

Calendar No. 266

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 3166**

To rescind unused COVID funding and reduce the deficit.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill;
which was read the first time

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

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 “Returning Unspent
5 COVID Funds Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF UNUSED COVID FUNDING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), effec-
8 tive on the date of enactment of this Act, the unobligated

1 balances of amounts made available under the following
2 are rescinded:

3 (1) The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
4 (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 4).

5 (2) Division M or N of the Consolidated Appro-
6 priations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260; 134 Stat.
7 1182).

8 (3) The Paycheck Protection Program and
9 Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116–
10 139; 134 Stat. 620).

11 (4) The CARES Act (Public Law 116–136; 134
12 Stat. 281).

13 (5) The Families First Coronavirus Response
14 Act (Public Law 116–127; 134 Stat. 178).

15 (6) The Coronavirus Preparedness and Re-
16 sponse Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020
17 (Public Law 116–123; 134 Stat. 146).

18 (b) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—Amounts de-
19 scribed in subsection (a) that were made available for an
20 account or program shall not be rescinded if, not later
21 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
22 President submits to the Committee on the Budget of the
23 House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance
24 of the Senate a notice waiving the rescission under sub-
25 section (a) with respect to the account or program.

1 (c) USE FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Amounts re-
2 scinded under subsection (a) shall remain in the general
3 fund of the Treasury for the sole purpose of deficit reduc-
4 tion.

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