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# S. 410

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. HAGEL) 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 has thirty days to report or be discharged

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## A BILL

To provide for offsetting tax cuts whenever there is an elimination of a discretionary spending program.

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 1999”.

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

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

5 “(f) EFFECT OF PROGRAM ELIMINATION.—

6 “(1) ESTIMATE.—OMB shall for any program  
7 funded by discretionary appropriations that is re-  
8 pealed by law in the fiscal year preceding the budget  
9 year determine—

10 “(A) the amount appropriated for the pro-  
11 gram in last fiscal year the program was fund-  
12 ed; and

13 “(B) based on the amount determined  
14 under subparagraph (A) the dollar equivalent of  
15 that amount adjusted for inflation in fiscal  
16 years beginning with the budget year through  
17 fiscal year 2002.

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

25 “(3) USE OF ADJUSTMENT.—Amounts not to  
26 exceed the amounts of deficit decrease determined

1       under paragraph (2) may only be offset by legisla-  
2       tion decreasing revenues under this section.

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

7   **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS.**

8       Section 314 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
9       is amended by adding at the end the following:

10       “(f) PROGRAM ELIMINATION.—Revenue decreases  
11       offset as provided in section 252(f)(3) of the Balanced  
12       Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall  
13       not be treated as increasing the deficit for purposes of this  
14       Act.”.

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