

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 502

To protect social security.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 1999

Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) 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

A BILL

To protect social security.

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 “Protect Social Security
5 Benefits Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENT WITHOUT THE**
7 **SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional
9 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following:

1 “BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENT WITHOUT THE
2 SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS

3 “SEC. 316. (a) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be
4 in order in the House of Representatives or Senate to con-
5 sider any concurrent resolution on the budget (or amend-
6 ment, motion, or conference report on that resolution) that
7 would set forth or cause a Federal budget deficit excluding
8 the receipts and disbursements of the social security trust
9 funds.

10 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—This section shall not apply if a
11 declaration of war by the Congress is in effect or if a joint
12 resolution pursuant to section 258 of the Balanced Budget
13 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 has been en-
14 acted.

15 “(c) APPLICABILITY IF NO CONCURRENT RESOLU-
16 TION ON THE BUDGET.—If no concurrent resolution on
17 the budget (or amendment, motion, or conference report
18 on that resolution) is adopted by the House of Representa-
19 tives and Senate by September 1 of any year, this section
20 shall apply to any appropriation bill or joint resolution
21 (and any amendment, motion, or conference report on that
22 bill or resolution) for that year or any subsequent year.

23 “(d) DEFINITION OF SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST
24 FUNDS.—In this section the term ‘social security trust
25 funds’ means the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insur-

1 ance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance
 2 Trust Fund established under section 201 of the Social
 3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401).”.

4 (b) SUPERMAJORITY FOR WAIVER.—Subsections
 5 (c)(1) and (d)(1) of section 901 of the Congressional
 6 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621 note) are amended by
 7 inserting “316,” after “313,”.

8 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
 9 section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impound-
 10 ment Control Act of 1974 is amended by adding after the
 11 item relating to section 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Balanced budget requirement without the social security trust
 funds.”.

12 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 13 this section take effect on October 1, 2000.

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