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H. R. 6186

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish discretionary and mandatory deficit reduction accounts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POSEY 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

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 “Cutting Earmarks And
5 Savings Enforcement (CEASE) Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISCRETIONARY DEFICIT RE-**
7 **DUCTION ACCOUNT.**

8 (a) DISCRETIONARY DEFICIT REDUCTION AC-
9 COUNT.—Title III of the Congressional Budget Act of

1 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following new
2 section:

3 “DISCRETIONARY DEFICIT REDUCTION ACCOUNT

4 “SEC. 316. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT.—The
5 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House
6 of Representatives and of the Senate shall each maintain
7 an account to be known as the ‘deficit reduction Discre-
8 tionary Account’. The Account shall be divided into entries
9 corresponding to the subcommittees of the Committee on
10 Appropriations of that House and each entry shall consist
11 of the ‘deficit reduction Balance’.

12 “(b) COMPONENTS.—Each entry shall consist only of
13 amounts credited to it under subsection (c). No entry of
14 a negative amount shall be made.

15 “(c) CREDITING OF AMOUNTS TO ACCOUNT.—

16 “(1)(A) Whenever a Member or Senator, as the
17 case may be, offers an amendment to an appropria-
18 tion bill to reduce new budget authority in any ac-
19 count, that Member or Senator may state the por-
20 tion of such reduction that shall be credited to—

21 “(i) the deficit reduction Balance;

22 “(ii) used to offset an increase in new
23 budget authority in any other account; or

24 “(iii) allowed to remain within the applica-
25 ble section 302(b) suballocation.

1 “(B) Whenever a Member or Senator, as the
2 case may be, offers an amendment to an appropria-
3 tion bill dedicated to deficit reduction, the amount of
4 new budget authority so dedicated shall be credited
5 to the deficit reduction Balance.

6 “(2) If no such statement is made under para-
7 graph (1)(A), the amount of reduction in new budg-
8 et authority resulting from the amendment shall be
9 credited to the deficit reduction Balance, as applica-
10 ble, if the amendment is agreed to.

11 “(3) Except as provided by paragraph (4), the
12 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
13 House of Representatives or Senate shall, upon the
14 engrossment of any appropriation bill by that House,
15 credit to the applicable entry balances amounts of
16 new budget authority and outlays equal to the net
17 amounts of reductions in budget authority and in
18 outlays resulting from amendments agreed to by
19 that House to that bill plus the amounts of ear-
20 marks dedicated to deficit reduction (whether offered
21 as an amendment to the bill or included in the chair-
22 man’s mark of the bill at the request of a Member
23 of that House) agreed to by that House to that bill.

24 “(4) When computing the net amounts of re-
25 ductions in new budget authority and in outlays and

1 the amounts of earmarks dedicated to deficit reduc-
2 tion resulting from amendments agreed to by the
3 House of Representatives or Senate to an appropria-
4 tion bill and the amounts of earmarks dedicated to
5 deficit reduction that were included in the chair-
6 man's mark of the bill, the chairman of the Com-
7 mittee on the Budget of that House shall only count
8 those portions of such amendments agreed to that
9 were so designated by the Members offering such
10 amendments as amounts to be credited to the deficit
11 reduction Balance plus the amounts of earmarks
12 dedicated to deficit reduction (whether offered as an
13 amendment to the bill or included in the chairman's
14 mark of the bill at the request of a Member of that
15 House), or that fall within paragraph (2).

16 “(5) The chairman of the Committee on the
17 Budget of the House of Representatives and of the
18 Senate shall each maintain a running tally of the
19 amendments adopted reflecting increases and de-
20 creases of budget authority in the bill as reported to
21 its House. This tally shall be available to Members
22 or Senators during consideration of any bill by that
23 House.

1 “(d) CALCULATION OF SAVINGS IN DEFICIT REDUC-
2 TION ACCOUNTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 AND SENATE.—

4 “(1) For the purposes of enforcing section 302(a),
5 upon the engrossment of any appropriation bill by the
6 House of Representatives or Senate, as applicable, the
7 amount of budget authority and outlays calculated pursu-
8 ant to subsection (c)(3) shall be counted against the
9 302(a) allocation provided to the Committee on Appro-
10 priations as if the amount calculated pursuant to sub-
11 section (c)(3) was included in the bill just engrossed.

12 “(2) For purposes of enforcing section 302(b), upon
13 the engrossment of any appropriation bill by the House
14 of Representatives or Senate, as applicable, the 302(b) al-
15 location provided to the subcommittee for the bill just en-
16 grossed shall be deemed to have been reduced by the
17 amount of budget authority and outlays calculated, pursu-
18 ant to subsection (c)(3).

19 “(e) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
20 ‘appropriation bill’ means any general or special appro-
21 priation bill, and any bill or joint resolution making sup-
22 plemental, deficiency, or continuing appropriations
23 through the end of fiscal year 2011 or any subsequent fis-
24 cal year, as the case may be.”.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MANDATORY DEFICIT REDUC-**
2 **TION ACCOUNT.**

3 Title III of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
4 (as amended by section 2) is further amended by adding
5 at the end the following new section:

6 “MANDATORY DEFICIT REDUCTION ACCOUNT

7 “SEC. 317. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT.—The
8 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House
9 of Representatives and of the Senate shall each maintain
10 an account to be known as the ‘deficit reduction Manda-
11 tory Account’. The Account shall be divided into entries
12 corresponding to the House of Representatives or Senate
13 committees, as applicable, that received allocations under
14 section 302(a) in the most recently adopted joint resolu-
15 tion on the budget, except that it shall not include the
16 Committee on Appropriations of that House and each
17 entry shall consist of the ‘First Year deficit reduction Ac-
18 count’ and the ‘Five Year deficit reduction Account’ or
19 the period covered by the resolution on the budget for that
20 fiscal year, as applicable.

21 “(b) COMPONENTS.—Each entry shall consist only of
22 amounts credited to it under subsection (c). No entry of
23 a negative amount shall be made.

24 “(c) CALCULATION OF ACCOUNT SAVINGS IN HOUSE
25 AND SENATE.—For the purposes of enforcing section
26 302(a), upon the engrossment of any bill, other than an

1 appropriation bill, by the House of Representatives or
2 Senate, as applicable, the amount of budget authority and
3 outlays calculated pursuant to subsection (d)(3) shall be
4 counted against the 302(a) allocation provided to the ap-
5 plicable committee or committees of that House which re-
6 ported the bill as if the amount calculated pursuant to
7 subsection (d)(3) was included in the bill just engrossed.

8 “(d) CREDITING OF AMOUNTS TO ACCOUNT.—

9 “(1) Whenever a Member or Senator, as the
10 case may be, offers an amendment to a bill that re-
11 duces the amount of mandatory budget authority
12 provided either under current law or proposed to be
13 provided by the bill under consideration, that Mem-
14 ber or Senator may state the portion of such reduc-
15 tion achieved in the first year covered by the most
16 recently adopted joint resolution on the budget and
17 in addition the portion of such reduction achieved in
18 the first five years covered by the most recently
19 adopted joint resolution on the budget that shall be
20 credited to the First Year deficit reduction Balance
21 and the Five Year deficit reduction Balance, as ap-
22 plicable, if the amendment is agreed to.

23 “(2) Except as provided by paragraph (3), the
24 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
25 House of Representatives or Senate, as applicable,

1 shall, upon the engrossment of any bill, other than
2 an appropriation bill, by the House of Representa-
3 tives or Senate, as applicable, credit to the applica-
4 ble entry balances amounts of new budget authority
5 and outlays equal to the net amounts of reductions
6 in budget authority and in outlays resulting from
7 amendments agreed to by that House to that bill.

8 “(3) When computing the net amounts of re-
9 ductions in budget authority and in outlays resulting
10 from amendments agreed to by the House of Rep-
11 resentatives or Senate, as applicable, to a bill, the
12 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of that
13 House shall only count those portions of such
14 amendments agreed to that were so designated by
15 the Members or Senators offering such amendments
16 as amounts to be credited to the First Year deficit
17 reduction Balance and the Five-Year deficit reduc-
18 tion Balance, or that fall within paragraph (2).

19 “(4) The chairman of the Committee on the
20 Budget of the House of Representatives and of the
21 Senate shall each maintain a running tally of the
22 amendments adopted reflecting increases and de-
23 creases of budget authority in the bill as reported to
24 its House. This tally shall be available to Members

1 or Senators during consideration of any bill by that
2 House.

3 “(e) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
4 ‘appropriation bill’ means any general or special appro-
5 priation bill, and any bill or joint resolution making sup-
6 plemental, deficiency, or continuing appropriations
7 through the end of fiscal year 2011 or any subsequent fis-
8 cal year, as the case may be.”.

9 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

10 The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the
11 Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
12 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating to
13 section 315 the following new items:

“Sec. 316. Discretionary deficit reduction account.

“Sec. 317. Mandatory deficit reduction account.”.

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