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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2005

Mr. WEXLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and 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 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Forever
5 Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. TAX IMPOSED ON WAGES IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBU-**
2 **TION AND BENEFIT BASE.**

3 (a) TAX ON EMPLOYEES.—Section 3101 of the Inter-
4 nal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to rate of tax) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(d) WAGES RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBU-
8 TION AND BENEFIT BASE.—In addition to the taxes im-
9 posed by subsections (a) and (b) and notwithstanding sub-
10 section (c), there is hereby imposed on the income of every
11 individual a tax equal to 3 percent of the excess (if any)
12 of—

13 “(1) the wages (as defined in section 3121(a))
14 received by him with respect to employment (as de-
15 fined in section 3121(b)) during the calendar year,
16 over

17 “(2) so much of such wages as does not exceed
18 the contribution and benefit base, as determined
19 under section 230 of the Social Security Act for
20 such calendar year.”.

21 (b) TAX ON EMPLOYERS.—Section 3111 of such
22 Code (relating to rate of tax) is amended by adding at
23 the end the following new subsection:

24 “(d) WAGES PAID IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTION
25 AND BENEFIT BASE.—In addition to the taxes imposed
26 by subsections (a) and (b) and notwithstanding subsection

1 (c), there is hereby imposed on every employer an excise
2 tax, with respect to having individuals in his employ, equal
3 to 3 percent of the excess (if any) of—

4 “(1) the wages (as defined in section 3121(a))
5 paid by him with respect to employment (as defined
6 in section 3121(b)) during the calendar year, over

7 “(2) so much of such wages as does not exceed
8 the contribution and benefit base, as determined
9 under section 230 of the Social Security Act for
10 such calendar year.”.

11 (c) RAILROAD RETIREMENT.—

12 (1) TAX ON EMPLOYEES.—Section 3201 of
13 such Code (relating to rate of tax) is amended by re-
14 designating subsection (c) as subsection (d) and by
15 inserting after subsection (b) the following new sub-
16 section:

17 “(c) WAGES RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBU-
18 TION AND BENEFIT BASE.—In addition to other taxes,
19 there is hereby imposed on the income of each employee
20 a tax equal to 3 percent of the excess (if any) of—

21 “(1) the compensation (determined without re-
22 gard to section 3231(e)(2)) received during any cal-
23 endar year by such employee for services rendered
24 by such employee, over

1 “(2) so much of such compensation as does not
2 exceed the contribution and benefit base, as deter-
3 mined under section 230 of the Social Security Act
4 for such calendar year.”.

5 (2) TAX ON EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES.—
6 Section 3211 of such Code (relating to rate of tax)
7 is amended by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
8 section (d) and by inserting after subsection (b) the
9 following new subsection:

10 “(c) WAGES RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBU-
11 TION AND BENEFIT BASE.—In addition to other taxes,
12 there is hereby imposed on the income of each employee
13 representative a tax equal to 3 percent of the excess (if
14 any) of—

15 “(1) the compensation (determined without re-
16 gard to section 3231(e)(2)) received during any cal-
17 endar year by such employee representative for serv-
18 ices rendered by such employee representative, over

19 “(2) so much of such compensation as does not
20 exceed the contribution and benefit base, as deter-
21 mined under section 230 of the Social Security Act
22 for such calendar year.”.

23 (3) TAX ON EMPLOYERS.—Section 3221 of such
24 Code (relating to rate of tax) is amended by redesi-
25 gnating subsection (c) as subsection (d) and by in-

1 serting after subsection (b) the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(c) WAGES PAID IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTION AND
4 BENEFIT BASE.—In addition to other taxes, there is here-
5 by imposed on every employer an excise tax, with respect
6 to having individuals in his employ, equal to 3 percent of
7 the excess (if any) of—

8 “(1) the compensation (determined without re-
9 gard to section 3231(e)(2)) paid during any calendar
10 year by such employer for services rendered to such
11 employer, over

12 “(2) so much of such compensation as does not
13 exceed the contribution and benefit base, as deter-
14 mined under section 230 of the Social Security Act
15 for such calendar year.”.

16 (d) TAX ON SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—Section
17 1401 of such Code (relating to rate of tax) is amended
18 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

19 “(d) WAGES RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBU-
20 TION AND BENEFIT BASE.—In addition to the taxes im-
21 posed by subsections (a) and (b) and notwithstanding sub-
22 section (c), there shall be imposed for each taxable year,
23 on the self-employment income of every individual, a tax
24 equal to 6 percent of the excess (if any) of—

1 “(1) the self-employment income for such tax-
2 able year, over

3 “(2) so much of such self-employment income
4 as does not exceed the contribution and benefit base,
5 as determined under section 230 of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act, which is effective for the calendar year in
7 which such taxable year begins.”.

8 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) Section 24(d)(2)(A) of such Code is amend-
10 ed—

11 (A) in clause (i) by inserting “(other than
12 subsection (d) thereof)” after “3101”, and

13 (B) in clause (ii) by inserting “(other than
14 subsection (d) thereof)” after “1401”.

15 (2) Section 45B(b)(1) of such Code is amended
16 by inserting “(other than subsection (d) thereof)”
17 after “section 3111”.

18 (3) Section 406(b)(2)(B) of such Code is
19 amended by inserting “(other than subsection (d)
20 thereof)” after “3101”.

21 (4) Section 3121(l)(1)(A) of such Code is
22 amended by striking “sections 3101 and 3111” and
23 inserting “sections 3101 (other than subsection (d)
24 thereof) and 3111 (other than subsection (d) there-
25 of)”.

1 (5) Section 6051(a)(6) of such Code is amended
2 by inserting “(stated separately with respect to the
3 taxes imposed by subsections (a), (b), and (d) there-
4 of)”.

5 (6) Section 6053(b) of such Code is amended—

6 (A) by striking “section 3101 or section
7 3201” and inserting “section 3101 (without re-
8 gard to subsection (d) thereof) or section 3201
9 (without regard to subsection (d) thereof)”, and

10 (B) by inserting “with respect to sections
11 3101(a) and (b) and 3201(a) and (b)” after
12 “as the case may be” the second place it ap-
13 pears.

14 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
17 shall apply with respect to remuneration paid after
18 December 31, 2005.

19 (2) SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—The amend-
20 ment made by subsection (d) shall apply to taxable
21 years beginning after December 31, 2005.

1 **SEC. 3. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST DIRECT SPENDING OR**
2 **REVENUE LEGISLATION THAT IS NOT FULLY**
3 **OFFSET.**

4 (a) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 401 of the Congres-
5 sional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 “(d) PAY-AS-YOU-GO RULE.—

8 “(1) POINT OF ORDER.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision law, it shall not be in order in
11 the Senate or the House of Representatives to
12 consider any direct spending or revenue legisla-
13 tion that would decrease a unified-budget sur-
14 plus or cause or increase a unified-budget def-
15 icit, for any applicable time period.

16 “(B) APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD.—For
17 purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘appli-
18 cable time period’ means any of the following
19 three periods:

20 “(i) The current year and the budget
21 year.

22 “(ii) The current year and the five
23 subsequent fiscal years.

24 “(iii) The five fiscal years following
25 the period described in clause (ii).

1 “(C) EXCLUSION.—For purposes of this
2 paragraph, the terms ‘direct-spending legisla-
3 tion’ and ‘revenue legislation’ do not include
4 any provision of legislation that affects the full
5 funding of, and continuation of, the deposit in-
6 surance guarantee commitment in effect on the
7 date of the enactment of the Social Security
8 Forever Act of 2005.

9 “(D) CALCULATIONS.—Calculations pre-
10 pared pursuant to this paragraph shall employ
11 the baseline used for the most recently adopted
12 concurrent resolution on the budget.

13 “(E) USE OF ENACTED SAVINGS.—If di-
14 rect spending or revenue legislation decreases a
15 unified-budget surplus or causes or increases a
16 unified-budget deficit when taken individually,
17 then it must also do so when taken together
18 with all direct spending and revenue legislation
19 enacted since the beginning of the calendar year
20 not accounted for in the baseline under sub-
21 paragraph (D).

22 “(2) WAR.—The current-year and budget-year
23 costs of legislation shall not be counted for purposes
24 of paragraph (1) whenever a declaration of war is in
25 effect.

1 tures of the President of the United States and the Sec-
2 retary of the Treasury.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 for chapter 31, United States Code, is amended by adding
5 after the item relating to section 3130 the following new
6 item:

“3131. Signatures on obligations issued or guaranteed under this chapter.”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply to obligations issued after 3
9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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