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H. R. 2686

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985 to extend the pay-as-you-go provisions through fiscal year 2012.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2007

Mr. HILL (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. SHULER, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BARROW, Mr. MATHE-SON, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BOYD of Florida, and Mr. ROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985 to extend the pay-as-you-go provisions through fiscal year 2012.

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 “Budget Enforcement
5 and Accountability Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO REQUIREMENT.**

2 (a) PURPOSE.—Section 252(a) of the Balanced
3 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is
4 amended by striking “2002” and inserting “2012”.

5 (b) SEQUESTRATION.—Section 252(b)(1) of the Bal-
6 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
7 is amended by striking “2002” and inserting “2012”.

8 (c) EXPIRATION.—Section 275(b) of the Balanced
9 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is
10 amended by striking “2006” and inserting “2016”.

11 (d) BROADENING OF SEQUESTRATION BASE.—The
12 Directors of the Congressional Budget Office and of the
13 Office of Management and Budget shall each submit, not
14 later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this
15 Act, a report to the Committee on the Budget of the
16 House of Representatives that addresses the issue of how
17 to broaden the pay-as-you-go sequestration base and make
18 it more fair and equitable.

19 **SEC. 3. BUDGET EVASION POINTS OF ORDER.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—

21 (1) PAY-AS-YOU-GO.—It shall not be in order in
22 the House of Representatives or the Senate to con-
23 sider any bill or joint resolution, or conference re-
24 port thereon or amendment thereto, or motion that
25 waives or suspends the enforcement of section 252
26 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-

1 trol Act of 1985 or otherwise would alter the bal-
2 ances of the pay-as-you-go scorecard under that sec-
3 tion.

4 (2) DIRECTED SCORING.—It shall not be in
5 order in the House of Representatives or the Senate
6 to consider any direct spending or receipts legisla-
7 tion, or conference report thereon or amendment
8 thereto, or motion that would affect its treatment
9 under such section 252.

10 (b) WAIVER AND APPEAL IN THE SENATE.—This
11 section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only
12 by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly
13 chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of
14 the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall
15 be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the rul-
16 ing of the Chair on a point of order raised under this sec-
17 tion.

18 (c) ENFORCEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
19 TIVES.—It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-
20 resentatives to consider a rule or order that waives the
21 application of subsection (a).

22 (d) DISPOSITION OF POINTS OF ORDER IN THE
23 HOUSE.—In the House of Representatives, as disposition
24 of a point of order under subsection (a), the Chair shall
25 put the question of consideration with respect to the prop-

1 position that is the subject of the point of order. A question
2 of consideration under this section shall be debatable for
3 10 minutes by the Member initiating the point of order
4 and for 10 minutes by an opponent of the point of order,
5 but shall otherwise be decided without intervening motion
6 except one that the House adjourn or that the Committee
7 of the Whole rise, as the case may be.

8 (e) EFFECT ON AMENDMENT IN ORDER AS ORIGINAL
9 TEXT IN THE HOUSE.—The disposition of the question
10 of consideration under this section with respect to a bill
11 or joint resolution shall be considered also to determine
12 the question of consideration under this subsection with
13 respect to an amendment made in order as original text.

14 **SEC. 4. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.**

15 The provisions of section 3 are enacted by Con-
16 gress—

17 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking powers of
18 the House of Representatives and the Senate, and as
19 such they shall be considered as part of the rules of
20 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-
21 spectively, and such rules shall supersede other rules
22 only to the extent that they are inconsistent there-
23 with; and

24 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
25 right of the House of Representatives and the Sen-

1 ate to change such rules at anytime, in the same
2 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of
3 any other rule of the House of Representatives or
4 the Senate, respectively.

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