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Establishing a process to assure the long-term fiscal stability of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

RESOLUTION

Establishing a process to assure the long-term fiscal stability of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS TO ASSURE SO-**
3 **CIAL SECURITY SOLVENCY.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) LONG-TERM SOLVENCY.—The term “long-
6 term solvency” means the financial ability of the
7 Trust Funds to pay 100 percent of scheduled bene-
8 fits for a period of at least 50 years that begins on
9 the date of adoption of this resolution.

1 (2) SOCIAL SECURITY BILL.—The term “Social
2 Security bill” means a bill introduced pursuant to
3 subsection (c)(1)(A)(i) or subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii).

4 (3) TRUST FUNDS.—The term “Trust Funds”
5 means the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
6 Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance
7 Trust Fund under title II of the Social Security Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.).

9 (b) BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than August 10,
11 2026, the Majority Leader of the Senate shall estab-
12 lish a bipartisan working group (in this section, re-
13 ferred to as the “working group”) that shall develop
14 recommendations and legislative language to achieve
15 long-term solvency for the Trust Funds. Such legis-
16 lative language shall not include provisions that do
17 not change outlays, revenues, or financing with re-
18 spect to the old-age, survivors, and disability insur-
19 ance program established under title II of the Social
20 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), the supple-
21 mental security income program under title XVI of
22 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), or provisions in
23 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that could be al-
24 tered to help achieve long-term solvency.

25 (2) COMPOSITION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The working group
2 shall consist of—

3 (i) 3 Senators from the Committee on
4 Finance of the Senate, appointed by the
5 Chairman of the Committee;

6 (ii) 3 Senators from the Committee on
7 Finance of the Senate, appointed by the
8 Ranking Member of the Committee;

9 (iii) 3 Senators appointed by the Ma-
10 jority Leader of the Senate; and

11 (iv) 3 Senators appointed by the Mi-
12 nority Leader of the Senate.

13 (B) DISCRETIONARY HOUSE PARTICIPA-
14 TION.—The Speaker of the House of Represent-
15 atives and Minority Leader of the House of
16 Representatives may each appoint 4 members
17 to the working group.

18 (C) CHAIRPERSONS.—Not later than 14
19 calendar days after the appointment of all
20 members under subparagraph (A), the Majority
21 Leader of the Senate and Minority Leader of
22 the Senate shall select co-chairs of the working
23 group from members of the working group.

24 (3) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—The work-
25 ing group shall, for the purpose of carrying out this

1 section, issue a request for information to the public
2 regarding ways to achieve long-term solvency for the
3 Trust Funds.

4 (4) PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
6 graph (B), the working group shall, for the pur-
7 pose of carrying out this subsection, hold such
8 public listening sessions, sit and act at such
9 times and places, request attendance of stake-
10 holders and production of books, papers, and
11 documents, take such testimony, receive such
12 evidence, and administer oaths as the working
13 group considers advisable.

14 (B) PROCEDURES.—

15 (i) ANNOUNCEMENT.—The working
16 group shall make a public announcement
17 of the date, place, time, and subject matter
18 of any public listening session to be con-
19 ducted under this subparagraph not later
20 than 7 calendar days before the date of the
21 public listening session, unless either co-
22 chair of the working group determines that
23 there is good cause to begin such public
24 listening session on an earlier date.

1 (ii) WRITTEN STATEMENT.—The
2 working group shall request that each
3 stakeholder appearing before the working
4 group file a written statement of the pro-
5 posed testimony of the stakeholder not
6 later than 2 calendar days before the date
7 of the appearance of the stakeholder.

8 (5) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTA-
9 TION.—Either co-chair of the working group may re-
10 quest that the head of any Federal agency provide
11 technical assistance to, and consult with, the work-
12 ing group in order for the working group to carry
13 out its duties under this subsection, and the head of
14 any Federal agency is requested to comply with any
15 such request.

16 (6) ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARCHITECT OF THE
17 CAPITOL.—Either co-chair of the working group may
18 request that the Architect of the Capitol provide
19 suitable space to house the operations of the working
20 group, and the Architect of the Capitol is requested
21 to comply with any such request.

22 (7) REPORT.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October
24 1, 2026, the working group shall submit to the
25 Chairman and Ranking Member of the Com-

mittee on Finance of the Senate and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and make available to any Member of Congress upon request, a report that contains detailed recommendations and proposed legislative language that meets the requirements described in paragraph (1).

(B) ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS.—As part of the report described in subparagraph (A), the working group shall include not less than 2 separate legislative proposals that meet the requirements described in paragraph (1).

(c) CONSIDERATION OF A SOCIAL SECURITY BILL.—

(1) INTRODUCTION.—

(A) INTRODUCTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BILL.—

(i) WORKING GROUP LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—One of the legislative proposals contained in the report submitted pursuant to subsection (b), upon receipt by the Senate, shall (by request) be introduced not later than November 9, 2026, or the first day thereafter on which the Senate is in session, by the Majority Leader of

the Senate, for himself, or any Member of the Senate designated by the Majority Leader. If the Social Security bill is not introduced in accordance with the preceding sentence, then any Member of the Senate may introduce the Social Security bill on any day thereafter. Upon introduction, the Social Security bill shall be referred to the Committee on Finance of the Senate under subparagraph (B).

(ii) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—In the case that the working group does not submit proposed legislative language pursuant to subsection (b), not later than November 9, 2026, or the first day thereafter on which the Senate is in session, the Majority Leader of the Senate, for himself, or any Member of the Senate designated by the Majority Leader shall (by request) introduce legislative language subject to subclause (II). If legislative language is not introduced in accordance with the

preceding sentence, then any Member of the Senate may introduce legislative language subject to subclause (II) on any day thereafter. Upon introduction, the legislative language shall be referred to the Committee on Finance of the Senate in accordance with subparagraph (B).

(II) REQUIREMENTS.—Such legislative language shall—

(aa) achieve long-term solvency for the Trust Funds, as certified by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance (in consultation with the Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration);

(bb) be introduced by at least 1 Member associating with the majority party and at least 1 Member associating with the minority party; and

(cc) not include provisions that do not include changes to

1 the outlays, revenues, or financ-
2 ing with respect to the old-age,
3 survivors, and disability insur-
4 ance program established under
5 title II of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), the sup-
7 plemental security income pro-
8 gram under title XVI of such Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), or pro-
10 visions in the Internal Revenue
11 Code of 1986 that could be al-
12 tered to help achieve long-term
13 solvency.

14 (B) COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—A Social Security
16 bill introduced in the Senate shall be re-
17 ferred to the Committee on Finance (in
18 this clause, referred to as the “Com-
19 mittee”).

20 (ii) AMENDMENTS.—It shall be in
21 order for the Committee to consider and
22 adopt amendments to the Social Security
23 bill. It shall not be in order for the Com-
24 mittee to consider or adopt any amend-
25 ment to the Social Security bill that causes

1 the bill to not achieve long-term solvency
2 for the Trust Funds or that includes provi-
3 sions that do not change outlays, revenues,
4 or financing with respect to the old-age,
5 survivors, and disability insurance program
6 established under title II of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), the
8 supplemental security income program
9 under title XVI of such Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1381 et seq.), or provisions in the Internal
11 Revenue Code of 1986 that could be al-
12 tered to help achieve long-term solvency.

13 (iii) REPORTING.—The Committee
14 shall report the bill on November 18, 2026,
15 or the first day thereafter on which the
16 Senate is in session. If the Committee fails
17 to report the bill within that period, the
18 Committee shall be automatically dis-
19 charged from consideration of the bill, and
20 the bill shall be placed on the appropriate
21 calendar.

22 (2) FILING DEADLINE AND CERTIFICATION.—

23 (A) FILING DEADLINE.—Not later than
24 November 18, 2026, or the first day thereafter
25 on which the Senate is in session, Members

1 may file substitute amendments, and amend-
2 ments shall be printed in the Congressional
3 Record on the day such amendments are filed.

4 (B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than No-
5 vember 30, 2026, or the first day thereafter on
6 which the Senate is in session, the Chairman
7 and Ranking Member of the Committee on Fi-
8 nance (in consultation with the Chief Actuary
9 of the Social Security Administration and the
10 Parliamentarian of the Senate) shall certify
11 whether the complete substitute amendments
12 filed under subparagraph (A) meet the criteria
13 described in items (aa) and (bb) of paragraph
14 (3)(A)(iii)(II) and print the list of certified
15 amendments in the Congressional Record.

16 (3) PROCEDURES.—

17 (A) CONSIDERATION IN SENATE.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
19 Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the
20 Senate, it is in order, not later than No-
21 vember 30, 2026, or the first day there-
22 after on which the Senate is in session, for
23 the Majority Leader of the Senate or the
24 Majority Leader’s designee to move to pro-
25 ceed to the consideration of the Social Se-

1 curity bill. It shall also be in order for any
2 Member of the Senate to move to proceed
3 to the consideration of the Social Security
4 bill at any time after that period. A motion
5 to proceed is in order even though a pre-
6 vious motion to the same effect has been
7 disagreed to. All points of order, including
8 budgetary points of order, against the mo-
9 tion to proceed to the Social Security bill
10 are waived. The motion to proceed is not
11 debatable. The motion is not subject to a
12 motion to postpone. A motion to reconsider
13 the vote by which the motion is agreed to
14 or disagreed to shall not be in order. If a
15 motion to proceed to the consideration of
16 the Social Security bill is agreed to, the
17 Social Security bill shall remain the unfin-
18 ished business until disposed of.

19 (ii) CONSIDERATION.—All points of
20 order, including budgetary points of order,
21 against the Social Security bill and against
22 consideration of the Social Security bill are
23 waived. Consideration of the Social Secu-
24 rity bill and of all debatable motions and
25 appeals in connection therewith shall not

1 exceed a total of 30 hours. Debate shall be
 2 divided equally between the Majority Lead-
 3 er and Minority Leader or their designees.
 4 A motion to further limit debate on the So-
 5 cial Security bill is in order, shall require
 6 an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the
 7 Members duly chosen and sworn, and is
 8 not debatable. Any debatable motion or ap-
 9 peal is debatable for a period not to exceed
 10 1 hour, to be divided equally between the
 11 Majority Leader and Minority Leader. All
 12 time used for consideration of the Social
 13 Security bill, including time used for
 14 quorum calls and voting, shall be counted
 15 against the total 30 hours of consideration.

16 (iii) RESTRICTION ON AMENDMENTS
 17 AND MOTIONS.—

18 (I) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
 19 vided in subclause (II), an amendment
 20 to the Social Security bill, or a motion
 21 to postpone, or a motion to proceed to
 22 the consideration of other business, or
 23 a motion to recommit the Social Secu-
 24 rity bill is not in order. All points of
 25 order, including budgetary points of

1 order, against the consideration of
2 substitute amendments to the Social
3 Security bill are waived.

4 (II) SUBSTITUTE AMEND-
5 MENTS.—

6 (aa) IN GENERAL.—It shall
7 be in order in the Senate to con-
8 sider any substitute amendment
9 to the Social Security bill that, as
10 determined by the Chairman and
11 Ranking Member of the Com-
12 mittee on Finance (in consulta-
13 tion with the Chief Actuary of
14 the Social Security Administra-
15 tion), achieves long-term solvency
16 for the Trust Funds, with such
17 determination to be submitted by
18 the Chairman and Ranking Mem-
19 ber for printing in the Congres-
20 sional Record. It shall be in order
21 in the Senate for the sponsor of
22 a substitute amendment to make
23 minor or technical modifications
24 to such amendment.

1 (bb) EXTRANEOUS PROVI-
2 SIONS.—It shall not be in order
3 in the Senate to consider any
4 substitute amendment to the So-
5 cial Security bill that—

6 (AA) does not achieve
7 long-term solvency for the
8 Trust Funds; or

9 (BB) includes provi-
10 sions that do not change
11 outlays, revenues, or financ-
12 ing with respect to the old-
13 age, survivors, and disability
14 insurance program estab-
15 lished under title II of the
16 Social Security Act (42
17 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), the sup-
18 plemental security income
19 program under title XVI of
20 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et
21 seq.), or provisions in the
22 Internal Revenue Code of
23 1986 that could be altered
24 to help achieve long-term
25 solvency.

1 (cc) LIMIT ON DEBATE.—
 2 Consideration of any amendment
 3 described in this subclause and
 4 any debatable motions and ap-
 5 peals in connection therewith
 6 shall be limited to 2 hours, equal-
 7 ly divided between the Majority
 8 Leader and the Minority Leader.
 9 Adoption of a substitute amend-
 10 ment shall require an affirmative
 11 vote of three-fifths of the Mem-
 12 bers, duly chosen and sworn. An
 13 amendment described in this sub-
 14 clause is not divisible and no
 15 amendment to a substitute
 16 amendment shall be in order. All
 17 time used for consideration of
 18 any amendments described in
 19 this subclause shall come from
 20 the 30 hours of consideration de-
 21 scribed in clause (ii).

22 (iv) ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS.—If
 23 more than one of the amendments de-
 24 scribed in clause (iii)(II) is adopted, then
 25 only the one receiving the greater number

1 of affirmative votes shall be engrossed as
2 an amendment of the Senate. In the case
3 of a tie for the greater number of affirma-
4 tive votes, then only the last amendment to
5 receive that number of affirmative votes
6 shall be engrossed as an amendment of the
7 Senate. Action on all other amendments
8 shall be vitiated.

9 (v) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on
10 passage shall occur immediately following
11 the conclusion of consideration of a Social
12 Security bill, and a single quorum call at
13 the conclusion of the debate if requested.
14 Passage shall require an affirmative vote
15 of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen
16 and sworn. If the Social Security bill is
17 passed, the Secretary of the Senate shall
18 cause the bill to be transmitted to House
19 of Representatives before the close of the
20 next day of session of the Senate.

21 (vi) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PRO-
22 CEDURE.—Appeals from the decisions of
23 the Chair relating to the application of the
24 rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to
25 the procedure relating to a Social Security

1 bill shall be debatable for a period not to
 2 exceed 1 hour, to be divided equally be-
 3 tween the Majority Leader and the Minor-
 4 ity Leader.

5 (B) RECEIPT OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
 6 REPRESENTATIVES MEASURES.—

7 (i) IDENTICAL BILL.—If the Senate
 8 receives from the House of Representatives
 9 a bill that is identical to the Social Secu-
 10 rity bill pending in or passed by the Sen-
 11 ate, the bill so received shall not be re-
 12 ferred to committee, shall be placed on the
 13 calendar, and shall not be debatable, and
 14 the vote on passage of the Social Security
 15 bill in the Senate, whether occurring before
 16 or after such receipt, shall be considered to
 17 be the vote on passage of the bill received
 18 from the House of Representatives.

19 (ii) VETOES.—If the President vetoes
 20 the Social Security bill, consideration of
 21 the veto message in the Senate under this
 22 section shall be limited to 1 hour, equally
 23 divided between the Majority Leader and
 24 the Minority Leader or their designees.

1 (4) SUSPENSION.—No motion to suspend the
2 application of this subsection shall be in order in the
3 Senate.

4 (5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—If the House of
5 Representatives passes a Social Security bill that is
6 different from such a bill passed in the Senate, noth-
7 ing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent
8 the House of Representatives and Senate from re-
9 solving such differences through a conference com-
10 mittee.

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