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To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide for a sequestration of \$25 billion for fiscal year 1993 and approximately \$50 billion for each of fiscal years 1994 and 1995.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 1993

Mr. HORN (for himself, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. TORKILDSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide for a sequestration of \$25 billion for fiscal year 1993 and approximately \$50 billion for each of fiscal years 1994 and 1995.

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 “Deficit Reduction Act
5 of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACROSS-THE-BOARD SEQUESTRATION OF FEDERAL**
2 **SPENDING.**

3 (a) ACROSS-THE-BOARD SEQUESTRATION OF FED-
4 ERAL SPENDING.—Part C of the Balanced Budget and
5 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by
6 adding after section 253 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 253A. ACROSS-THE-BOARD SEQUESTRATION OF FED-**
8 **ERAL SPENDING.**

9 “(a) SEQUESTRATION.—

10 “(1) FISCAL YEAR 1993.—The aggregate
11 amount of required outlay reductions for fiscal year
12 1993 shall be \$25,000,000,000.

13 “(2) FISCAL YEARS 1994 AND 1995.—The aggre-
14 gate amount of required outlay reductions for fiscal
15 year 1994 shall be the amount necessary to bring
16 the aggregate outlay level to 95 percent of the OMB
17 baseline for that fiscal year. The aggregate amount
18 of required outlay reductions for fiscal year 1995
19 shall be the amount necessary to bring the aggregate
20 outlay level to 90 percent of the OMB baseline for
21 that fiscal year. The OMB baseline for fiscal year
22 1994 and 1995 shall be based upon fiscal year 1993
23 enacted appropriations less any 1993 sequestrations.

24 “(3) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
25 255 and 256, within 15 days after Congress ad-
26 journals to end a session (or, in the case of fiscal year

1 1993, on April 1, 1993), and on the same day as se-
2 questration (if any) under sections 251, 252, and
3 253, but (except in the case of fiscal year 1993)
4 after any sequestration required by those sections,
5 there shall be a sequestration to carry out paragraph
6 (1) in the case of fiscal year 1993 and to carry out
7 paragraph (2) in the case of fiscal years 1994 and
8 1995.

9 “(b) APPLICABILITY.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
11 paragraphs (2) and (3), each nonexempt account of
12 the United States shall be reduced by a dollar
13 amount calculated by multiplying the level of budg-
14 etary resources in that account at that time by the
15 uniform percentage necessary to carry out sub-
16 section (a). All obligational authority reduced under
17 this section shall be done in a manner that makes
18 such reductions permanent.

19 “(2) EXEMPT ACCOUNTS.—No order issued
20 under this part may—

21 “(A) reduce benefits payable under the old-
22 age, survivors, and disability insurance program
23 established under title II of the Social Security
24 Act;

1 “(B) reduce payments for net interest (all
2 of major functional category 900);

3 “(C) reduce payments for health insurance
4 programs under title XVIII of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act; or

6 “(D) reduce payments under Head Start
7 programs.

8 “(3) FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN
9 ACCOUNTS.—The President may, with respect to any
10 account, exempt that account from sequestration or
11 provide for a lower uniform percentage reduction
12 than would otherwise apply. But to the extent the
13 President exercises authority under the preceding
14 sentence, the applicable uniform percentage reduc-
15 tion necessary to carry out subsection (a) shall be
16 increased for all other non-exempt accounts. In no
17 case shall the uniform percentage reduction for a fis-
18 cal year exceed by more than 10 percentage points
19 the lower uniform percentage reduction for that fis-
20 cal year provided by the President for any account.”.

21 (b) REPORTS.—Section 254 of the Balanced Budget
22 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by inserting “across-
24 the-board sequestration,” after “pay-as-you-go,”;

1 (2) in subsection (d), by redesignating para-
2 graph (5) as paragraph (6) and by inserting after
3 paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

4 “(5) ACROSS-THE-BOARD SEQUESTRATION RE-
5 PORTS.—The preview reports shall set forth for the
6 budget year estimates for each of the following:

7 “(A) The amount of reductions required
8 under section 253A.

9 “(B) The sequestration percentage nec-
10 essary to achieve the required reduction in ac-
11 counts under section 253A(b).”; and

12 (3) in subsection (g), by redesignating para-
13 graphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6), re-
14 spectively, and by inserting after paragraph (3) the
15 following new paragraph:

16 “(4) ACROSS-THE-BOARD SEQUESTRATION RE-
17 PORTS.—The final reports shall contain all of the in-
18 formation contained in the across-the-board seques-
19 tration preview report.”.

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