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To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security and Medicare surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ASHCROFT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, 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

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security and Medicare surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

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 “Social Security and  
5       Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**  
 2 **SURPLUSES.**

3 (a) **MEDICARE SURPLUSES OFF-BUDGET.**—Notwith-  
 4 standing any other provision of law, the net surplus of  
 5 any trust fund for part A of Medicare shall not be counted  
 6 as a net surplus for purposes of—

7 (1) the budget of the United States Govern-  
 8 ment as submitted by the President;

9 (2) the congressional budget; or

10 (3) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-  
 11 icit Control Act of 1985.

12 (b) **POINTS OF ORDER TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECU-**  
 13 **RITY AND MEDICARE SURPLUSES.**—Section 312 of the  
 14 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding  
 15 at the end the following new subsection:

16 “(g) **POINTS OF ORDER TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECU-**  
 17 **RITY AND MEDICARE SURPLUSES.**—

18 “(1) **CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE**  
 19 **BUDGET.**—It shall not be in order in the House of  
 20 Representatives or the Senate to consider any con-  
 21 current resolution on the budget, or conference re-  
 22 port thereon or amendment thereto, that would set  
 23 forth an on-budget deficit for any fiscal year.

24 “(2) **SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION.**—It shall not  
 25 be in order in the House of Representatives or the

1 Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, amend-  
 2 ment, motion, or conference report if—

3 “(A) the enactment of that bill or resolu-  
 4 tion as reported;

5 “(B) the adoption and enactment of that  
 6 amendment; or

7 “(C) the enactment of that bill or resolu-  
 8 tion in the form recommended in that con-  
 9 ference report,  
 10 would cause or increase an on-budget deficit for any  
 11 fiscal year.

12 “(3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sec-  
 13 tion, the term ‘on-budget deficit’, when applied to a  
 14 fiscal year, means the deficit in the budget as set  
 15 forth in the most recently agreed to concurrent reso-  
 16 lution on the budget pursuant to section 301(a)(3)  
 17 for that fiscal year.”.

18 (c) CONTENT OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE  
 19 BUDGET.—Section 301(a) of the Congressional Budget  
 20 Act of 1974 is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as  
 22 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

23 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-  
 24 lowing new paragraph:

1           “(6) the receipts, outlays, and surplus or deficit  
 2           in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance  
 3           Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance  
 4           Trust Fund, combined, established by title II of the  
 5           Social Security Act;”.

6           (d) SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT.—

7           (1) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 904(c)(1) of the  
 8           Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by in-  
 9           serting “312(g),” after “310(d)(2),”.

10          (2) WAIVER.—Section 904(d)(2) of the Con-  
 11          gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by insert-  
 12          ing “312(g),” after “310(d)(2),”.

13   **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**  
 14                           **SURPLUSES.**

15          (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 11 of subtitle II of title  
 16   31, United States Code, is amended by adding before sec-  
 17   tion 1101 the following:

18   **“§ 1100. Protection of social security and medicare**  
 19                           **surpluses**

20          “The budget of the United States Government sub-  
 21   mitted by the President under this chapter shall not rec-  
 22   ommend an on-budget deficit for any fiscal year covered  
 23   by that budget.”.

1       (b) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The chapter analysis for  
2 chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, is amended  
3 by inserting before the item for section 1101 the following:

“1100. Protection of Social Security and Medicare Surpluses.”.

4   **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5       This Act shall take effect upon the date of its enact-  
6 ment and the amendments made by this Act shall apply  
7 to fiscal year 2001 and subsequent fiscal years.

