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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

November 7, 2013

Mr. Bennet (for himself, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Shelby, and Mr. Nelson) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Return Our State Shares Act”.

SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS FROM SEQUESTRATION.

(a) In general.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended—
(1) by inserting before “Federal Deposit Insur-
ance Corporation, Deposit Insurance Fund (51–
4596–0–4–373).” the following:

“Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (14–
5029–0–2–303).”;

(2) by inserting after “Financial Agent Services
(20–1802–0–1–803).” the following:

“Financial assistance to States pursuant
to section 105(a)(2)(B) of the Gulf of Mexico
note) from the Land Acquisition and State As-
sistance account (14–5035–0–2–303).”;

(3) by inserting before “Hazardous Waste Man-
agement, Conservation Reserve Program (12–4336–
0–3–999).” the following:

“Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (20–
8625–0–7–452).”;

(4) by inserting before “Payments to Copyright
Owners (03–5175–0–2–376).” the following:

“Payments of States’ shares from certain
Gulf of Mexico leases (14–5535–0–2–302).”;

(5) by inserting before “Payments to the
United States Territories, Fiscal Assistance (14–
0418–0–1–806).” the following:
“Payments to States under the Mineral Leasing Act and Associated Payments (14–5003–0–2–999).”; and

(6) by inserting before “Tennessee Valley Authority Fund, except nonpower programs and activities (64–4110–0–3–999).” the following:

“Sport Fish Restoration (14–8151–0–7–303).”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to any sequestration order issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) on or after the date of enactment of this Act.