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109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 851

To reduce budget deficits by restoring budget enforcement and strengthening fiscal responsibility.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 2005

Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

APRIL 20, 2005

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fiscal Responsibility
5 for a Sound Future Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING**

2 **CAPS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(c) of the Balanced
4 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
5 U.S.C. 901(c)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(c) DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMIT.—As used in
7 this part, the term ‘discretionary spending limit’ means,
8 with respect to fiscal year 2005—

9 “(1) for the discretionary category:
10 \$836,268,000,000 in new budget authority and
11 \$895,966,000,000 in outlays;

12 “(2) for the highway category: \$31,761,000,000
13 in outlays; and

14 “(3) for the mass transit category:
15 \$956,000,000 in new budget authority and
16 \$6,748,000,000 in outlays;

17 as adjusted in strict conformance with subsection (b).”.

18 (b) COMMITMENT OF THE SENATE.—Congress
19 should enact a limit on total discretionary spending for
20 fiscal year 2006.

21 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO REQUIREMENT.**

22 Section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
23 Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “enacted be-
25 fore October 1, 2002”; and

1 (b) BUDGET RESOLUTION.—It shall not be in order
2 in the Senate to consider pursuant to sections 301, 305,
3 or 310 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 per-
4 taining to concurrent resolutions on the budget any resolu-
5 tion, concurrent resolution, amendment, amendment be-
6 tween the Houses, motion, or conference report that con-
7 tains any reconciliation directive that would increase the
8 deficit in the first fiscal year covered by the most recently
9 adopted concurrent resolution on the budget, the period
10 of the first 5 fiscal years covered by the most recently
11 adopted concurrent resolution on the budget, or the period
12 of the 5 fiscal years following the first 5 fiscal years cov-
13 ered by the most recently adopted concurrent resolution
14 on the budget.

15 (c) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—This
16 section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only
17 by an affirmative vote of $\frac{3}{5}$ of the Members, duly chosen
18 and sworn. An affirmative vote of $\frac{3}{5}$ of the Members of
19 the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in
20 the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair
21 on a point of order raised under this section.

22 **SEC. 6. SENATE PAYGO RULE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 505(a)(5)(A) of H. Con.
24 Res. 95 (108th Congress) is amended by striking “as ad-

1 justed for any changes in revenues or direct spending as-
2 sumed by such resolution”.

3 (b) EXPIRATION DATE.—Section 505(e) of H. Con.
4 Res. 95 (108th Congress) is amended by striking “2008”
5 and inserting “2015”.

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