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To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to offset emergency spending, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUTZMAN (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. PERRY, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. SELF, and Mr. NORMAN) 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 require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to offset emergency spending, and for other purposes.

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 “Emergency Spending
5 Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEQUESTRATION TO OFFSET EMERGENCY SPEND-**
7 **ING.**

8 (a) SEQUESTRATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any direct
2 spending or discretionary spending that is appro-
3 priated or otherwise made available during a fiscal
4 year that is emergency spending, the Director of the
5 Office of Management and Budget shall, on October
6 1 of the subsequent fiscal year and each of the 4 fol-
7 lowing fiscal years, issue a sequestration order that
8 reduces total budgetary resources such that outlay
9 savings equal one-fifth of the total amount of such
10 emergency spending.

11 (2) NOTIFICATION.—The Director shall submit
12 written notice to Congress on the date of any se-
13 questration order under paragraph (1). Such notice
14 shall include a list of any account affected by such
15 order.

16 (3) DISCRETIONARY AND DIRECT SPENDING AP-
17 PLICATION.—If emergency spending made available
18 during a fiscal year is discretionary spending, any
19 sequestration under subsection (a) with respect to
20 such emergency spending may only be made with re-
21 spect to discretionary accounts. If emergency spend-
22 ing made available during a fiscal year is direct
23 spending, any sequestration required under sub-
24 section (a) with respect to such emergency spending
25 may only be made to direct spending accounts.

1 (b) APPLICATION.—With respect to any sequestra-
2 tion under subsection (a)—

3 (1) except as provided in subsection (c), and
4 notwithstanding any other provision of law, no ac-
5 count is exempted from reduction;

6 (2) such reduction shall be at a uniform rate
7 across all programs and activities that are subject to
8 sequestration; and

9 (3) the total amount of the sequestration shall
10 be reduced by the amount of any offsetting reduc-
11 tion in discretionary spending or direct spending (as
12 the case may be) in the measure enacted into law
13 that provided the applicable emergency spending.

14 (c) EXEMPT PROGRAMS.—The following programs
15 and accounts shall be exempt from sequestration under
16 this section:

17 (1) Benefits payable under the old-age, sur-
18 vivors, and disability insurance program established
19 under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
20 401 et seq.), and benefits payable under sections 3
21 and 4 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 (45
22 U.S.C. 231 et seq.).

23 (2) Any account within budget function 050
24 (National Defense).

1 (3) All programs administered by the Depart-
2 ment of Veterans Affairs.

3 (4) The Medicare program under title XVIII of
4 the Social Security Act.

5 (d) REQUIREMENT FOR MEASURES CONTAINING
6 EMERGENCY SPENDING.—

7 (1) REPORTED MEASURES.—With respect to
8 any bill or joint resolution favorably reported by any
9 standing committee of Congress that includes emer-
10 gency spending, the report accompanying such meas-
11 ure shall include a detailed justification of why each
12 instance of such spending is necessary.

13 (2) OTHER MEASURES.—Any measure consid-
14 ered by the House of Representatives not described
15 in paragraph (1) that includes emergency spending
16 shall include such a detailed explanation, to be pub-
17 lished in the Congressional Record prior to consider-
18 ation.

19 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—Any justification under
20 paragraph (1) or (2) shall include reasons why such
21 spending meets the definitions of the terms “emer-
22 gency” and “unanticipated” (as those terms are de-
23 fined in section 250(c) of the Balanced Budget and
24 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985).

25 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

1 (1) the terms “budget authority” and “outlays”
2 have the meaning given those terms in section 3 of
3 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control
4 Act of 1974;

5 (2) the terms “budgetary resources”, “discre-
6 tionary spending”, “direct spending”, and “seques-
7 tration” have the meaning given those terms in sec-
8 tion 250(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
9 Deficit Control Act of 1985; and

10 (3) the term “emergency spending” means any
11 budget authority—

12 (A) that is designated—

13 (i) under section 251(b)(2)(A), (D),
14 or (F) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
15 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985;

16 (ii) under section 4(g) of the Statu-
17 tory-Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010; or

18 (iii) under a concurrent resolution on
19 the budget as being for an emergency; and

20 (B) that is otherwise exempted from count-
21 ing against any Federal spending limitation, in-
22 cluding the discretionary spending limits in sec-
23 tion 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-

1 agency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or the
2 PAYGO scorecards.

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