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# H. R. 4587

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cap Spending to Re-  
5 duce Borrowing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPENDING LIMITS WHEN DEBT CEILING IN-**  
2 **CREASED.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 312 of the Congressional  
4 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following new subsection:

6 “(g) POINT OF ORDER TO REQUIRE SPENDING LIM-  
7 ITS WHENEVER DEBT CEILING INCREASES.—(1) Except  
8 as provided by paragraph (2), it shall not be in order in  
9 the House of Representatives or the Senate to consider  
10 any bill or joint resolution, or amendment thereto or con-  
11 ference report thereon, that increases the statutory limit  
12 on the public debt unless such bill, joint resolution,  
13 amendment, or conference report, as the case may be, in-  
14 cludes limits on the total level of discretionary spending  
15 and on the total level of direct spending for each of 10  
16 consecutive fiscal years beginning with the first fiscal year  
17 in which the increase in the statutory limit on the public  
18 debt would occur.

19 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any measure  
20 that increases the statutory limit on the public debt if stat-  
21 utory limits on the total level of discretionary spending  
22 and on the total level of direct spending for each of 10  
23 consecutive fiscal years beginning with the first fiscal year  
24 in which the increase in the statutory limit on the public  
25 debt would occur are in place.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsections (c)(1)  
2 and (d)(2) of section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act  
3 of 1974 are each amended by inserting “312(g),” after  
4 “310(d)(2),”.

5 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF GEPHARDT RULE.**

6 The Rules of the House of Representatives are  
7 amended by repealing rule XXVIII (relating to the statu-  
8 tory limit on public debt) and redesignating rule XXIX  
9 as rule XXVIII.

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