITTEES.**

19 Clause 1(d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of  
20 Representatives is amended by redesignating paragraph  
21 (4) as paragraph (5) and by inserting after paragraph (3)  
22 the following new paragraph:

23 “(4) Such report shall include a summary of and jus-  
24 tifications for all bills and joint resolutions reported by  
25 such committee that—

1           “(A) were considered before the adoption of the  
2           appropriate budget resolution and did not fall within  
3           an exception set forth in section 303(b) of the Con-  
4           gressional Budget Act of 1974;

5           “(B) exceeded its allocation under section  
6           302(a) of such Act or breached an aggregate level  
7           in violation of section 311 of such Act; or

8           “(C) contained provisions in violation of section  
9           401(a) of such Act pertaining to indefinite direct  
10          spending authority.

11 Such report shall also specify the total amount by which  
12 legislation reported by that committee exceeded its alloca-  
13 tion under section 302(a) or breached the revenue floor  
14 under section 311(a) of such Act for each fiscal year dur-  
15 ing that Congress.”.

16 **SEC. 424. CONTINUING STUDY OF ADDITIONAL BUDGET**  
17 **PROCESS REFORMS.**

18          Section 703 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
19 is amended as follows:

20           (1) In subsection (a), strike “and” at the end  
21           of paragraph (3), strike the period at the end of  
22           paragraph (4) and insert “; and”, and at the end  
23           add the following new paragraph:

24           “(5) evaluating whether existing programs  
25           should be subject to discretionary appropriations and

1 establishing guidelines for subjecting new or ex-  
2 panded programs to annual appropriation and rec-  
3 ommend any necessary changes in statutory enforce-  
4 ment mechanisms and scoring conventions to effec-  
5 tuate such changes.”.

6 (2) In subsection (b), strike “from time to  
7 time” and insert “during the One Hundred Sixth  
8 Congress”.

9 **SEC. 425. GAO REPORTS.**

10 The last sentence of section 404 of the Congres-  
11 sional Budget Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:  
12 “Such report shall be revised at least once every five  
13 years.”.

14 **Subtitle C—Strengthened**  
15 **Accountability**

16 **SEC. 431. TEN-YEAR CBO ESTIMATES.**

17 (a) CBO REPORTS ON LEGISLATION.—Section  
18 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is  
19 amended by striking “four” and inserting “nine”.

20 (b) ANALYSIS BY CBO.—Section 402(1) of the Con-  
21 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by striking “4”  
22 and inserting “nine”.

23 (c) COST ESTIMATES.—Clause 3(d)(2)(A) of rule  
24 XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is

1 amended by striking “five” each place it appears and in-  
2 serting “10”.

3 **SEC. 432. REPEAL OF RULE XXIII OF THE RULES OF THE**  
4 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

5 Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representa-  
6 tives (relating to the establishment of the statutory limit  
7 on the public debt) is repealed.

8 **TITLE V—BUDGETING FOR UN-**  
9 **FUNDED LIABILITIES AND**  
10 **OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGA-**  
11 **TIONS**

12 **SEC. 501. PURPOSES.**

13 The purposes of this title are to—

14 (1) budget for the long-term costs of Federal  
15 insurance programs;

16 (2) improve congressional control of those costs;  
17 and

18 (3) periodically report on long-term budgetary  
19 trends.

20 **Subtitle A—Budgetary Treatment**  
21 **of Federal Insurance Programs**

22 **SEC. 511. FEDERAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Congressional Budget Act of  
24 1974 is amended by adding after title V the following new  
25 title:



1           essary to pay insurance program administrative  
2           costs;

3           “(3) a negative risk-assumed cost shall be  
4           transferred from the financing account to the pro-  
5           gram account, and shall be transferred from the pro-  
6           gram account as a nonexpenditure transfer to the  
7           general fund; and

8           “(4) all payments by or receipts of the financ-  
9           ing accounts shall be treated in the budget as a  
10          means of financing.

11          “(c) APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—(1) Notwith-  
12         standing any other provision of law, insurance commit-  
13         ments may be made for fiscal year 2006 and thereafter  
14         only to the extent that new budget authority to cover their  
15         risk-assumed cost is provided in advance in an appropria-  
16         tion Act.

17          “(2) An outstanding insurance commitment shall not  
18         be modified in a manner that increases its risk-assumed  
19         cost unless budget authority for the additional cost has  
20         been provided in advance in an appropriation Act.

21          “(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply to Fed-  
22         eral insurance programs that constitute entitlements.

23          “(d) REESTIMATES.—The risk-assumed cost for a  
24         fiscal year shall be reestimated in each subsequent year.  
25         Such reestimate can equal zero. In the case of a positive



1 reestimate, the amount of the reestimate shall be paid  
2 from the program account to the financing account. In  
3 the case of a negative reestimate, the amount of the reesti-  
4 mate shall be paid from the financing account to the pro-  
5 gram account, and shall be transferred from the program  
6 account to the general fund as a nonexpenditure transfer.  
7 Reestimates shall be displayed as a distinct and separately  
8 identified subaccount in the program account.

9       “(e) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—All funding for  
10 an agency’s administration of a Federal insurance pro-  
11 gram shall be displayed as a distinct and separately identi-  
12 fied subaccount in the program account.

13 **“SEC. 603. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCRUAL**  
14                   **BUDGETING FOR FEDERAL INSURANCE PRO-**  
15                   **GRAMS.**

16       “(a) AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.—Agencies with re-  
17 sponsibility for Federal insurance programs shall develop  
18 models to estimate their risk-assumed cost by year  
19 through the budget horizon and shall submit those models,  
20 all relevant data, a justification for critical assumptions,  
21 and the annual projected risk-assumed costs to OMB with  
22 their budget requests each year starting with the request  
23 for fiscal year 2002. Agencies will likewise provide OMB  
24 with annual estimates of modifications, if any, and reesti-  
25 mates of program costs.

1           “(b) DISCLOSURE.—When the President submits a  
2 budget of the Government pursuant to section 1105(a) of  
3 title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2002, OMB  
4 shall publish a notice in the Federal Register advising in-  
5 terested persons of the availability of information describ-  
6 ing the models, data (including sources), and critical as-  
7 sumptions (including explicit or implicit discount rate as-  
8 sumptions) that it or other executive branch entities would  
9 use to estimate the risk-assumed cost of Federal insurance  
10 programs and giving such persons an opportunity to sub-  
11 mit comments. At the same time, the chairman of the  
12 Committee on the Budget shall publish a notice for CBO  
13 in the Federal Register advising interested persons of the  
14 availability of information describing the models, data (in-  
15 cluding sources), and critical assumptions (including ex-  
16 plicit or implicit discount rate assumptions) that it would  
17 use to estimate the risk-assumed cost of Federal insurance  
18 programs and giving such interested persons an oppor-  
19 tunity to submit comments.

20           “(c) REVISION.—(1) After consideration of comments  
21 pursuant to subsection (b), and in consultation with the  
22 Committees on the Budget of the House of Representa-  
23 tives and the Senate, OMB and CBO shall revise the mod-  
24 els, data, and major assumptions they would use to esti-

1 mate the risk-assumed cost of Federal insurance pro-  
2 grams.

3       “(2) When the President submits a budget of the  
4 Government pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31,  
5 United States Code, for fiscal year 2003, OMB shall pub-  
6 lish a notice in the Federal Register advising interested  
7 persons of the availability of information describing the  
8 models, data (including sources), and critical assumptions  
9 (including explicit or implicit discount rate assumptions)  
10 that it or other executive branch entities used to estimate  
11 the risk-assumed cost of Federal insurance programs.

12       “(d) DISPLAY.—

13           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal years 2003,  
14 2004, and 2005 the budget submissions of the Presi-  
15 dent pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United  
16 States Code, and CBO’s reports on the economic  
17 and budget outlook pursuant to section 202(e)(1)  
18 and the President’s budgets, shall for display pur-  
19 poses only, estimate the risk-assumed cost of exist-  
20 ing or proposed Federal insurance programs.

21           “(2) OMB.—The display in the budget submis-  
22 sions of the President for fiscal years 2003, 2004,  
23 and 2005 shall include—

1           “(A) a presentation for each Federal insur-  
2           ance program in budget-account level detail of  
3           estimates of risk-assumed cost;

4           “(B) a summary table of the risk-assumed  
5           costs of Federal insurance programs; and

6           “(C) an alternate summary table of budget  
7           functions and aggregates using risk-assumed  
8           rather than cash-based cost estimates for Fed-  
9           eral insurance programs.

10          “(3) CBO.—In the second session of the 108th  
11          Congress and the 109th Congress, CBO shall in-  
12          clude in its estimates under section 308, for display  
13          purposes only, the risk-assumed cost of existing Fed-  
14          eral programs, or legislation that CBO, in consulta-  
15          tion with the Committees on the Budget of the  
16          House of Representatives and the Senate, deter-  
17          mines would create a new Federal insurance pro-  
18          gram.

19          “(e) OMB, CBO, AND GAO EVALUATIONS.—(1) Not  
20          later than 6 months after the budget submission of the  
21          President pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United  
22          States Code, for fiscal year 2005, OMB, CBO, and GAO  
23          shall each submit to the Committees on the Budget of the  
24          House of Representatives and the Senate a report that

1 evaluates the advisability and appropriate implementation  
2 of this title.

3 “(2) Each report made pursuant to paragraph (1)  
4 shall address the following:

5 “(A) The adequacy of risk-assumed estimation  
6 models used and alternative modeling methods.

7 “(B) The availability and reliability of data or  
8 information necessary to carry out this title.

9 “(C) The appropriateness of the explicit or im-  
10 plicit discount rate used in the various risk-assumed  
11 estimation models.

12 “(D) The advisability of specifying a statutory  
13 discount rate (such as the Treasury rate) for use in  
14 risk-assumed estimation models.

15 “(E) The ability of OMB, CBO, or GAO, as ap-  
16 plicable, to secure any data or information directly  
17 from any Federal agency necessary to enable it to  
18 carry out this title.

19 “(F) The relationship between risk-assumed ac-  
20 crual budgeting for Federal insurance programs and  
21 the specific requirements of the Balanced Budget  
22 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

23 “(G) Whether Federal budgeting is improved by  
24 the inclusion of risk-assumed cost estimates for Fed-  
25 eral insurance programs.

1           “(H) The advisability of including each of the  
2           programs currently estimated on a risk-assumed cost  
3           basis in the Federal budget on that basis.

4 **“SEC. 604. DEFINITIONS.**

5           “For purposes of this title:

6           “(1) The term ‘Federal insurance program’  
7           means a program that makes insurance commit-  
8           ments and includes the list of such programs in-  
9           cluded in the joint explanatory statement of man-  
10          agers accompanying the conference report on the  
11          Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999.

12          “(2) The term ‘insurance commitment’ means  
13          an agreement in advance by a Federal agency to in-  
14          demnify a nonfederal entity against specified losses.  
15          This term does not include loan guarantees as de-  
16          fined in title V or benefit programs such as social  
17          security, medicare, and similar existing social insur-  
18          ance programs.

19          “(3)(A) The term ‘risk-assumed cost’ means the  
20          net present value of the estimated cash flows to and  
21          from the Government resulting from an insurance  
22          commitment or modification thereof.

23          “(B) The cash flows associated with an insur-  
24          ance commitment include—

1           “(i) expected claims payments inherent in  
2           the Government’s commitment;

3           “(ii) net premiums (expected premium col-  
4           lections received from or on behalf of the in-  
5           sured less expected administrative expenses);

6           “(iii) expected recoveries; and

7           “(iv) expected changes in claims, pre-  
8           miums, or recoveries resulting from the exercise  
9           by the insured of any option included in the in-  
10          surance commitment.

11          “(C) The cost of a modification is the difference  
12          between the current estimate of the net present  
13          value of the remaining cash flows under the terms  
14          of the insurance commitment, and the current esti-  
15          mate of the net present value of the remaining cash  
16          flows under the terms of the insurance commitment  
17          as modified.

18          “(D) The cost of a reestimate is the difference  
19          between the net present value of the amount cur-  
20          rently required by the financing account to pay esti-  
21          mated claims and other expenditures and the  
22          amount currently available (whether in cash or other  
23          marketable asset) in the financing account. The cost  
24          of a reestimate shall be accounted for in the current

1 year in the budget of the Government pursuant to  
2 section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code.

3 “(E) For purposes of this definition, expected  
4 administrative expenses shall be construed as the  
5 amount estimated to be necessary for the proper ad-  
6 ministration of the insurance program. This amount  
7 may differ from amounts actually appropriated or  
8 otherwise made available for the administration of  
9 the program.

10 “(4) The term ‘program account’ means the  
11 budget account for the risk-assumed cost, and for all  
12 costs of administering the insurance program, and is  
13 the account from which the risk-assumed cost is dis-  
14 bursed to the financing account.

15 “(5) The term ‘financing account’ means the  
16 nonbudget account that is associated with each pro-  
17 gram account which receives payments from or  
18 makes payments to the program account, receives  
19 premiums and other payments from the public, pays  
20 insurance claims, and holds balances.

21 “(6) The term ‘modification’ means any Gov-  
22 ernment action that alters the risk-assumed cost of  
23 an existing insurance commitment from the current  
24 estimate of cash flows. This includes any action re-  
25 sulting from new legislation, or from the exercise of



1 administrative discretion under existing law, that di-  
2 rectly or indirectly alters the estimated cost of exist-  
3 ing insurance commitments.

4 “(7) The term ‘model’ means any actuarial, fi-  
5 nancial, econometric, probabilistic, or other meth-  
6 odology used to estimate the expected frequency and  
7 magnitude of loss-producing events, expected pre-  
8 miums or collections from or on behalf of the in-  
9 sured, expected recoveries, and administrative ex-  
10 penses.

11 “(8) The term ‘current’ has the same meaning  
12 as in section 250(c)(9) of the Balanced Budget and  
13 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

14 “(9) The term ‘OMB’ means the Director of  
15 the Office of Management and Budget.

16 “(10) The term ‘CBO’ means the Director of  
17 the Congressional Budget Office.

18 “(11) The term ‘GAO’ means the Comptroller  
19 General of the United States.

20 **“SEC. 605. AUTHORIZATIONS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS;**  
21 **ACTUARIAL COST ACCOUNT.**

22 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 is authorized to be appropriated \$600,000 for each of fis-  
24 cal years 2000 through 2005 to the Director of the Office  
25 of Management and Budget and each agency responsible

1 for administering a Federal program to carry out this  
2 title.

3       “(b) TREASURY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE FINANC-  
4 ING ACCOUNTS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall bor-  
5 row from, receive from, lend to, or pay the insurance fi-  
6 nancing accounts such amounts as may be appropriate.  
7 The Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe forms and  
8 denominations, maturities, and terms and conditions for  
9 the transactions described above. The authorities de-  
10 scribed above shall not be construed to supersede or over-  
11 ride the authority of the head of a Federal agency to ad-  
12 minister and operate an insurance program. All the trans-  
13 actions provided in this subsection shall be subject to the  
14 provisions of subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31,  
15 United States Code. Cash balances of the financing ac-  
16 counts in excess of current requirements shall be main-  
17 tained in a form of uninvested funds, and the Secretary  
18 of the Treasury shall pay interest on these funds.

19       “(c) APPROPRIATION OF AMOUNT NECESSARY TO  
20 COVER RISK-ASSUMED COST OF INSURANCE COMMIT-  
21 MENTS AT TRANSITION DATE.—(1) A financing account  
22 is established on September 30, 2005, for each Federal  
23 insurance program.

24       “(2) There is appropriated to each financing account  
25 the amount of the unfunded risk-assumed cost of Federal

1 insurance commitments outstanding for that program as  
2 of the close of September 30, 2005.

3 “(3) These financing accounts shall be used in imple-  
4 menting the budget accounting required by this title.

5 **“SEC. 606. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 “This title shall take effect immediately and shall ex-  
7 pire on September 30, 2007.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
9 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget  
10 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-  
11 serting after the item relating to section 507 the following  
12 new items:

“TITLE VI—BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF FEDERAL INSURANCE  
PROGRAMS

“Sec. 601. Short title.

“Sec. 602. Budgetary treatment.

“Sec. 603. Timetable for implementation of accrual budgeting for Federal insur-  
ance programs.

“Sec. 604. Definitions.

“Sec. 605. Authorizations to enter into contracts; actuarial cost account.

“Sec. 606. Effective date.”.

13 **Subtitle B—Reports on Long-Term**  
14 **Budgetary Trends**

15 **SEC. 521. REPORTS ON LONG-TERM BUDGETARY TRENDS.**

16 (a) THE PRESIDENT’S BUDGET.—Section 1105(a) of  
17 title 31, United States Code (as amended by section 404),  
18 is further amended by adding at the end the following new  
19 paragraph:

20 “(34) an analysis based upon current law and  
21 an analysis based upon the policy assumptions un-

1       derlying the budget submission for every fifth year  
2       of the period of 75 fiscal years beginning with such  
3       fiscal year, of the estimated levels of total new budg-  
4       et authority and total budget outlays, estimated rev-  
5       enues, estimated surpluses and deficits, and, for  
6       each major Federal entitlement program, estimated  
7       levels of total new budget authority and total budget  
8       outlays; and a specification of its underlying as-  
9       sumptions and a sensitivity analysis of factors that  
10      have a significant effect on the projections made in  
11      each analysis; and a comparison of the effects of  
12      each of the two analyses on the economy, including  
13      such factors as inflation, foreign investment, interest  
14      rates, and economic growth.”.

15      (b) CBO REPORTS.—Section 202(e)(1) of the Con-  
16      gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at  
17      the end the following new sentences: “Such report shall  
18      also include an analysis based upon current law for every  
19      fifth year of the period of 75 fiscal years beginning with  
20      such fiscal year, of the estimated levels of total new budget  
21      authority and total budget outlays, estimated revenues, es-  
22      timated surpluses and deficits, and, for each major Fed-  
23      eral entitlement program, estimated levels of total new  
24      budget authority and total budget outlays. The report de-  
25      scribed in the preceding sentence shall also specify its un-

1 derlying assumptions and set forth a sensitivity analysis  
2 of factors that have a significant effect on the projections  
3 made in the report.”.

## 4 **TITLE VI—BASELINES, BYRD** 5 **RULE, AND LOCK-BOX**

### 6 **SEC. 601. PURPOSE.**

7 The purposes of this title are to—

8 (1) require budgetary comparisons to prior year  
9 levels;

10 (2) restrict the application of the Byrd rule to  
11 measures other than conference reports; and

12 (3) establish a procedure to allow savings from  
13 spending cuts in appropriation measures to be  
14 locked-in to increase the surplus or reduce the defi-  
15 cit.

## 16 **Subtitle A—The Baseline**

### 17 **SEC. 611. THE PRESIDENT’S BUDGET.**

18 (a) Paragraph (5) of section 1105(a) of title 31,  
19 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 “(5) except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
21 section, estimated expenditures and appropriations  
22 for the current year and estimated expenditures and  
23 proposed appropriations the President decides are  
24 necessary to support the Government in the fiscal  
25 year for which the budget is submitted and the 4 fis-

1 cal years following that year, and, except for detailed  
2 budget estimates, the percentage change from the  
3 current year to the fiscal year for which the budget  
4 is submitted for estimated expenditures and for ap-  
5 propriations.”.

6 (b) Section 1105(a)(6) of title 31, United States  
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 “(6) estimated receipts of the Government in  
9 the current year and the fiscal year for which the  
10 budget is submitted and the 4 fiscal years after that  
11 year under—

12 “(A) laws in effect when the budget is sub-  
13 mitted; and

14 “(B) proposals in the budget to increase  
15 revenues,

16 and the percentage change (in the case of each cat-  
17 egory referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B)) be-  
18 tween the current year and the fiscal year for which  
19 the budget is submitted and between the current  
20 year and each of the 4 fiscal years after the fiscal  
21 year for which the budget is submitted.”.

22 (c) Section 1105(a)(12) of title 31, United States  
23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           “(12) for each proposal in the budget for legis-  
2           lation that would establish or expand a Government  
3           activity or function, a table showing—

4                   “(A) the amount proposed in the budget  
5                   for appropriation and for expenditure because  
6                   of the proposal in the fiscal year for which the  
7                   budget is submitted;

8                   “(B) the estimated appropriation required  
9                   because of the proposal for each of the 4 fiscal  
10                  years after that year that the proposal will be  
11                  in effect; and

12                  “(C) the estimated amount for the same  
13                  activity or function, if any, in the current fiscal  
14                  year,

15           and, except for detailed budget estimates, the per-  
16           centage change (in the case of each category re-  
17           ferred to in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C)) be-  
18           tween the current year and the fiscal year for which  
19           the budget is submitted.”.

20           (d) Section 1105(a)(18) of title 31, United States  
21           Code, is amended by inserting “new budget authority  
22           and” before “budget outlays”.

23           (e) Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code,  
24           (as amended by sections 412(b) and 521(a)) is further

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
2 graphs:

3           “(35) a comparison of levels of estimated ex-  
4 penditures and proposed appropriations for each  
5 function and subfunction in the current fiscal year  
6 and the fiscal year for which the budget is submit-  
7 ted, along with the proposed increase or decrease of  
8 spending in percentage terms for each function and  
9 subfunction.

10           “(36) a table on sources of growth in total di-  
11 rect spending under current law and as proposed in  
12 this budget submission for the budget year and the  
13 ensuing 4 fiscal years, which shall include changes  
14 in outlays attributable to the following: cost-of-living  
15 adjustments; changes in the number of program re-  
16 cipients; increases in medical care prices, utilization  
17 and intensity of medical care; and residual factors.”.

18           (f) Section 1109(a) of title 31, United States Code,  
19 is amended by inserting after the first sentence the follow-  
20 ing new sentence: “For discretionary spending, these esti-  
21 mates shall assume the levels set forth in the discretionary  
22 spending limits under section 251(c) of the Balanced  
23 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as  
24 adjusted, for the appropriate fiscal years (and if no such  
25 limits are in effect, these estimates shall assume the ad-



1 justed levels for the most recent fiscal year for which such  
2 levels were in effect).”.

3 **SEC. 612. THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET.**

4 Section 301(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of  
5 1974 (as amended by section 103) is further amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting at the end  
7 the following: “The basis of deliberations in develop-  
8 ing such joint resolution shall be the estimated  
9 budgetary levels for the preceding fiscal year. Any  
10 budgetary levels pending before the committee and  
11 the text of the joint resolution shall be accompanied  
12 by a document comparing such levels or such text to  
13 the estimated levels of the prior fiscal year. Any  
14 amendment offered in the committee that changes a  
15 budgetary level and is based upon a specific policy  
16 assumption for a program, project, or activity shall  
17 be accompanied by a document indicating the esti-  
18 mated amount for such program, project, or activity  
19 in the current year.”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the  
21 end of subparagraph (H), by striking the period and  
22 inserting “; and” at the end of subparagraph (I),  
23 and by adding at the end the following new subpara-  
24 graph:

1           “(J) a comparison of levels for the current  
2           fiscal year with proposed spending and revenue  
3           levels for the subsequent fiscal years along with  
4           the proposed increase or decrease of spending  
5           in percentage terms for each function.”.

6 **SEC. 613. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE REPORTS TO**  
7           **COMMITTEES.**

8           (a) The first sentence of section 202(e)(1) of the Con-  
9           gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by inserting  
10          “compared to comparable levels for the current year” be-  
11          fore the comma at the end of subparagraph (A) and before  
12          the comma at the end of subparagraph (B).

13          (b) Section 202(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget  
14          Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after the first sen-  
15          tence the following new sentence: “Such report shall also  
16          include a table on sources of spending growth in total di-  
17          rect spending for the budget year and the ensuing 4 fiscal  
18          years, which shall include changes in outlays attributable  
19          to the following: cost-of-living adjustments; changes in the  
20          number of program recipients; increases in medical care  
21          prices, utilization and intensity of medical care; and resid-  
22          ual factors.”.

23          (c) Section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget  
24          Act of 1974 is amended by inserting “and shall include

1 a comparison of those levels to comparable levels for the  
2 current fiscal year” before “if timely submitted”.

3 **SEC. 614. OUTYEAR ASSUMPTIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY**  
4 **SPENDING.**

5 For purposes of chapter 11 of title 31 of the United  
6 States Code, or the Congressional Budget Act of 1974,  
7 unless otherwise expressly provided, in making budgetary  
8 projections for years for which there are no discretionary  
9 spending limits, the Director of the Office of Management  
10 and Budget and the Director of the Congressional Budget  
11 Office shall assume discretionary spending levels at the  
12 levels for the last fiscal year for which such levels were  
13 in effect.

14 **Subtitle B—The Byrd Rule**

15 **SEC. 621. LIMITATION ON BYRD RULE.**

16 (a) PROTECTION OF CONFERENCE REPORTS.—Sec-  
17 tion 313 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is  
18 amended—

19 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “and again  
20 upon the submission of a conference report on such  
21 a reconciliation bill or resolution,”;

22 (2) by striking subsection (d);

23 (3) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
24 section (d); and

25 (4) in subsection (e), as redesignated—

1 (A) by striking “, motion, or conference re-  
 2 port” the first place it appears and inserting “,  
 3 or motion”; and

4 (B) by striking “, motion, or conference re-  
 5 port” the second and third places it appears  
 6 and inserting “or motion”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The first sentence  
 8 of section 312(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
 9 is amended by inserting “, except for section 313,” after  
 10 “Act”.

11 **Subtitle C—Spending**  
 12 **Accountability Lock-box**

13 **SEC. 631. SHORT TITLE.**

14 This subtitle may be cited as the “Spending Account-  
 15 ability Lock-box Act of 1999”.

16 **SEC. 632. SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY LOCK-BOX LEDGER.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF LEDGER.—Title III of the  
 18 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (as amended by sec-  
 19 tions 104(b) and 105(a)) is further amended by adding  
 20 after section 317 the following new section:

21 “SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY LOCK-BOX LEDGER

22 “SEC. 318. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF LEDGER.—The  
 23 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House  
 24 of Representatives and the chairman of the Committee on  
 25 the Budget of the Senate shall each maintain a ledger to  
 26 be known as the ‘Spending Accountability Lock-box Ledg-

1 er'. The Ledger shall be divided into entries corresponding  
2 to the subcommittees of the Committees on Appropria-  
3 tions. Each entry shall consist of three components: the  
4 'House Lock-box Balance'; the 'Senate Lock-box Balance';  
5 and the 'Joint House-Senate Lock-box Balance'.

6       “(b) COMPONENTS OF LEDGER.—Each component in  
7 an entry shall consist only of amounts credited to it under  
8 subsection (c). No entry of a negative amount shall be  
9 made.

10       “(c) CREDIT OF AMOUNTS TO LEDGER.—(1) In the  
11 House of Representatives or the Senate, whenever a Mem-  
12 ber offers an amendment to an appropriation bill to reduce  
13 new budget authority in any account, that Member may  
14 state the portion of such reduction that shall be—

15               “(A) credited to the House or Senate Lock-box  
16 Balance, as applicable; or

17               “(B) used to offset an increase in new budget  
18 authority in any other account;

19               “(C) allowed to remain within the applicable  
20 section 302(b) suballocation.

21 If no such statement is made, the amount of reduction  
22 in new budget authority resulting from the amendment  
23 shall be credited to the House or Senate Lock-box Bal-  
24 ance, as applicable, if the amendment is agreed to.

1           “(2)(A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B), the  
2 chairmen of the Committees on the Budget shall, upon  
3 the engrossment of any appropriation bill by the House  
4 of Representatives and upon the engrossment of that bill  
5 by the Senate, credit to the applicable entry balance of  
6 that House amounts of new budget authority and outlays  
7 equal to the net amounts of reductions in new budget au-  
8 thority and in outlays resulting from amendments agreed  
9 to by that House to that bill.

10           “(B) When computing the net amounts of reductions  
11 in new budget authority and in outlays resulting from  
12 amendments agreed to by the House of Representatives  
13 or the Senate to an appropriation bill, the chairmen of  
14 the Committees on the Budget shall only count those por-  
15 tions of such amendments agreed to that were so des-  
16 ignated by the Members offering such amendments as  
17 amounts to be credited to the House or Senate Lock-box  
18 Balance, as applicable, or that fall within the last sentence  
19 of paragraph (1).

20           “(3) The chairmen of the Committees on the Budget  
21 shall, upon the engrossment of Senate amendments to any  
22 appropriation bill, credit to the applicable Joint House-  
23 Senate Lock-box Balance the amounts of new budget au-  
24 thority and outlays equal to—

1           “(A) an amount equal to one-half of the sum of  
2           (i) the amount of new budget authority in the House  
3           Lock-box Balance plus (ii) the amount of new budg-  
4           et authority in the Senate Lock-box Balance for that  
5           bill; and

6           “(B) an amount equal to one-half of the sum  
7           of (i) the amount of outlays in the House Lock-box  
8           Balance plus (ii) the amount of outlays in the Sen-  
9           ate Lock-box Balance for that bill.

10          “(4) CALCULATION OF LOCK-BOX SAVINGS IN SEN-  
11         ATE.—For purposes of calculating under this section the  
12         net amounts of reductions in new budget authority and  
13         in outlays resulting from amendments agreed to by the  
14         Senate on an appropriation bill, the amendments reported  
15         to the Senate by its Committee on Appropriations shall  
16         be considered to be part of the original text of the bill.

17          “(d) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
18         ‘appropriation bill’ means any general or special appro-  
19         priation bill, and any bill or joint resolution making sup-  
20         plemental, deficiency, or continuing appropriations  
21         through the end of a fiscal year.

22          “(e) TALLY DURING HOUSE CONSIDERATION.—The  
23         chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House  
24         of Representatives shall maintain a running tally of the  
25         amendments adopted reflecting increases and decreases of

1 budget authority in the bill as reported. This tally shall  
 2 be available to Members in the House of Representatives  
 3 during consideration of any appropriations bill by the  
 4 House.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
 6 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget  
 7 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-  
 8 serting after the item relating to section 317 the following  
 9 new item:

“Sec. 318. Spending accountability lock-box ledger.”.

10 **SEC. 633. DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF SECTION 302(a) AL-**  
 11 **LOCATIONS AND SECTION 302(b) SUBALLOCA-**  
 12 **TIONS.**

13 (a) ALLOCATIONS.—Section 302(a) of the Congres-  
 14 sional Budget Act of 1974 (as amended by section 422)  
 15 is further amended by adding at the end the following new  
 16 paragraph:

17 “(7) ADJUSTMENT OF ALLOCATIONS.—Upon  
 18 the engrossment of Senate amendments to any ap-  
 19 propriation bill (as defined in section 318(d)) for a  
 20 fiscal year, the amounts allocated under paragraph  
 21 (1) or (2) to the Committee on Appropriations of  
 22 each House upon the adoption of the most recent  
 23 joint resolution on the budget for that fiscal year  
 24 shall be adjusted downward by the amounts credited  
 25 to the applicable Joint House-Senate Lock-box Bal-



1       ance under section 318(c)(2). The revised levels of  
2       new budget authority and outlays shall be submitted  
3       to each House by the chairman of the Committee on  
4       the Budget of that House and shall be printed in the  
5       Congressional Record.”.

6       (b) SUBALLOCATIONS.—Section 302(b) of the Con-  
7       gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at  
8       the end the following new sentence: “Whenever an adjust-  
9       ment is made under subsection (a)(7) to an allocation  
10      under that subsection, the Committee on Appropriations  
11      of each House shall make downward adjustments in the  
12      most recent suballocations of new budget authority and  
13      outlays under this subparagraph to the appropriate sub-  
14      committees of that committee in the total amounts of  
15      those adjustments under section 318(c)(2). The revised  
16      suballocations shall be submitted to each House by the  
17      chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of that  
18      House and shall be printed in the Congressional Record.”.

19      **SEC. 634. PERIODIC REPORTING OF LEDGER STATEMENTS.**

20      Section 308(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act  
21      of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following  
22      new sentence: “Such reports shall also include an up-to-  
23      date tabulation of the amounts contained in the ledger and  
24      each entry established by section 318(a).”.

1 **SEC. 635. DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF DISCRETIONARY**  
2 **SPENDING LIMITS.**

3       The discretionary spending limits for new budget au-  
4 thority and outlays for any fiscal year set forth in section  
5 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
6 Control Act of 1985, shall be reduced by the amounts set  
7 forth in the final regular appropriation bill for that fiscal  
8 year or joint resolution making continuing appropriations  
9 through the end of that fiscal year. Those amounts shall  
10 be the sums of the Joint House-Senate Lock-box Balances  
11 for that fiscal year, as calculated under section 302(a)(7)  
12 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. That bill or joint  
13 resolution shall contain the following statement of law:  
14 “As required by section 636 of the Spending Accountabil-  
15 ity Lock-box Act of 1999, for fiscal year [insert appro-  
16 priate fiscal year] and each outyear, the adjusted discre-  
17 tionary spending limit for new budget authority shall be  
18 reduced by \$ [insert appropriate amount of reduction] and  
19 the adjusted discretionary limit for outlays shall be re-  
20 duced by \$ [insert appropriate amount of reduction] for  
21 the fiscal year and each outyear.”. Notwithstanding sec-  
22 tion 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, sec-  
23 tion 306 as it applies to this statement shall not apply.  
24 This adjustment shall be reflected in reports under sec-  
25 tions 254(f) and 254(g) of the Balanced Budget and  
26 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

1    **Subtitle D—Automatic Continuing**  
2                                   **Resolution**

3    **SEC. 641. AUTOMATIC CONTINUING RESOLUTION.**

4           (a) AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.—Chapter 13 of title  
5 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
6 tion 1310 the following new section:

7    **“§ 1311. Continuing appropriations**

8           “(a)(1) If any regular appropriation bill for a fiscal  
9 year does not become law prior to the beginning of such  
10 fiscal year or a joint resolution making continuing appro-  
11 priations is not in effect, there is appropriated, out of any  
12 moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and  
13 out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and  
14 funds, such sums as may be necessary to continue any  
15 project or activity for which funds were provided in the  
16 preceding fiscal year—

17           “(A) in the corresponding regular appropriation  
18 Act for such preceding fiscal year; or

19           “(B) if the corresponding regular appropriation  
20 bill for such preceding fiscal year did not become  
21 law, then in a joint resolution making continuing ap-  
22 propriations for such preceding fiscal year.

23           “(2) Appropriations and funds made available, and  
24 authority granted, for a project or activity for any fiscal  
25 year pursuant to this section shall be at a rate of oper-

1 ations not in excess of the rate of operations provided for  
2 in the regular appropriation Act providing for such project  
3 or activity for the preceding fiscal year, or in the absence  
4 of such an Act, the rate of operations provided for such  
5 project or activity pursuant to a joint resolution making  
6 continuing appropriations for such preceding fiscal year.

7 “(3) Appropriations and funds made available, and  
8 authority granted, for any fiscal year pursuant to this sec-  
9 tion for a project or activity shall be available for the pe-  
10 riod beginning with the first day of a lapse in appropria-  
11 tions and ending with the earlier of—

12 “(A) the date on which the applicable regular  
13 appropriation bill for such fiscal year becomes law  
14 (whether or not such law provides for such project  
15 or activity) or a continuing resolution making appro-  
16 priations becomes law, as the case may be, or

17 “(B) the last day of such fiscal year.

18 “(b) An appropriation or funds made available, or au-  
19 thority granted, for a project or activity for any fiscal year  
20 pursuant to this section shall be subject to the terms and  
21 conditions imposed with respect to the appropriation made  
22 or funds made available for the preceding fiscal year, or  
23 authority granted for such project or activity under cur-  
24 rent law.

1       “(c) Appropriations and funds made available, and  
2 authority granted, for any project or activity for any fiscal  
3 year pursuant to this section shall cover all obligations or  
4 expenditures incurred for such project or activity during  
5 the portion of such fiscal year for which this section ap-  
6 plies to such project or activity.

7       “(d) Expenditures made for a project or activity for  
8 any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be charged  
9 to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization  
10 whenever a regular appropriation bill or a joint resolution  
11 making continuing appropriations until the end of a fiscal  
12 year providing for such project or activity for such period  
13 becomes law.

14       “(e) This section shall not apply to a project or activ-  
15 ity during a fiscal year if any other provision of law (other  
16 than an authorization of appropriations)—

17               “(1) makes an appropriation, makes funds  
18 available, or grants authority for such project or ac-  
19 tivity to continue for such period, or

20               “(2) specifically provides that no appropriation  
21 shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or  
22 no authority shall be granted for such project or ac-  
23 tivity to continue for such period; or

24       “(f) For purposes of this section, the term ‘regular  
25 appropriation bill’ means any annual appropriation bill

1 making appropriations, otherwise making funds available,  
2 or granting authority, for any of the following categories  
3 of projects and activities:

4           “(1) Agriculture, rural development, and relat-  
5 ed agencies programs.

6           “(2) The Departments of Commerce, Justice,  
7 and State, the judiciary, and related agencies.

8           “(3) The Department of Defense.

9           “(4) The government of the District of Colum-  
10 bia and other activities chargeable in whole or in  
11 part against the revenues of the District.

12           “(5) The Departments of Labor, Health and  
13 Human Services, and Education, and related agen-  
14 cies.

15           “(6) The Department of Housing and Urban  
16 Development, and sundry independent agencies,  
17 boards, commissions, corporations, and offices.

18           “(7) Energy and water development.

19           “(8) Foreign assistance and related programs.

20           “(9) The Department of the Interior and relat-  
21 ed agencies.

22           “(10) Military construction.

23           “(11) The Department of Transportation and  
24 related agencies.

1           “(12) The Treasury Department, the U.S.  
2           Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President,  
3           and certain independent agencies.

4           “(13) The legislative branch.”.

5           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 202(e)(3)  
6 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by  
7 inserting “and on or before September 30” before “of each  
8 year”.

9           (c) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The analysis of chapter 13  
10 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
11 after the item relating to section 1310 the following new  
12 item:

“1311. Continuing appropriations.”.

13           (d) EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS.—Nothing in the  
14 amendments made by this subsection shall be construed  
15 to affect Government obligations mandated by other law,  
16 including obligations with respect to social security, medi-  
17 care, and medicaid.

## 18           **TITLE VII—BUDGETING IN AN** 19           **ERA OF SURPLUSES**

### 20           **SEC. 701. PAYGO REQUIREMENTS AND THE ON-BUDGET** 21           **SURPLUS.**

22           (a) Section 252(a) of the Balanced Budget and  
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended to  
24 read as follows:

1       “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to as-  
2       sure that direct spending or receipts legislation does not  
3       increase the deficit or exceed the on-budget surplus.”.

4       (b) SEQUESTRATION.—(1) Section 252(b)(1) of the  
5       Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
6       1985 is amended by inserting “minus the amount for the  
7       budget year, if any, estimated under paragraph (3)” after  
8       “as calculated under paragraph (2)”.

9       (2) Section 252(b) of such Act is amended by adding  
10      at the end the following new paragraph:

11             “(3) ESTIMATE OF ON-BUDGET SURPLUS.—  
12      OMB estimates for the budget year of the excess of  
13      receipts over outlays (if any) as set forth in the  
14      OMB sequestration update report as calculated pur-  
15      suant to section 254(c)(3). These estimates shall not  
16      include outlays and receipts of the Federal Old-Age  
17      and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal  
18      Disability Insurance Trust Fund, or any other off-  
19      budget entity.”.

20      (c) CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING LAW.—Section 252  
21      of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
22      Act of 1985 (as amended by section 412(b)) is further  
23      amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
24      section:



1       “(f) MEANING OF NET DEFICIT INCREASE.—For  
2 purposes of this section, a net deficit is the amount by  
3 which decreases in revenues plus increases in outlays ex-  
4 ceeds increases in revenues plus decreases in outlays.”.

5       (d) REPORTS.—

6           (1) PREVIEW.—Section 254(c)(3) of the Bal-  
7 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of  
8 1985 is amended by adding at the end the following  
9 new subparagraph:

10           “(D) The estimated excess of receipts over  
11 outlays for the budget year (if any) (assuming  
12 the levels appropriated if all regular appropri-  
13 ations (or a continuing appropriation) are en-  
14 acted minus any amounts sequestered for that  
15 year under section 251, but if that is not the  
16 case, then assuming compliance with the ad-  
17 justed discretionary spending limits set forth in  
18 section 251(c)) (but if no such limits are in ef-  
19 fect for such year, then assume compliance with  
20 such limits for the last fiscal year for which  
21 such limits were in effect) without taking into  
22 account the effect of direct spending and re-  
23 ceipts legislation for such year calculated under  
24 section 252(d) enacted after the date of enact-  
25 ment of this subparagraph.”.

1           (2) FINAL.—Section 254(f)(3) of the Balanced  
2           Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985  
3           is amended by adding at the end the following new  
4           sentence: “Notwithstanding subsection (j), actual  
5           levels of enacted discretionary appropriations or up-  
6           to-date adjusted discretionary spending limits (but if  
7           no such limits are in effect for such year, then as-  
8           sume such limits for the last fiscal year for which  
9           such limits were in effect), as applicable, shall be  
10          used in the final pay-as-you go report regarding in-  
11          formation required by subsection (c)(3)(D) to be in-  
12          cluded in the pay-as-you-go sequestration preview re-  
13          port.”.

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