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To require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2012

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. McCONNELL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COATS, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “Sequestration Trans-
5 parency Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. SEQUESTER PREVIEW.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—On July 9, 2012, the President
3 shall submit to Congress a detailed report on the seques-
4 tration required to be ordered by paragraphs (7)(A) and
5 (8) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
6 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a) for
7 fiscal year 2013 on January 2, 2013.

8 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report required by
9 subsection (a) shall include—

10 (1) for discretionary appropriations—

11 (A) an estimate for each category of the
12 sequestration percentages and amounts nec-
13 essary to achieve the required reduction; and

14 (B)(i) for accounts that are funded pursu-
15 ant to an enacted regular appropriation bill for
16 fiscal year 2013, an identification of each ac-
17 count to be sequestered and estimates of the
18 level of sequestrable budgetary resources and
19 resulting outlay reductions at the program,
20 project and activity level based upon the en-
21 acted level of appropriations; and

22 (ii) for accounts that have not been funded
23 pursuant to an enacted regular appropriation
24 bill for fiscal year 2013, an identification of
25 each account to be sequestered and estimates of
26 the level of sequestrable budgetary resources

1 and resulting outlay reductions at the program,
2 project and activity level based upon the level of
3 appropriations that would be available under a
4 current rate continuing resolution;

5 (2) for direct spending—

6 (A) an estimate for the defense and non-
7 defense functions based on current law of the
8 sequestration percentages and amount nec-
9 essary to achieve the required reduction;

10 (B) an identification of the reductions re-
11 quired for each nonexempt direct spending ac-
12 count at the program, project, and activity
13 level; and

14 (C) an identification of exempt direct
15 spending accounts at the program, project, and
16 activity level; and

17 (3) any other data and explanations that en-
18 hance public understanding of the sequester and ac-
19 tions to be taken under it.

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