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S. 238

To create a legislative line item veto by requiring separate enrollment of items in appropriations bills.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 18 (legislative day, JANUARY 10), 1995

Mr. HOLLINGS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

To create a legislative line item veto by requiring separate enrollment of items in appropriations bills.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That (a) the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amend-
4 ed by adding at the end thereof the following new title:

5 “TITLE XI—SEPARATE ENROLLMENT

6 AUTHORITY LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM VETO

7 “SEC. 1101. (a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law, when any general or special appropriation bill
9 or any bill or joint resolution making supplemental, defi-
10 ciency, or continuing appropriations passes both Houses

1 of the Congress in the same form, the Secretary of the
2 Senate (in the case of a bill or joint resolution originating
3 in the Senate) or the Clerk of the House of Representa-
4 tives (in the case of a bill or joint resolution originating
5 in the House of Representatives) shall cause the enrolling
6 clerk of such House to enroll each item of such bill or
7 joint resolution as a separate bill or joint resolution, as
8 the case may be.

9 “(2) A bill or joint resolution that is required to be
10 enrolled pursuant to paragraph (1)—

11 “(A) shall be enrolled without substantive revi-
12 sion;

13 “(B) shall conform in style and form to the ap-
14 plicable provisions of chapter 2 of title 1, United
15 States Code (as such provisions are in effect on the
16 date of the enactment of this title); and

17 “(C) shall bear the designation of the measure
18 of which it was an item prior to such enrollment, to-
19 gether with such other designation as may be nec-
20 essary to distinguish such bill or joint resolution
21 from other bills or joint resolutions enrolled pursu-
22 ant to paragraph (1) with respect to the same meas-
23 ure.

24 “(b) A bill or joint resolution enrolled pursuant to
25 subsection (a)(1) with respect to an item shall be deemed

1 to be a bill under clauses 2 and 3 of section 7 of article
2 I of the Constitution of the United States and shall be
3 signed by the presiding officers of both Houses of the Con-
4 gress and presented to the President for approval or dis-
5 approval (and otherwise treated for all purposes) in the
6 manner provided for bills and joint resolutions generally.

7 “(c) For purposes of this concurrent resolution, the
8 term ‘item’ means any numbered section and any unnum-
9 bered paragraph of—

10 “(1) any general or special appropriation bill;
11 and

12 “(2) any bill or joint resolution making supple-
13 mental, deficiency, or continuing appropriations.”.

14 (b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall
15 apply to bills and joint resolutions agreed to by the Con-
16 gress during the two-calendar-year period beginning with
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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