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105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4578

[Report No. 105-738]

To amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust funds.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 1998

Mr. ARCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

Additional sponsors: Mr. HERGER, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. BUNNING

SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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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. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL RESERVE AC-**
 4 **COUNT.**

5 Section 201 of the Social Security Act is amended
 6 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(n)(1) There is established within the Treasury a
 8 special reserve account to be known as the ‘Protect Social
 9 Security Account’ (hereinafter in this subsection referred
 10 to as the “account”). The account shall be used to save
 11 budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to en-
 12 sure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust funds.

13 “(2) The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay into the
 14 account annually during the fiscal-year period beginning
 15 on October 1, 1997, and ending on September 30, 2008,
 16 amounts totalling, in the aggregate, 90 percent of the pro-
 17 jected surplus (if any) in the total budget of the United
 18 States Government for that fiscal-year period.

19 “(3) Within 10 days after the date of enactment of
 20 this subsection, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consulta-
 21 tion with the Director of the Office of Management and
 22 Budget, shall project the budget surplus (if any) for the
 23 total budget of the United States Government for the fis-
 24 cal-year period beginning on October 1, 1997, and ending
 25 on September 30, 2008.

1 “(4) The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest the
 2 funds held in the account pending enactment of the reform
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 6 by extended to authorize, in the manner provided in sub-
 7 section (d), the issuance at par of public-debt obligations
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 9 ceeds from redemption of, any obligations held in the ac-
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