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S. 242

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly 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

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 “Tax Fairness and Ac-
5 countability Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPERMAJORITY IN THE SENATE.**

7 In the Senate, any bill, joint resolution, amendment,
8 or conference report carrying a tax rate increase shall be
9 considered and approved only by an affirmative vote by

1 three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and
2 sworn.

3 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET**
4 **ACT OF 1974 STRIKING 60-VOTE REQUIRE-**
5 **MENT FOR REVENUE REDUCTION.**

6 Section 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of
7 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following: “Not-
8 withstanding any other provision of this Act or any other
9 law, a bill, resolution, or amendment that reduces reve-
10 nues may be considered and approved by a simple majority
11 of the Senate.”.

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