

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 444

To require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2013

Mr. PRICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Ms. JENKINS, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To require that, if the President's fiscal year 2014 budget does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such budget, the President shall submit a supplemental unified budget by April 1, 2013, which identifies a fiscal year in which balance is achieved, and for other purposes.

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 "Require Presidential
5 Leadership and No Deficit Act" or the "Require a PLAN
6 Act".

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS.**

2 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to require
3 the President to submit to Congress a supplemental uni-
4 fied budget if the President’s budget for fiscal year 2014
5 does not achieve balance in a fiscal year covered by such
6 budget.

7 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) With this year’s expected failure to meet the
9 statutory deadline for submission of his budget, as
10 stated by the Office of Management and Budget, the
11 President will have only met the statutory deadline
12 in one of his five budget submissions.

13 (2) Despite a promise to cut the deficit in half,
14 the deficit doubled during the President’s first year
15 in office and has exceeded \$1 trillion for four years
16 now.

17 (3) Since taking office, the President has al-
18 lowed the Federal debt to grow by nearly \$6 trillion
19 and total debt now exceeds the size of the entire
20 economy of the United States.

21 (4) Under the President’s most recent budget
22 submission, the budget never achieves balance.

23 (5) The President’s fiscal year 2013 budget
24 submission includes the admission that under his
25 own policies the Federal Government’s “fiscal posi-
26 tion gradually deteriorates”.

1 **SEC. 3. SUBMISSION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL UNIFIED BUDG-**
2 **ET.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the President’s budget for fis-
4 cal year 2014, submitted to Congress pursuant to section
5 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, results in a pro-
6 jected deficit in every fiscal year for which estimates are
7 provided in such budget, then the President shall submit
8 a supplemental unified budget pursuant to subsection (b).

9 (b) CONTENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL UNIFIED BUDG-
10 ET.—Not later than April 1, 2013, the President shall
11 submit to Congress a supplemental unified budget that in-
12 cludes—

13 (1) the information required under section
14 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code;

15 (2) an estimate of the earliest fiscal year in
16 which the supplemental budget is not projected to
17 result in a deficit;

18 (3) a detailed description of additional policies
19 to be implemented in order to achieve such result;
20 and

21 (4) an explanation of the differences between
22 the President’s budget for fiscal year 2014 and the
23 supplemental unified budget referred to in this sub-
24 section.

25 (c) DEFINITION.—The term “unified budget” means
26 the total level of outlays, total level of receipts, and the

1 resulting deficit or surplus of the United States Govern-
2 ment for a fiscal year.

○