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H. R. 4931

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2012 include a benchmark plan to eliminate the budget deficit by fiscal year 2020 and that subsequent resolutions adhere to that plan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2010

Mr. KLEIN of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. BENCHMARK BUDGET PLAN.**

4 (a) INITIAL PLAN.—Section 301 of the Congressional
5 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new subsection:

1 “(j) BENCHMARK BUDGET PLAN.—(1) The concur-
2 rent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2012 shall
3 include a detailed benchmark plan to reduce discretionary
4 spending to eliminate the budget deficit by fiscal year
5 2020.

6 “(2) The concurrent resolution on the budget for
7 each of fiscal years 2013 through 2020 shall be in compli-
8 ance with such plan, but shall include any necessary ad-
9 justments to meet the goal of the plan.

10 “(3) If the Committee on the Budget of the House
11 of Representatives or the Senate determines that an eco-
12 nomic emergency exists, then it shall include such a state-
13 ment in the applicable concurrent resolution on the budget
14 stating that an economic emergency exists. If such a state-
15 ment is included, then—

16 “(A) the detailed benchmark plan to eliminate
17 the budget deficit by fiscal year 2020 is not required
18 to be included in that concurrent resolution under
19 this subsection; and

20 “(B) the fiscal year by which the benchmark
21 plan is to eliminate the budget deficit shall be post-
22 poned by one fiscal year.”.

23 (b) POINT OF ORDER.—Section 312 of the Congres-
24 sional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the
25 end the following new subsection:

1 “(g) DEFICIT REDUCTION POINT OF ORDER.—It
2 shall not be in order in the House of Representatives or
3 the Senate to consider any concurrent resolution on the
4 budget for any fiscal year through 2020 if it is in violation
5 of section 301(j).”.

6 **SEC. 2. THREE-FIFTHS REQUIREMENT IN THE SENATE.**

7 Subsections (c)(2) and (d)(3) of section 904 of the
8 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are amended by strik-
9 ing “and 312(c)” each place it appears and inserting
10 “312(c), and 312(g)”.

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