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# S. 1392

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 6, 1997

Mr. BROWNBACK introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged

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## A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Economic Growth and  
5       Government Efficiency Act of 1997”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROGRAM ELIMINATION EQUALS TAX CUT.**

7       Section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
8       Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 902) is amended  
9       by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) EFFECT OF PROGRAM ELIMINATION.—

2 “(1) ESTIMATE.—OMB shall for any program  
3 funded by discretionary appropriations that is re-  
4 pealed by law in the fiscal year preceding the budget  
5 year determine—

6 “(A) the amount appropriated for the pro-  
7 gram in last fiscal year the program was fund-  
8 ed; and

9 “(B) based on the amount determined  
10 under subparagraph (A) the dollar equivalent of  
11 that amount adjusted for inflation in fiscal  
12 years beginning with the budget year through  
13 fiscal year 2002.

14 “(2) INCLUSION IN SCORECARD.—OMB shall  
15 include the amounts determined pursuant to para-  
16 graph (1)(B) as a deficit decreases for each of the  
17 corresponding fiscal years under this part in the es-  
18 timates and reports required by section 254 unless  
19 such amounts are offset by legislation enacted in  
20 compliance with paragraph (3).

21 “(3) USE OF ADJUSTMENT.—Amounts not to  
22 exceed the amounts of deficit decrease determined  
23 under paragraph (2) may only be offset by legisla-  
24 tion decreasing revenues under this section.

1           “(4) DISCRETIONARY CAPS.—OMB shall reduce  
2           the discretionary caps by amounts equal to the  
3           amounts included as deficit decreases under para-  
4           graph (2).”.

5   **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS.**

6           Section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
7   is amended by adding at the end the following:  
8           “(f) PROGRAM ELIMINATION.—Revenue decreases  
9   offset as provided in section 252(f)(3) of the Balanced  
10   Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall  
11   not be treated as increasing the deficit for purposes of this  
12   Act.”.

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