

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to establish a point of order in the House of Representatives against the consideration of a general appropriation bill or a bill or joint resolution providing for continuing appropriations that causes the applicable allocation of outlays pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget for a fiscal year to be exceeded, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 [“_____ Act of 2024”].

4 (b) FINDINGS.—The House of Representatives finds
5 the following:

6 (1) When Congress passes a budget resolution
7 or deeming resolution, it empowers the Budget Com-
8 mittee to set a top line spending limit (both budget
9 authority and outlays) for the Appropriations Com-
10 mittee (known as the 302(a) allocation). The Appro-
11 priations Committee then subdivides and allocates
12 those amounts (both budget authority and outlays)
13 to its 12 subcommittees (known as 302(b) suballoca-
14 tions) which must add up to the respective total
15 302(a) allocations.

16 (2) If an appropriations measure or amendment
17 is brought to the floor and proposes to spend more
18 on budget authority than its suballocation, a point
19 of order can be raised against it. However, there is
20 no point of order in the House if an appropriations
21 bill or amendment exceeds the applicable 302(b)
22 suballocation of outlays.

23 (3) By establishing caps on both budget author-
24 ity and outlays in appropriations measures, this
25 measure aims to enhance the transparency and in-

1 integrity of the appropriations process and ensure sus-
2 tainable fiscal controls.

3 **SEC. 2. POINT OF ORDER WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN**
4 **MEASURES THAT CAUSE AN OUTLAY BREACH.**

5 Section 302(f)(1) of the Congressional Budget and
6 Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 633(f)(1))
7 is amended—

8 (1) by striking “After the Congress has com-
9 pleted” and inserting “(A) After the Congress has
10 completed”;

11 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
12 (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 paragraph:

15 “(B) After the Congress has completed action
16 on a concurrent resolution on the budget for a fiscal
17 year, it shall not be in order in the House of Rep-
18 resentatives to consider a general appropriation bill
19 or a bill or joint resolution providing for continuing
20 appropriations, or an amendment thereto, or con-
21 ference report thereon, that would cause the applica-
22 ble allocation of outlays made under subsection (a)
23 or (b) for the first fiscal year or the total of fiscal
24 years to be exceeded.”.

1 **SEC. 3. INCLUDING OUTLAYS FOR PURPOSES OF SEQUES-**
2 **TRATION.**

3 (a) DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—Section
4 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
5 Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(c)) is amended by
6 striking paragraph (10) and inserting the following:

7 “(10) for fiscal year 2025—

8 [“(A) for the revised security category,
9 \$895,212,000,000 in new budget authority and
10 [\$_____] in outlays; and]

11 [“(B) for the revised nonsecurity category;
12 \$710,688,000,000 in new budget authority and
13 [\$_____] in outlays;”.]

14 (b) ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 251(b)(2) of the Bal-
15 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
16 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “and out-
18 lays” after “such appropriations”;

19 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

20 (A) by inserting “and outlays” after “the
21 additional new budget authority”; and

22 (B) in clause (i)(XII), by inserting “and
23 \$_____ in outlays” after “authority”;

24 (3) in subparagraph (C)—

1 (A) by inserting “and outlays” after “the
2 amount of additional new budget authority”;
3 and

4 (B) in clause (i)(XII), by inserting “and
5 \$_____ in outlays” after “authority”;

6 (4) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “and out-
7 lays” after “such appropriations”;

8 (5) in subparagraph (E)—

9 (A) by inserting “and outlays” after “the
10 additional new budget authority”; and

11 (B) in clause (i)(VI), by inserting “and
12 \$_____ in outlays” after “authority”; and

13 (6) in subparagraph (F)—

14 (A) by inserting “and outlays” after “of
15 additional new budget authority”;

16 (B) in clause (i)(VI), by inserting “and
17 \$_____ in outlays” after the dollar amount;

18 (C) in clause (i)(VII), by inserting “and
19 \$_____ in outlays” after the dollar amount;

20 and

21 (D) in clause (i)(VIII), by inserting “and
22 \$_____ in outlays” after the dollar amount.