IV. Sequestration Order

As shown on the scorecards, the budgetary effects of PAYGO legislation enacted in the first session of the 115th Congress, combined with the balances from previous sessions of the Congress left on each scorecard, resulted in net savings on both the 5-year and the 10-year scorecard in the budget year, which is 2018 for the purposes of this Report. Because the costs for the budget year, as shown on the scorecards, do not exceed savings for the budget year, there is no “debit” on either scorecard under section 3 of the PAYGO Act, 2 U.S.C. 932, and there is no need for a sequestration order.4

The savings shown on the scorecards for 2018 will be removed from the scorecards that are used to record the budgetary effects of PAYGO legislation enacted in the second session of the 115th Congress. The totals shown in 2019 through 2027 will remain on the scorecards and will be used in determining whether a sequestration order will be necessary in the future. On the 5-year scorecard for the second session of the 115th Congress, 2019 and 2020 will show balances of savings. The years 2021 and 2022 will show balances of costs. On the 10-year scorecard, each year from 2019 to 2025 will show balances of savings. The years 2026 and 2027 will show balances of costs.

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4Joint Committee reductions for 2018 were calculated and ordered in a separate report and are not affected by this determination. See, https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/omb/sequestration_reports/FY_2018_Sequstration_Update_8-18-17.pdf