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from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:
In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one revised deferral of budget authority, now totaling $173 million.

The deferral affects programs of the Department of State.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, August 2, 1999.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:
S. 944. A bill to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma (Rept. No. 106-132).

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. AKAKA):
S. 1472. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to modify employee contributions to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System to the percentages in effect before the statutory temporary increase in calendar year 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS ACT OF 1999

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am again pleased to join with my colleagues, Senators MIKULSKI, WARNER, ROBB and AKAKA, in introducing the Federal Employee Retirement Contributions Act of 1999. This bill makes a technical correction to legislation introduced last week that would return Federal employee retirement contribution rates to their 1998 levels, effective January 1st, 2000. It is my belief that the temporarily increased retirement contributions enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 represent an unfair penalty against Federal workers at a time when budget surpluses are predicted into the next ten years.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1472
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Federal Employee Retirement Contributions Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. DEDUCTIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND DEPOSITS.
(a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—
The table under section 8334(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in the matter relating to an employee by striking:
7 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"7 After December 31, 1999.
8 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"7.5 After December 31, 1999.
(2) in the matter relating to a Member or employee for Congressional employee service by striking:
7.5 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"7.5 After December 31, 1999.
(3) in the matter relating to a Member for Member service by striking:
8 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"8 After December 31, 1999.
(4) in the matter relating to a law enforcement officer for law enforcement service and firefighter for firefighter service by striking:
7.5 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"7.5 After December 31, 1999.
(5) in the matter relating to a bankruptcy judge by striking:
8 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"8 After December 31, 1999.
(6) in the matter relating to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for service as a judge of that court by striking:
8 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"8 After December 31, 1999.
(7) in the matter relating to a United States magistrate by striking:
8 After December 31, 2002.
" and inserting the following:
"8 After December 31, 1999.