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At the appropriate place in title IV, add the following:

SEC. 4. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT REDUCES FEDERAL PAYMENTS, SHIFTING COSTS TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, OR FORCES REDUCTIONS IN EXISTING BENEFITS OR ELIGIBILITY.

(a) **POINT OF ORDER.**—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, amendment between the Houses, or conference report that would reduce Federal payments in a manner that shifts costs to State or local governments or induces State or local governments to reduce benefits or eligibility provided under an existing law, regulation, or other order.

(b) **WAIVER AND APPEAL.**—Subsection (a) may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under subsection (a).

SA 685. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE OF THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND COSTS INCURRED BY VETERANS FROM CUTS TO THE WORKFORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) **ESTIMATE REQUIRED.**—The Congressional Budget Office shall prepare an analysis estimating the economic, health, and social impacts of reductions in the workforce of the Department of Veterans Affairs on veterans, their families, and caregivers.

(b) **SCOPE OF ANALYSIS.**—The estimate prepared pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the financial impact on veterans, including increased out-of-pocket costs, lost wages due to delayed services, and any additional financial burdens related to health care access.

(2) An evaluation of appointment wait times, specialty care availability, and emergency services affected by workforce reductions.

(3) An estimate of increased delays in processing Department benefits claims and appeals, leading to potential financial instability for veterans.

(4) An analysis of how workforce reductions may disproportionately affect rural and underserved veterans.

(5) An estimate of potential increased Federal expenditures resulting from workforce reductions, such as higher Medicaid enrollment, increased mental health crises, and long-term disability claims.

(c) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Office shall—

(1) submit to Congress a report detailing the findings of the Office with respect to the analysis prepared pursuant to subsection (a); and

(2) make available to the public the report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1).

(d) **CONSULTATION.**—In preparing the analysis required by subsection (a), the Office shall consult with such stakeholders as the Office considers appropriate, including the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, veterans service organizations, and independent policy experts.

SA 686. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 3. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND RELATING TO THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF PRIVATE COMPANIES ACCESSING VETERANS' PRIVATE DATA.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution, and make adjustments to the pay-as-you-go ledger, for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference reports relating to ensuring the protection and privacy of veterans, which may include protecting access to their medical data, benefits enrollment, or other personal information from private companies or individuals, by the amounts provided in such legislation for those purposes, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the period of the total of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

SA 687. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 3. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND RELATING TO NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS CAUSED BY WILDFIRE AND DROUGHT IN WESTERN STATES.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution, and make adjustments to the pay-as-you-go ledger, for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference reports relating to addressing national security threats caused by wildfire and drought in western States by the amounts provided in such legislation for those purposes, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the period of the total of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

SA 688. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and

setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 3. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND RELATING TO STAFFING FOR THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution, and make adjustments to the pay-as-you-go ledger, for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference reports relating to health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives, which may include ensuring sufficient staffing and funding for the Indian Health Service so beneficiaries can access timely and appropriate health care, to ensure the United States upholds its trust responsibility to Indian Tribes by the amounts provided in such legislation for those purposes, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the period of the total of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

SA 689. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 3. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND RELATING TO MEDICAID FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution, and make adjustments to the pay-as-you-go ledger, for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference reports relating to ensuring Medicaid is accessible, including to pregnant women and children under 5 years of age, including by not providing monies or incentives for imposing barriers that reduce necessary access to health care, by the amounts provided in such legislation for those purposes, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the period of the total of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

SA 690. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 7, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 3. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND RELATING TO LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise the allocations of a committee or committees, aggregates, and other appropriate levels in this resolution, and make adjustments to the pay-as-you-go ledger, for one or more bills, joint resolutions, amendments, amendments between the Houses, motions, or conference