

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3091

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require a two-thirds vote on the passage of legislation that repeals, increases, or waives the discretionary spending limit or repeals or waives the pay-as-you-go provisions of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 if the current year budget was not in surplus or the budget for the fiscal year immediately preceding such year was not in surplus.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 1998

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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

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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 That section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
4 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(g) DISCRETIONARY CAP OR PAY-AS-YOU-GO MODI-
7 FICATION MAY REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS VOTE.—

8 “(1) If—

9 “(A) the budget for the current year was
10 not in surplus (or, if actual figures are unavail-
11 able, then if the Director of the Congressional
12 Budget Office did not project a surplus for that
13 year); or

14 “(B) the budget for the fiscal year imme-
15 diately preceding the current year was not in
16 surplus;

17 then any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or conference
18 report that repeals, increases, or waives any discretionary
19 spending limit set forth in section 251 of the Balanced
20 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or re-
21 peals or waives section 252 (pay-as-you-go sequestration)
22 of that Act shall not be considered as passed or agreed
23 to unless so determined by a vote of not less than two-
24 thirds of the Members voting.

1 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in paragraph (1),
2 the term ‘current year’ has the meanings given to
3 such term in section 250(c) of the Balanced Budget
4 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.”.

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