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To establish a commission on fiscal responsibility and reform.

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Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. CASE, Mr. MILLS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GRAY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. BARR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

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## A BILL

To establish a commission on fiscal responsibility and reform.

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 “Fiscal Commission  
5   Act”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

1           (1) CO-CHAIR.—The term “co-chair” means an  
2           individual appointed to serve as a co-chair of the  
3           Fiscal Commission under section 3(a)(3)(B)(i).

4           (2) FISCAL COMMISSION.—The term “Fiscal  
5           Commission” means the commission established  
6           under section 3(a).

7           (3) IMPLEMENTING BILL.—The term “imple-  
8           menting bill” means a bill or joint resolution con-  
9           sisting solely of the legislative text the Fiscal Com-  
10          mission approves and submits under clauses (i) and  
11          (v), respectively, of section 3(a)(2)(B).

12          (4) OUTSIDE EXPERT.—The term “outside ex-  
13          pert” is an individual who is not an elected official  
14          or an officer or employee of the Federal Government  
15          or of any State.

16 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF FISCAL COMMISSION.**

17          (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FISCAL COMMISSION.—

18               (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days  
20                   after the date of enactment of this Act, there  
21                   is established in Congress a Fiscal Commission.

22                   (B) GOALS.—The goals of the Commission  
23                   shall be to educate, and bring awareness to, the  
24                   American public about the fiscal path the Na-  
25                   tion is on, including—

1 (i) educating the American people so  
2 they understand the fiscal state of the Na-  
3 tion and the cost of not addressing such  
4 state; and

5 (ii) informing the American people  
6 about the deterioration of our Nation's fis-  
7 cal health, and that the debt poses a sig-  
8 nificant risk to the Nation's long-term fis-  
9 cal sustainability with implications for fu-  
10 ture generations.

11 (2) DUTIES.—

12 (A) IMPROVE FISCAL SITUATION.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Fiscal Com-  
14 mission shall identify policies to—

15 (I) meaningfully improve the  
16 long-term fiscal condition of the Fed-  
17 eral Government, including reducing  
18 the debt and deficit;

19 (II) achieve a sustainable ratio of  
20 the public debt of the Federal Govern-  
21 ment to the gross domestic product of  
22 the United States, which shall be not  
23 more than 100 percent, by fiscal year  
24 2039; and

1 (III) improve the solvency of  
2 Federal programs for which a Federal  
3 trust fund exists for a period of at  
4 least 75 years.

5 (ii) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out  
6 clause (i), the Fiscal Commission shall, to  
7 the extent practicable, consider the budg-  
8 etary effects of changes in economic out-  
9 put, employment, capital stock, and other  
10 macroeconomic variables resulting from  
11 public and private investments and propose  
12 recommendations that meaningfully im-  
13 prove the long-term fiscal condition of the  
14 Federal Government, including—

15 (I) changes to address the cur-  
16 rent levels of discretionary appropria-  
17 tions, direct spending, and revenues  
18 and the gap between current revenues  
19 and expenditures of the Federal Gov-  
20 ernment; and

21 (II) changes to address the  
22 growth of discretionary appropria-  
23 tions, direct spending, and revenues  
24 and the gap between the projected

1 revenues and expenditures of the Fed-  
2 eral Government.

3 (iii) RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMIT-  
4 TEES.—Not later than 60 days after the  
5 date described in paragraph (1), each com-  
6 mittee of the Senate and the House of  
7 Representatives may transmit to the Fiscal  
8 Commission any recommendations of the  
9 committee relating to changes in law to  
10 further the duties described in clause (ii).

11 (iv) INTERIM REPORT.—The Fiscal  
12 Commission may meet to consider, and  
13 vote on, an interim report on—

14 (I) any findings, conclusions, or  
15 recommendations of the Fiscal Com-  
16 mission described in subparagraph  
17 (A)(i);

18 (II) any findings or recommenda-  
19 tions with respect to carrying out the  
20 goals described in paragraph (1)(B);  
21 and

22 (III) as the Fiscal Commission  
23 determines appropriate, any findings  
24 resulting from any hearing held or  
25 evidence received by the Commission.

1 (B) REPORT IDENTIFIED POLICIES.—

2 (i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
3 paragraph (4)(D)(ii)(II), and consistent  
4 with clause (vi), not earlier than November  
5 4, 2026, but not later than November 13,  
6 2026, the Fiscal Commission shall meet to  
7 consider, and vote on—

8 (I) a report that contains a de-  
9 tailed statement of the findings, con-  
10 clusions, and recommendations of the  
11 Fiscal Commission described in sub-  
12 paragraph (A)(i) and the estimate of  
13 the Congressional Budget Office re-  
14 quired under paragraph (4)(D)(ii);  
15 and

16 (II) legislative language to carry  
17 out the recommendations of the Fiscal  
18 Commission in the report described in  
19 subclause (I), which shall include a  
20 statement of the economic and budg-  
21 etary effects of the recommendations.

22 (ii) APPROVAL OF REPORT AND LEG-  
23 ISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—A report and legis-  
24 lative language of the Fiscal Commission  
25 under clause (i) shall require the approval

1 of a majority of the members of the Fiscal  
2 Commission, provided that such majority  
3 shall be required to include not less than  
4 2 members of the Fiscal Commission ap-  
5 pointed by members of the Republican  
6 Party and 2 members appointed by mem-  
7 bers of the Democratic party.

8 (iii) ADDITIONAL VIEWS.—

9 (I) IN GENERAL.—A member of  
10 the Fiscal Commission who gives no-  
11 tice of an intention to file supple-  
12 mental, minority, or additional views  
13 at the time of the final Fiscal Com-  
14 mission vote on the approval of the re-  
15 port and legislative language of the  
16 Fiscal Commission under clause (i)  
17 shall be entitled to 3 days to file those  
18 views in writing with the staff director  
19 of the Fiscal Commission.

20 (II) INCLUSION IN REPORT.—

21 Views filed under subclause (I) shall  
22 be included in the report of the Fiscal  
23 Commission under clause (i) and  
24 printed in the same volume, or part  
25 thereof, and such inclusion shall be

1           noted on the cover of the report, ex-  
2           cept that, in the absence of timely no-  
3           tice, the report may be printed and  
4           transmitted immediately without such  
5           views.

6           (iv) REPORT AND LEGISLATIVE LAN-  
7           GUAGE TO BE MADE PUBLIC.—Upon the  
8           approval or disapproval of a report and  
9           legislative language under clause (i) by the  
10          Fiscal Commission, the Fiscal Commission  
11          shall promptly, and not more than 24  
12          hours after the approval or disapproval or,  
13          if timely notice is given under clause (iii),  
14          not more than 24 hours after additional  
15          views are filed under such clause, make the  
16          report, the legislative language, and a  
17          record of the vote on the report and legis-  
18          lative language available to the public.

19          (v) SUBMISSION OF REPORT AND LEG-  
20          ISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—If a report and leg-  
21          islative language are approved by the Fis-  
22          cal Commission under clause (i), not later  
23          than 3 days after the date on which the re-  
24          port and legislative language are made  
25          available to the public under clause (iv),



1 the Fiscal Commission shall submit the re-  
2 port and legislative language to the Presi-  
3 dent, the Vice President, the Speaker of  
4 the House of Representatives, and the ma-  
5 jority and minority leaders of each House  
6 of Congress.

7 (vi) EXTENSION.—The Fiscal Com-  
8 mission may extend the deadline set forth  
9 in clause (i) to April 13, 2027, if the Fis-  
10 cal Commission determines that additional  
11 time is necessary to complete their duties  
12 under this Act. Such extension shall re-  
13 quire the approval of a majority of the  
14 members of the Fiscal Commission, pro-  
15 vided that such majority shall be required  
16 to include not less than 2 members of the  
17 Fiscal Commission appointed by members  
18 of the Republican Party and 2 members  
19 appointed by members of the Democratic  
20 party.

21 (C) PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.—Not  
22 later than 30 days after the date the Fiscal  
23 Commission submits the report under para-  
24 graph (2)(B)(v), the Fiscal Commission shall  
25 complete a national campaign to increase public

1 awareness and education with respect to the fis-  
2 cal condition of the Federal Government.

3 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Fiscal Commission  
5 shall be composed of 16 members appointed,  
6 not later than 14 days after the date described  
7 in paragraph (1) and with due consideration to  
8 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
9 committees and subcommittees of subject mat-  
10 ter jurisdiction (as applicable), as follows:

11 (i) 3 individuals from among the  
12 Members of the Senate, and 1 outside ex-  
13 pert, appointed by the majority leader of  
14 the Senate.

15 (ii) 3 individuals from among the  
16 Members of the Senate, and 1 outside ex-  
17 pert, appointed by the minority leader of  
18 the Senate.

19 (iii) 3 individuals from among the  
20 Members of the House of Representatives,  
21 and 1 outside expert, appointed by the  
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

23 (iv) 3 individuals from among the  
24 Members of the House of Representatives,  
25 and 1 outside expert, appointed by the mi-

1           nosity leader of the House of Representa-  
2           tives.

3           (B) CO-CHAIRS.—

4                 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14  
5           days after the date described in paragraph  
6           (1), with respect to the Fiscal Commis-  
7           sion—

8                         (I) the leadership of the Senate  
9                         and House of Representatives of the  
10                        same political party as the President  
11                        shall appoint 1 individual from among  
12                        the members of the Fiscal Commis-  
13                        sion who shall serve as a co-chair of  
14                        the Fiscal Commission; and

15                        (II) the leadership of the Senate  
16                        and House of Representatives of the  
17                        opposite political party as the Presi-  
18                        dent shall appoint 1 individual from  
19                        among the members of the Fiscal  
20                        Commission who shall serve as a co-  
21                        chair of the Fiscal Commission.

22                 (ii) STAFF DIRECTOR.—With respect  
23           to the Fiscal Commission, the co-chairs of  
24           the Fiscal Commission, acting jointly, shall

1 hire the staff director of the Fiscal Com-  
2 mission.

3 (C) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—The members of  
5 the Fiscal Commission shall be appointed  
6 for the life of the Fiscal Commission.

7 (ii) VACANCY.—

8 (I) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy  
9 in the Fiscal Commission shall not af-  
10 fect the powers of the Fiscal Commis-  
11 sion, but shall be filled not later than  
12 14 days after the date on which the  
13 vacancy occurs, in the same manner  
14 as the original appointment was  
15 made.

16 (II) INELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—If a  
17 member of the Fiscal Commission who  
18 was appointed as a Member of the  
19 Senate or the House Representatives  
20 ceases to be a Member of the Senate  
21 or the House of Representatives, as  
22 applicable—

23 (aa) the member shall no  
24 longer be a member of the Fiscal  
25 Commission; and

1 (bb) a vacancy in the Fiscal  
2 Commission exists.

3 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the  
5 Fiscal Commission, to enable the Fiscal Com-  
6 mission to exercise the powers, functions, and  
7 duties of the Fiscal Commission, there are au-  
8 thorized to be disbursed by the Senate the ac-  
9 tual and necessary expenses of the Fiscal Com-  
10 mission approved by the co-chairs of the Fiscal  
11 Commission, subject to the rules and regula-  
12 tions of the Senate.

13 (B) EXPENSES.—With respect to the Fis-  
14 cal Commission, in carrying out the functions of  
15 the Fiscal Commission, the Fiscal Commission  
16 is authorized to incur expenses in the same  
17 manner and under the same conditions as the  
18 Joint Economic Committee is authorized under  
19 section 11(d) of the Employment Act of 1946  
20 (15 U.S.C. 1024(d)).

21 (C) QUORUM.—With respect to the Fiscal  
22 Commission, 7 members of the Fiscal Commis-  
23 sion shall constitute a quorum for purposes of  
24 voting, meeting, and holding hearings. Outside  
25 experts shall not count for purposes of deter-

1 mining whether there is a quorum under this  
2 subparagraph.

3 (D) VOTING.—

4 (i) PROXY VOTING.—No proxy voting  
5 shall be allowed on behalf of any member  
6 of the Fiscal Commission.

7 (ii) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
8 ESTIMATES.—

9 (I) IN GENERAL.—The Director  
10 of the Congressional Budget Office  
11 shall, with respect to the legislative  
12 language of the Fiscal Commission  
13 under paragraph (2)(B)(i)(II), provide  
14 to the Fiscal Commission—

15 (aa) estimates of the legisla-  
16 tive language in accordance with  
17 sections 308(a) and 201(f) of the  
18 Congressional Budget Act of  
19 1974 (2 U.S.C. 639(a) and  
20 601(f)); and

21 (bb) information on the  
22 budgetary effects of the legisla-  
23 tive language on the long-term  
24 fiscal outlook.

1 (II) LIMITATION.—The Fiscal  
2 Commission may not vote on any  
3 version of the report, recommenda-  
4 tions, or legislative language of the  
5 Fiscal Commission under paragraph  
6 (2)(B)(i) unless the estimates and in-  
7 formation described in subclause (I)  
8 of this clause are made available for  
9 consideration by all members of the  
10 Fiscal Commission not later than 48  
11 hours before that vote, as certified by  
12 the co-chairs of the Fiscal Commis-  
13 sion.

14 (iii) LIMITATIONS ON OUTSIDE EX-  
15 PERTS.—Only members of the Fiscal Com-  
16 mission who are Members of the Senate or  
17 the House of Representatives may vote on  
18 any matter of the Fiscal Commission. An  
19 outside expert serving as a member of the  
20 Fiscal Commission shall be a nonvoting  
21 member.

22 (E) MEETINGS.—

23 (i) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than  
24 45 days after the date described in para-  
25 graph (1), the Fiscal Commission shall

1 hold the first meeting of the Fiscal Com-  
2 mission.

3 (ii) AGENDA.—For each meeting of  
4 the Fiscal Commission, the co-chairs of the  
5 Fiscal Commission shall provide an agenda  
6 to the members of the Fiscal Commission  
7 not later than 48 hours before the meeting.

8 (F) HEARINGS.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Fiscal Com-  
10 mission may, for the purpose of carrying  
11 out this section, hold such hearings, sit  
12 and act at such times and places, require  
13 attendance of witnesses and production of  
14 books, papers, and documents, take such  
15 testimony, receive such evidence, and ad-  
16 minister such oaths as the Fiscal Commis-  
17 sion considers advisable.

18 (ii) HEARING PROCEDURES AND RE-  
19 SPONSIBILITIES OF CO-CHAIRS.—

20 (I) ANNOUNCEMENT.—The co-  
21 chairs of the Fiscal Commission shall  
22 make a public announcement of the  
23 date, place, time, and subject matter  
24 of any hearing to be conducted under  
25 this subparagraph not later than 7



1 days before the date of the hearing,  
2 unless the co-chairs determine that  
3 there is good cause to begin such  
4 hearing on an earlier date.

5 (II) WRITTEN STATEMENT.—A  
6 witness appearing before the Fiscal  
7 Commission shall file a written state-  
8 ment of the proposed testimony of the  
9 witness not later than 2 days before  
10 the date of the appearance of the wit-  
11 ness, unless the co-chairs of the Fiscal  
12 Commission—

13 (aa) determine that there is  
14 good cause for the witness to not  
15 file the written statement; and

16 (bb) waive the requirement  
17 that the witness file the written  
18 statement.

19 (iii) HEARING REQUIREMENTS.—The  
20 Fiscal Commission shall hold not less than  
21 6 hearings under this subparagraph, which  
22 shall include—

23 (I) field hearings through the  
24 Nation;

1 (II) hearings to solicit testimony  
2 from appropriate officials of the execu-  
3 tive branch; and

4 (III) hearings to solicit testimony  
5 from Members of Congress (in this  
6 subclause defined as a member of the  
7 Senate or the House of Representa-  
8 tives, a Delegate to the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives, and the Resident Com-  
10 missioner from Puerto Rico).

11 (G) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CON-  
12 SULTATION.—Upon written request of the co-  
13 chairs of the Fiscal Commission, the head of a  
14 Federal agency (including legislative branch  
15 agencies) shall provide technical assistance to,  
16 and consult with, the Fiscal Commission in  
17 order for the Fiscal Commission to carry out  
18 their duties.

19 (H) OUTSIDE EXPERT.—Any outside ex-  
20 pert appointed to the Fiscal Commission—

21 (i) shall not be considered to be a  
22 Federal employee for any purpose by rea-  
23 son of service on the Fiscal Commission;  
24 and

1 (ii) shall be allowed travel expenses,  
2 including per diem in lieu of subsistence,  
3 at rates authorized for employees of agen-  
4 cies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of  
5 title 5, United States Code, while away  
6 from their homes or regular places of busi-  
7 ness in the performance of services for the  
8 Commission.

9 (b) STAFF OF FISCAL COMMISSION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairs of the Fiscal  
11 Commission may jointly appoint and fix the com-  
12 pensation of staff of the Fiscal Commission as the  
13 co-chairs determine necessary, in accordance with  
14 the guidelines, rules, and requirements relating to  
15 employees of the Senate.

16 (2) ETHICAL STANDARDS.—

17 (A) SENATE.—Members appointed by  
18 Members of the Senate who serve on the Fiscal  
19 Commission and staff of the Fiscal Commission  
20 shall adhere to the ethics rules of the Senate.

21 (B) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mem-  
22 bers appointed by Members of the House of  
23 Representatives who serve on the Fiscal Com-  
24 mission shall be governed by the ethics rules

1           and requirements of the House of Representa-  
2           tives.

3           (c) TERMINATION.—The Fiscal Commission shall ter-  
4           minate on the date that is 30 days after the date the Fis-  
5           cal Commission submits the report under subsection  
6           (a)(2)(B)(v).

7           **SEC. 4. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTING**  
8           **BILLS.**

9           (a) QUALIFYING LEGISLATION.—Only an imple-  
10          menting bill shall be entitled to expedited consideration  
11          under this section.

12          (b) CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-  
13          ATIVES.—

14               (1) INTRODUCTION.—If the Fiscal Commission  
15          approves and submits legislative language under  
16          clauses (i) and (v), respectively, of section  
17          3(a)(2)(B), the implementing bill consisting solely of  
18          that legislative language shall be introduced in the  
19          House of Representatives (by request)—

20                       (A) by the majority leader of the House of  
21          Representatives, or by a Member of the House  
22          of Representatives designated by the majority  
23          leader of the House of Representatives, on the  
24          third legislative day after the date the Fiscal

1 Commission approves and submits such legisla-  
2 tive language; or

3 (B) if the implementing bill is not intro-  
4 duced under subparagraph (A), by any Member  
5 of the House of Representatives on any legisla-  
6 tive day beginning on the legislative day after  
7 the legislative day described in subparagraph  
8 (A).

9 (2) REFERRAL AND REPORTING.—Any com-  
10 mittee of the House of Representatives to which an  
11 implementing bill is referred shall report the imple-  
12 menting bill to the House of Representatives without  
13 amendment not later than 5 legislative days after  
14 the date on which the implementing bill was so re-  
15 ferred. If any committee of the House of Represent-  
16 atives to which an implementing bill is referred fails  
17 to report the implementing bill within that period,  
18 that committee shall be automatically discharged  
19 from consideration of the implementing bill, and the  
20 implementing bill shall be placed on the appropriate  
21 calendar.

22 (3) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—After  
23 the last committee authorized to consider an imple-  
24 menting bill reports it to the House of Representa-  
25 tives or has been discharged from its consideration,

1 it shall be in order to move to proceed to consider  
2 the implementing bill in the House of Representa-  
3 tives. Such a motion shall not be in order after the  
4 House of Representatives has disposed of a motion  
5 to proceed with respect to the implementing bill. The  
6 previous question shall be considered as ordered on  
7 the motion to its adoption without intervening mo-  
8 tion.

9 (4) CONSIDERATION.—The implementing bill  
10 shall be considered as read. All points of order  
11 against the implementing bill and against its consid-  
12 eration are waived. The previous question shall be  
13 considered as ordered on the implementing bill to its  
14 passage without intervening motion except 2 hours  
15 of debate equally divided and controlled by the pro-  
16 ponent and an opponent.

17 (5) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage  
18 of the implementing bill shall occur pursuant to the  
19 constraints under clause 8 of rule XX of the Rules  
20 of the House of Representatives.

21 (c) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE IN THE SENATE.—

22 (1) INTRODUCTION IN THE SENATE.—On the  
23 day on which an implementing bill is submitted to  
24 the Senate under section 3(a)(2)(B)(v), the imple-  
25 menting bill shall be introduced, by request, by the

1 majority leader of the Senate for himself or herself  
2 and the minority leader of the Senate, or by any  
3 Member so designated by them. If the Senate is not  
4 in session on the day on which such implementing  
5 bill is submitted, it shall be introduced as provided  
6 on the first day thereafter on which the Senate is in  
7 session. Such implementing bill shall be placed on  
8 the Calendar of Business under General Orders.

9 (2) PROCEEDING.—Notwithstanding rule XXII  
10 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order,  
11 not later than 2 days of session after the date on  
12 which an implementing bill is placed on the Cal-  
13 endar, for the majority leader of the Senate or the  
14 designee of the majority leader to move to proceed  
15 to the consideration of the implementing bill. It shall  
16 also be in order for any Member of the Senate to  
17 move to proceed to the consideration of the imple-  
18 menting bill at any time after the conclusion of such  
19 2-day period. A motion to proceed is in order even  
20 though a previous motion to the same effect has  
21 been disagreed to. All points of order against the  
22 motion to proceed to the implementing bill are  
23 waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable. The  
24 motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A mo-  
25 tion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is

1       agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order. If  
2       a motion to proceed to the consideration of the im-  
3       plementing bill is agreed to, it shall remain the un-  
4       finished business until disposed of. All points of  
5       order against the implementing bill and against its  
6       consideration are waived.

7               (3) NO AMENDMENTS.—An amendment to the  
8       implementing bill, a motion to postpone, a motion to  
9       proceed to the consideration of other business, or a  
10      motion to commit the implementing bill is not in  
11      order.

12             (4) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—  
13      Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to  
14      the application of the rules of the Senate, as the  
15      case may be, to the procedure relating to an imple-  
16      menting bill shall be decided without debate.

17             (d) AMENDMENT.—An implementing bill shall not be  
18      subject to amendment in either the Senate or the House  
19      of Representatives.

20             (e) CONSIDERATION BY THE OTHER HOUSE.—

21               (1) IN GENERAL.—If, before passing an imple-  
22      menting bill, one House receives from the other  
23      House an implementing bill consisting solely of the  
24      text of the implementing bill approved by the Fiscal  
25      Commission—



1 (A) the implementing bill of the other  
2 House shall not be referred to a committee; and

3 (B) the procedure in the receiving House  
4 shall be the same as if no implementing bill had  
5 been received from the other House until the  
6 vote on passage, when the implementing bill re-  
7 ceived from the other House shall supplant the  
8 implementing bill of the receiving House.

9 (2) REVENUE MEASURES.—This subsection  
10 shall not apply to the House of Representatives if an  
11 implementing bill received from the Senate is a rev-  
12 enue measure.

13 (f) RULES TO COORDINATE ACTION WITH OTHER  
14 HOUSE.—

15 (1) TREATMENT OF IMPLEMENTING BILL OF  
16 OTHER HOUSE.—If an implementing bill is not intro-  
17 duced in the Senate or the Senate fails to consider  
18 an implementing bill under this section, the imple-  
19 menting bill of the House of Representatives con-  
20 sisting of legislative language approved by the same  
21 Fiscal Commission as the implementing bill in the  
22 Senate shall be entitled to expedited floor procedures  
23 under this section.

24 (2) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES IN  
25 THE SENATE.—If, following passage of an imple-

1       menting bill in the Senate, the Senate then receives  
2       from the House of Representatives an implementing  
3       bill consisting of the same text as the Senate-passed  
4       implementing bill, the House-passed implementing  
5       bill shall not be debatable. The vote on passage of  
6       the implementing bill in the Senate shall be consid-  
7       ered to be the vote on passage of the implementing  
8       bill received from the House of Representatives.

9           (3) VETOES.—If the President vetoes an imple-  
10       menting bill, consideration of a veto message in the  
11       Senate under this paragraph shall be 10 hours  
12       equally divided between the majority and minority  
13       leaders of the Senate or the designees of the major-  
14       ity and minority leaders of the Senate.

15   **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

16       Funding for the Fiscal Commission shall be derived  
17   in equal portions from—

18           (1) the contingent fund of the Senate from the  
19       appropriations account “Miscellaneous Items”, sub-  
20       ject to the rules and regulations of the Senate; and

21           (2) the applicable accounts of the House of  
22       Representatives.

23   **SEC. 6. RULEMAKING.**

24       The provisions of this Act are enacted by Congress—

1           (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
2       the Senate and the House of Representatives, re-  
3       spectively, and, as such, the provisions—

4           (A) shall be considered as part of the rules  
5       of each House, respectively, or of that House to  
6       which they specifically apply; and

7           (B) shall supersede other rules only to the  
8       extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

9           (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
10      right of either House to change such rules (so far  
11      as relating to such House) at any time, in the same  
12      manner, and to the same extent as in the case of  
13      any other rule of such House.

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