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H. R. 5580

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT UNDER THE CONGRESSIONAL**
2 **BUDGET ACT OF 1974 OF CERTAIN AMEND-**
3 **MENTS TO APPROPRIATION BILLS TO PAY**
4 **DOWN THE PUBLIC DEBT.**

5 (a) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATION
6 AMENDMENTS.—Title III of the Congressional Budget
7 Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new section:

9 “TREATMENT OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO
10 APPROPRIATION BILLS TO PAY DOWN THE PUBLIC DEBT
11 “SEC. 316. In the House of Representatives, amend-
12 ments to appropriation bills under clause 2(f)(2) of rule
13 XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives pro-
14 posing appropriations to the account established under
15 section 3113 of title 31, United States Code, to pay down
16 the public debt shall be treated as budget authority and
17 outlays for all purposes under this title.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
19 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
20 Act of 1974 is amended by adding after the item relating
21 to section 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Treatment of offsetting amendments to appropriation bills to pay
down the public debt.”.

1 **SEC. 2. OFFSETTING AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATION**
2 **BILLS TO REDUCE THE PUBLIC DEBT.**

3 Clause 2(f) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House
4 of Representatives is amended by inserting “(1)” after
5 “(f)” and by adding at the end the following new para-
6 graph:

7 “(2) During the reading of an appropriation bill for
8 amendment in the Committee of the Whole House on the
9 state of the Union, it shall be in order to consider en bloc
10 amendments proposing only to reduce appropriations
11 among objects in the bill and make an appropriation to
12 the account established under section 3113 of title 31,
13 United States Code, to pay down the public debt without
14 increasing the levels of budget authority or outlays in the
15 bill.”.

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