

110TH CONGRESS
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S. 1666

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve the process for congressional consideration of international social security agreements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve the process for congressional consideration of international social security agreements.

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. CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL**
4 **SECURITY AGREEMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 233(e) of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 433(e)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “effective” the
8 first place it appears and all that follows through
9 the period and inserting “effective—

1 “(A) if, and only if, an approval resolution re-
2 garding such agreement has passed both Houses of
3 Congress and has been enacted into law in accord-
4 ance with paragraph (3); and

5 “(B) on any date, provided in the agreement,
6 that occurs after the enactment of such an approval
7 resolution.”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(3)(A) For purposes of paragraph (2), the term ‘ap-
10 proval resolution’ means a joint resolution, the matter
11 after the resolving clause of which is as follows: ‘That the
12 proposed agreement entered into pursuant to section 233
13 of the Social Security Act between the United States and
14 _____ establishing an international social secu-
15 rity agreement with respect to the social security system
16 established by title II of such Act and the social security
17 system of _____, transmitted to Congress by
18 the President on _____, is hereby approved.’, the
19 first 2 blanks therein being filled with the name of the
20 country with which the United States entered into the
21 agreement, and the 3rd blank therein being filled with the
22 date of the transmittal of the agreement to Congress.

23 “(B) Whenever a document setting forth an agree-
24 ment entered into under this section and the report re-
25 quired under paragraph (1) is transmitted to Congress,

1 copies of such document and report shall be delivered to
2 both Houses of Congress on the same day and shall be
3 delivered to the Clerk of the House of Representatives if
4 the House is not in session and to the Secretary of the
5 Senate if the Senate is not in session.

6 “(C) On the day on which such document and report
7 are transmitted to the House of Representatives and the
8 Senate, an approval resolution with respect to such agree-
9 ment shall be introduced (by request) in the House by the
10 majority leader of the House, for himself or herself and
11 the minority leader of the House, or by Members of the
12 House designated by the majority leader and minority
13 leader of the House; and shall be introduced (by request)
14 in the Senate by the majority leader of the Senate, for
15 himself or herself and the minority leader of the Senate,
16 or by Members of the Senate designated by the majority
17 leader and minority leader of the Senate. If either House
18 is not in session on the day on which such an agreement
19 is transmitted, the approval resolution with respect to
20 such agreement shall be introduced in that House, as pro-
21 vided in the preceding sentence, on the first day thereafter
22 on which that House is in session. The resolution intro-
23 duced in the House of Representatives shall be referred
24 to the Committee on Ways and Means and the resolution

1 introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the Com-
2 mittee on Finance.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading for
4 section 233(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 433(e)) is amended
5 by inserting “PROCESS FOR APPROVAL;” after “REPORTS
6 TO CONGRESS;”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section apply to international social security agree-
9 ments described in section 233 of the Social Security Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 433) that first take effect after January 1,
11 2007.

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