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[Report No. 108-442]

To amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits and pay-as-you-go through fiscal year 2009.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2004

Mr. NUSSLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 16, 2004]

A BILL

To amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits and pay-as-you-go through fiscal year 2009.

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.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Spending Control Act*
3 *of 2004”.*

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.**

5 *(a) DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—(1) Section*
6 *251(c)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*
7 *Control Act of 1985 is amended by inserting a dash after*
8 *“2005”, by redesignating the remaining portion of such*
9 *paragraph as subparagraph (B) and by moving it two ems*
10 *to the right, and by inserting after the dash the following*
11 *new subparagraph:*

12 *“(A) for the general purpose discretionary*
13 *category: \$ _____ in new budget authority*
14 *and \$ _____ in outlays; and”.*

15 *(2) Section 251(c)(3) of the Balanced Budget and*
16 *Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by in-*
17 *serting a dash after “2006”, by redesignating the remaining*
18 *portion of such paragraph as subparagraph (B) and by*
19 *moving it two ems to the right, and by inserting after the*
20 *dash the following new subparagraph:*

21 *“(A) for the general purpose discretionary*
22 *category: \$ _____ in new budget authority*
23 *and \$ _____ in outlays; and”.*

24 *(3) Section 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-*
25 *gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by redesignig-*
26 *nating paragraphs (4) through (9) as paragraphs (7)*

1 through (12) and inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraphs:

3 “(4) with respect to fiscal year 2007 for the gen-
4 eral purpose discretionary category: \$_____ in
5 new budget authority and \$_____ in outlays;

6 “(5) with respect to fiscal year 2008 for the gen-
7 eral purpose discretionary category: \$_____ in
8 new budget authority and \$_____ in outlays; and

9 “(6) with respect to fiscal year 2009 for the gen-
10 eral purpose discretionary category: \$_____ in
11 new budget authority and \$_____ in outlays;”.

12 (b) *ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section 251 of the
13 *Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of*
14 *1985 is amended by adding at the end the following new*
15 *subsection:*

16 “(d) *ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS.*—In any of fiscal
17 years 2005 through 2009, discretionary advance appropria-
18 tions provided in appropriation Acts in excess of
19 \$_____ shall be counted against the discretionary
20 spending limits for the fiscal year for which the appropria-
21 tion Act containing the advance appropriation is enacted.”.

22 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO REQUIREMENT.**

23 (a) *PURPOSE.*—Section 252(a) of the *Balanced Budget*
24 *and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended to*
25 *read as follows:*

1 “(a) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of this section is to as-*
2 *sure that any legislation that is enacted before October 1,*
3 *2009, that causes a net increase in direct spending will trig-*
4 *ger an offsetting sequestration.”.*

5 (b) *TIMING.*—*Section 252(b)(1) of the Balanced Budg-*
6 *et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended*
7 *by striking “any net deficit increase” and all that follows*
8 *through “2002,” and by inserting “any net increase in di-*
9 *rect spending enacted before October 1, 2009,”.*

10 (c) *CALCULATION OF DIRECT SPENDING INCREASE.*—
11 *Section 252(b)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency*
12 *Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended—*

13 (1) *by striking “deficit” the first place it ap-*
14 *pears and inserting “direct spending”;*

15 (2) *in subparagraph (A) by striking “and re-*
16 *ceipts”;*

17 (3) *in subparagraph (C) by striking “and re-*
18 *ceipts”;* and

19 (4) *by amending the heading to read as follows:*
20 *“CALCULATION OF DIRECT SPENDING INCREASE.—”.*

21 (d) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—(1) *The heading of*
22 *section 252(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-*
23 *icit Control Act of 1985 is amended to read as follows:*
24 *“ELIMINATING A DIRECT SPENDING INCREASE.—”.*

1 (2) Paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 252(d) of
2 the *Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act*
3 of 1985 are amended by striking “or receipts” each place
4 it appears.

5 (3) Section 252(e) of the *Balanced Budget and Emer-*
6 *gency Deficit Control Act* of 1985 is amended by striking
7 “or receipts” and by striking “, outlays, and receipts” and
8 inserting “and outlays”.

9 (4) Section 254(c)(3) of the *Balanced Budget and*
10 *Emergency Deficit Control Act* of 1985 is amended—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking “net deficit
12 increase or decrease” and by inserting “net increase
13 or decrease in direct spending”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking “amount of
15 deficit increase or decrease” and by inserting “in-
16 crease or decrease in direct spending”; and

17 (C) in subparagraph (C) by striking “a deficit
18 increase” and by inserting “an increase in direct
19 spending”.

20 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 250(c) of the *Balanced*
22 *Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act* of 1985 is
23 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
24 graphs:

1 “(20) *The term ‘advance appropriation’ means*
2 *appropriations that first become available one fiscal*
3 *year or more beyond the fiscal year for which an ap-*
4 *propriation Act making such funds available is en-*
5 *acted.*

6 “(21)(A) *Except as provided by subparagraph*
7 *(B), the term ‘emergency requirement’ means any*
8 *provision that provides new budget authority and re-*
9 *sulting outlays for a situation that poses a threat to*
10 *life, property, or national security and is—*

11 “(i) *sudden, quickly coming into being, and*
12 *not building up over time;*

13 “(ii) *an urgent, pressing, and compelling*
14 *need requiring immediate action;*

15 “(iii) *subject to subparagraph (B), unfore-*
16 *seen, unpredictable, and unanticipated; and*

17 “(iv) *not permanent, temporary in nature.*

18 “(B) *An emergency that is part of an aggregate*
19 *level of anticipated emergencies, particularly when*
20 *normally estimated in advance, is not unforeseen.”.*

21 (b) *CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS RELATED TO GLOBAL*
22 *WAR ON TERRORISM.—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced*
23 *Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is*
24 *amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-*
25 *graph:*

1 “(I) *CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS RELATED*
2 *TO GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.*—*If supple-*
3 *mental appropriations for discretionary accounts*
4 *are enacted for contingency operations related to*
5 *the global war on terrorism that, pursuant to*
6 *this subparagraph, the President designates as a*
7 *contingency operation related to the global war*
8 *on terrorism and the Congress so designates in*
9 *statute, the adjustment shall be the total of such*
10 *appropriations in discretionary accounts so des-*
11 *ignated and the outlays flowing in all fiscal*
12 *years from such appropriations.”.*

13 (c) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—*The second sentence*
14 *of section 250(c)(4)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-*
15 *gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended to read as*
16 *follows: “The general purpose discretionary category shall*
17 *consist of accounts designated in the joint explanatory*
18 *statement of managers accompanying the conference report*
19 *on the Spending Control Act of 2004.”.*

20 **SEC. 5. PROJECTIONS UNDER SECTION 257.**

21 *Section 257(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency*
22 *Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by inserting after*
23 *paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:*

24 “(7) *EMERGENCIES.*—*New budgetary resources*
25 *designated under section 251(b)(2)(A) or 251(b)(2)(I)*

1 **SEC. 9. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE BALANCED**
2 **BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL**
3 **ACT OF 1985.**

4 *Part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*
5 *Control Act of 1985 is amended as follows:*

6 (1) *In section 250(a), strike “SEC. 256. GEN-*
7 *ERAL AND SPECIAL SEQUESTRATION*
8 *RULES” and insert “Sec. 256. General and special*
9 *sequestration rules” in the item relating to section*
10 *256.*

11 (2) *In subparagraphs (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), and*
12 *(K) of section 250(c)(4), insert “subparagraph” after*
13 *“described in” each place it appears.*

14 (3) *In section 250(c)(18), insert “of” after “ex-*
15 *penses”.*

16 (4) *In section 251(b)(1)(A), strike “committees”*
17 *the first place it appears and insert “Committees”.*

18 (5) *In section 251(b)(1)(C)(i), strike “fiscal*
19 *years” and insert “fiscal year”.*

20 (6) *In section 251(b)(1)(D)(ii), strike “fiscal*
21 *years” and insert “fiscal year”.*

22 (7) *In section 252(b)(2)(B), insert “the” before*
23 *“budget year”.*

24 (8) *In section 252(c)(1)(C)(i), strike “paragraph*
25 *(1)” and insert “subsection (b)”.*

1 (9) *In section 254(c)(3)(A), strike “subsection”*
2 *and insert “section”.*

3 (10) *In section 254(f)(4), strike “subsection” and*
4 *insert “section” and strike “sequesterable” and insert*
5 *“sequestrable”.*

6 (11) *In section 255(g)(1)(B), move the fourteenth*
7 *undesignated clause 2 ems to the right.*

8 (12) *In section 255(g)(2), insert “and” after the*
9 *semicolon at the end of the next-to-last undesignated*
10 *clause.*

11 (13) *In section 255(h)—*

12 (A) *strike “and” after the semicolon in the*
13 *ninth undesignated clause;*

14 (B) *insert “and” after the semicolon at the*
15 *end of the tenth undesignated clause; and*

16 (C) *strike the semicolon at the end and in-*
17 *sert a period.*

18 (14) *In section 256(k)(1), strike “paragraph (5)”*
19 *and insert “paragraph (6)”.*

20 (15) *In section 257(b)(2)(A)(i), strike*
21 *“differenes” and insert “differences”.*

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