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# H. R. 1162

To establish a Deficit Reduction Trust Fund and provide for the downward adjustment of discretionary spending limits in appropriation bills.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. KASICH, Ms. MOLINARI, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. KLUG, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WELLER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MINGE, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. ORTON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CASTLE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BUYER, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. NEUMANN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Rules, 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

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## 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. DEFICIT REDUCTION TRUST FUND.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—A trust fund known as the  
3 “Deficit Reduction Trust Fund” (hereinafter in this title  
4 referred to as the “Fund”) shall be established in the  
5 Treasury of the United States.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—The Fund shall consist only of  
7 amounts contained in the deficit reduction lock box provi-  
8 sion of any appropriation Act. Such amounts shall be  
9 transferred to the Fund as specified in subsection (c).

10 (c) TRANSFERS OF MONEYS TO THE FUND.—Within  
11 10 days of enactment of any appropriation Act which has  
12 a deficit reduction lock box provision, there shall be trans-  
13 ferred from the general fund to the Fund an amount equal  
14 to that amount.

15 (d) USE OF MONEYS IN THE FUND.—Notwithstand-  
16 ing any other provision of law, the amounts in the Fund  
17 shall not be available, in any fiscal year, for appropriation,  
18 obligation, expenditure, or transfer.

19 **SEC. 2. DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS OF DISCRETIONARY**  
20 **SPENDING LIMITS.**

21 (a) DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS.—The discretionary  
22 spending limit for new budget authority for any fiscal year  
23 set forth in section 601(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget  
24 Act of 1974, as adjusted in strict conformance with sec-  
25 tion 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
26 Control Act of 1985, shall be reduced by the amount of

1 budget authority transferred to the Fund for that fiscal  
2 year under section 2(c), as calculated by the Director of  
3 the Office of Management and Budget. The adjusted dis-  
4 cretionary spending limit for outlays for that fiscal year  
5 and each outyear as set forth in such section 601(a)(2)  
6 shall be reduced as a result of the reduction of such budget  
7 authority, as calculated by the Director of the Office of  
8 Management and Budget based upon such programmatic  
9 and other assumptions set forth in the joint explanatory  
10 statement of managers accompanying the conference re-  
11 port on that bill. All such reductions shall occur on the  
12 same day that the amounts triggering the reductions are  
13 transferred to the Fund.

14 (b) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
15 “appropriation bill” means any general or special appro-  
16 priation bill, and any bill or joint resolution making sup-  
17 plemental, deficiency, or continuing appropriations.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFICIT REDUCTION LOCK-BOX PROVISIONS OF AP-**  
19 **PROPRIATION MEASURES.**

20 (a) DEFICIT REDUCTION LOCK-BOX PROVISIONS.—  
21 Title III of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is  
22 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

23 “DEFICIT REDUCTION LOCK-BOX PROVISIONS OF  
24 APPROPRIATION BILLS

25 “SEC. 314. (a) Any appropriation bill that is being  
26 marked up by the Committee on Appropriations (or a sub-

1 committee thereof) of either House shall contain a line  
2 item entitled ‘Deficit Reduction Lock-box’. The dollar  
3 amount set forth under that heading shall be an amount  
4 equal to the section 602(b)(1) or section 302(b)(1) alloca-  
5 tions, as the case may be, to the subcommittee of jurisdic-  
6 tion over the bill of the Committee on Appropriations  
7 minus the aggregate level of budget authority or outlays  
8 contained in the bill being considered.

9 “(b) Whenever the Committee on Appropriations of  
10 either House reports an appropriation bill, that bill shall  
11 contain a line item entitled ‘Deficit Reduction Account’  
12 comprised of the following:

13 “(1) Only in the case of any general appropria-  
14 tion bill containing the appropriations for Treasury  
15 and Postal Service (or resolution making continuing  
16 appropriations (if applicable)), an amount equal to  
17 the amounts by which the discretionary spending  
18 limit for new budget authority and outlays set forth  
19 in the most recent OMB sequestration preview re-  
20 port pursuant to section 601(a)(2) exceed the sec-  
21 tion 602(a) allocation for the fiscal year covered by  
22 that bill.

23 “(2) Only in the case of any general appropria-  
24 tion bill (or resolution making continuing appropria-  
25 tions (if applicable)), an amount not to exceed the

1 amount by which the appropriate section 602 (b) al-  
2 location of new budget authority exceeds the amount  
3 of new budget authority provided by that bill (as re-  
4 ported by that committee).

5 “(3) Only in the case of any bill making supple-  
6 mental appropriations following enactment of all  
7 general appropriation bills for the same fiscal year,  
8 an amount not to exceed the amount by which the  
9 section 602(a) allocation of new budget authority ex-  
10 ceeds the sum of all new budget authority provided  
11 by appropriation bills enacted for that fiscal year  
12 plus that supplemental appropriation bill (as re-  
13 ported by that committee).

14 “(c) Whenever a Member of either House of Congress  
15 offers an amendment (whether in subcommittee, commit-  
16 tee, or on the floor) to an appropriation bill to reduce  
17 spending, that reduction shall be placed in the deficit re-  
18 duction lock-box unless that Member indicates that it is  
19 to be utilized for another program, project, or activity cov-  
20 ered by that bill. If the amendment is agreed to and the  
21 reduction was placed in the deficit reduction lock-box, then  
22 the line item entitled ‘Deficit Reduction Lock-box’ shall  
23 be increased by the amount of that reduction.

24 “(d) It shall not be in order in the House of Rep-  
25 resentatives or the Senate to consider a conference report

1 that modifies any Deficit Reduction Lock-box provision  
2 that is beyond the scope of that provision as so committed  
3 to the conference committee.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
5 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget  
6 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-  
7 serting after the item relating to section 313 the following  
8 new item:

“Sec. 314. Deficit reduction lock-box provisions of appropriation measures.”.

9 **SEC. 4. CBO TRACKING.**

10 Section 202 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
11 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13 “(i) SCOREKEEPING ASSISTANCE.—To facilitate  
14 compliance by the Committees on Appropriations with sec-  
15 tion 314, the Office shall score all general appropriation  
16 measures as passed the House of Representatives and as  
17 passed the Senate and have such scorecard published in  
18 the Congressional Record.”.

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