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To establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS (for himself, Mr. MOORE, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. HILL, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Mr. HOLT, Mr. POMEROY, Ms. BERKLEY, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. MATHESON, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. LANGEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security and
5 Medicare Off-Budget Lockbox Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SECURITY POINTS OF**
2 **ORDER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 312 of the Congressional
4 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 643) is amended by insert-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(g) STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SECURITY POINT OF
7 ORDER.—It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-
8 resentatives or the Senate to consider a concurrent resolu-
9 tion on the budget (or any amendment thereto or con-
10 ference report thereon) or any bill, joint resolution,
11 amendment, motion, or conference report that would vio-
12 late or amend section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement
13 Act of 1990.”.

14 (b) SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT.—

15 (1) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 904(c)(1) of the
16 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by in-
17 serting “312(g),” after “310(d)(2),”.

18 (2) WAIVER.—Section 904(d)(2) of the Con-
19 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by insert-
20 ing “312(g),” after “310(d)(2),”.

21 (c) ENFORCEMENT IN EACH FISCAL YEAR.—The
22 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended in—

23 (1) section 301(a)(7) (2 U.S.C. 632(a)(7)), by
24 striking “for the fiscal year” through the period and
25 inserting “for each fiscal year covered by the resolu-
26 tion”; and

1 (2) section 311(a)(3) (2 U.S.C. 642(a)(3)), by
2 striking beginning with “for the first fiscal year”
3 through the period and insert the following: “for any
4 of the fiscal years covered by the concurrent resolu-
5 tion.”.

6 **SEC. 3. MEDICARE TRUST FUND OFF-BUDGET.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 (1) GENERAL EXCLUSION FROM ALL BUDG-
9 ETS.—Title III of the Congressional Budget Act of
10 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “EXCLUSION OF MEDICARE TRUST FUND FROM ALL
12 BUDGETS

13 “SEC. 316. (a) EXCLUSION OF MEDICARE TRUST
14 FUND FROM ALL BUDGETS.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, the receipts and disbursements of the
16 Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund shall not be
17 counted as new budget authority, outlays, receipts, or def-
18 icit or surplus for purposes of—

19 “(1) the budget of the United States Govern-
20 ment as submitted by the President;

21 “(2) the congressional budget; or

22 “(3) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-
23 icit Control Act of 1985.

24 “(b) STRENGTHENING MEDICARE POINT OF
25 ORDER.—It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-
26 resentatives or the Senate to consider a concurrent resolu-

1 tion on the budget (or any amendment thereto or con-
2 ference report thereon) or any bill, joint resolution,
3 amendment, motion, or conference report that would vio-
4 late or amend this section.”.

5 (2) SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT.—

6 (A) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 904(c)(1)
7 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is
8 amended by inserting “316,” after “313,”.

9 (B) WAIVER.—Section 904(d)(2) of the
10 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended
11 by inserting “316,” after “313,”.

12 (b) EXCLUSION OF MEDICARE TRUST FUND FROM
13 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET.—Section 301(a) of the Con-
14 gressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632(a)) is
15 amended by adding at the end the following: “The concur-
16 rent resolution shall not include the outlays and revenue
17 totals of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund in
18 the surplus or deficit totals required by this subsection or
19 in any other surplus or deficit totals required by this
20 title.”

21 (c) BUDGET TOTALS.—Section 301(a) of the Con-
22 gressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632(a)) is
23 amended by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

24 “(8) For purposes of Senate enforcement under
25 this title, revenues and outlays of the Federal Hos-

1 pital Insurance Trust Fund for each fiscal year cov-
2 ered by the budget resolution.”.

3 (d) BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.—Section 301(i) of the
4 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632(i)) is
5 amended by—

6 (1) striking “SOCIAL SECURITY POINT OF
7 ORDER.—It shall” and inserting “SOCIAL SECURITY
8 AND MEDICARE POINTS OF ORDER.—

9 “(1) SOCIAL SECURITY.—It shall”; and

10 (2) inserting at the end the following:

11 “(2) MEDICARE.—It shall not be in order in the
12 House of Representatives or the Senate to consider
13 any concurrent resolution on the budget (or amend-
14 ment, motion, or conference report on the resolu-
15 tion) that would decrease the excess of the Federal
16 Hospital Insurance Trust Fund revenues over Fed-
17 eral Hospital Insurance Trust Fund outlays in any
18 of the fiscal years covered by the concurrent resolu-
19 tion. This paragraph shall not apply to amounts to
20 be expended from the Hospital Insurance Trust
21 Fund for purposes relating to programs within part
22 A of Medicare as provided in law on the date of en-
23 actment of this paragraph.”.

1 (e) MEDICARE FIREWALL.—Section 311(a) of the
2 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 642(a)) is
3 amended by adding after paragraph (3), the following:

4 “(4) ENFORCEMENT OF MEDICARE LEVELS IN
5 THE SENATE.—After a concurrent resolution on the
6 budget is agreed to, it shall not be in order in the
7 Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, amend-
8 ment, motion, or conference report that would cause
9 a decrease in surpluses or an increase in deficits of
10 the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund in any
11 year relative to the levels set forth in the applicable
12 resolution. This paragraph shall not apply to
13 amounts to be expended from the Hospital Insur-
14 ance Trust Fund for purposes relating to programs
15 within part A of Medicare as provided in law on the
16 date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

17 (f) BASELINE TO EXCLUDE HOSPITAL INSURANCE
18 TRUST FUND.—Section 257(b)(3) of the Balanced Budget
19 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended
20 by striking “shall be included in all” and inserting “shall
21 not be included in any”.

22 (g) MEDICARE TRUST FUND EXEMPT FROM SE-
23 QUESTERS.—Section 255(g)(1)(B) of the Balanced Budg-
24 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended
25 by adding at the end the following:

1 “Medicare as funded through the Federal Hos-
2 pital Insurance Trust Fund.”.

3 (h) BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF HOSPITAL INSUR-
4 ANCE TRUST FUND.—Section 710(a) of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 911(a)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” the second place it ap-
7 pears and inserting a comma; and

8 (2) by inserting after “Federal Disability Insur-
9 ance Trust Fund” the following: “, Federal Hospital
10 Insurance Trust Fund”.

11 **SEC. 4. PREVENTING ON-BUDGET DEFICITS.**

12 (a) POINTS OF ORDER TO PREVENT ON-BUDGET
13 DEFICITS.—Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act
14 of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 643) is amended by adding at the end
15 the following:

16 “(h) POINTS OF ORDER TO PREVENT ON-BUDGET
17 DEFICITS.—

18 “(1) CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE
19 BUDGET.—It shall not be in order in the House of
20 Representatives or the Senate to consider any con-
21 current resolution on the budget, or conference re-
22 port thereon or amendment thereto, that would
23 cause or increase an on-budget deficit for any fiscal
24 year.

1 “(2) SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION.—It shall not
2 be in order in the House of Representatives or the
3 Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, amend-
4 ment, motion, or conference report if—

5 “(A) the enactment of that bill or resolu-
6 tion as reported;

7 “(B) the adoption and enactment of that
8 amendment; or

9 “(C) the enactment of that bill or resolu-
10 tion in the form recommended in that con-
11 ference report,

12 would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for any
13 fiscal year.”.

14 (b) SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT.—

15 (1) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 904(c)(1) of the
16 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by in-
17 serting “312(h),” after “312(g),”.

18 (2) WAIVER.—Section 904(d)(2) of the Con-
19 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by insert-
20 ing “312(h),” after “312(g),”.

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