

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3778

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish a point of order to prohibit the extension of the public debt limit unless a concurrent resolution on the budget has been agreed to and is in effect.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 18, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Budget Before Bor-
5 rowing Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF**
2 **DEBT LIMIT EXTENSION.**

3 Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
4 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(g) POINT OF ORDER AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF
7 DEBT LIMIT EXTENSION.—(1) It shall not be in order
8 in the House of Representatives or the Senate to consider
9 any bill or joint resolution, or amendment thereto or con-
10 ference report thereon, to extend the public debt limit un-
11 less a concurrent resolution on the budget has been agreed
12 to and is in effect for the fiscal year during which such
13 measure is being considered.

14 “(2) Paragraph (1) may be waived or suspended in
15 the House of Representatives or the Senate only by the
16 affirmative vote of two-thirds of its Members, duly chosen
17 and sworn.

18 “(3) An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Mem-
19 bers, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Sen-
20 ate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a
21 point of order under paragraph (1).”.

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