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H. R. 1868

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish joint resolutions on the budget, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACK (for herself, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. ROKITA, and Mr. YOUNG 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

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish joint resolutions on the budget, and for other purposes.

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 “Legally Binding Budg-
5 et Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
3 is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
4 following new paragraph:

5 “(4) The term ‘joint resolution on the budget’
6 means—

7 “(A) a joint resolution setting forth the
8 budget for the United States Government for a
9 fiscal year as provided in section 301; and

10 “(B) any other joint resolution revising the
11 budget for the United States Government for a
12 fiscal year as described in section 304.”.

13 **SEC. 3. REVISION OF TIMETABLE.**

14 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
15 (2 U.S.C. 631) is amended to read as follows:

16 “TIMETABLE

17 “SEC. 300. The timetable with respect to the congres-
18 sional budget process for any Congress (beginning with
19 the One Hundred Fourteenth) is as follows:

“On or before:	Action to be completed:
First Monday in February	President submits budget recommendations.
February 15	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
Not later than 6 weeks after budget submission.	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
April 1	Budget Committees report joint resolution on the budget.
April 15	Congress completes action on joint resolution on the budget.
May 15	Appropriation bills may be considered in the House of Representatives.
June 10	House Appropriations Committee reports last appropriation bill.

June 30 House completes action on appropriation
bills.
October 1 Fiscal year begins.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 301 AND 303 AND TECH-**
2 **NICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Congressional
4 Budget Act of 1974 is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—”, by strik-
6 ing “has been agreed to” and inserting “takes ef-
7 fect”, and by striking subsections (b) and (c); and

8 (2) by striking its section heading and inserting
9 the following new section heading: “CONSIDERATION
10 OF BUDGET-RELATED LEGISLATION BEFORE BUDG-
11 ET BECOMES LAW”.

12 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 301(a)(5) of
13 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by in-
14 serting “for display purposes only,” before “the public
15 debt”.

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The item relating
17 to section 303 in the table of contents set forth in section
18 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Con-
19 trol Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 303. Consideration of budget-related legislation before budget becomes
law.”.

1 **SEC. 5. PERMISSIBLE REVISIONS OF BUDGET RESOLU-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 Section 304 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 “PERMISSIBLE REVISIONS OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

6 “SEC. 304. At any time after the joint resolution on
7 the budget for a fiscal year has been enacted pursuant
8 to section 301, and before the end of such fiscal year, the
9 two Houses and the President may enact a joint resolution
10 on the budget which revises or reaffirms the joint resolu-
11 tion on the budget for such fiscal year most recently en-
12 acted, and for purposes of the enforcement of the Congres-
13 sional Budget Act of 1974, the chairman of the Budget
14 Committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate,
15 as applicable, may adjust levels as needed for the enforce-
16 ment of the budget resolution.”.

17 **SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON THE CONTENT OF BUDGET RESO-**
18 **LUTIONS.**

19 Section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
20 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(e) LIMITATION ON CONTENTS.—(1) It shall not be
23 in order in the House of Representatives or in the Senate
24 to consider any joint resolution on the budget or any
25 amendment thereto or conference report thereon that con-
26 tains any matter referred to in paragraph (2).

1 “(2) Any joint resolution on the budget or any
 2 amendment thereto or conference report thereon that con-
 3 tains any matter not permitted in section 301 (a) or (b)
 4 shall not be treated in the House of Representatives or
 5 the Senate as a budget resolution under subsection (a) or
 6 (b) or as a conference report on a budget resolution under
 7 subsection (c) of this section.”.

8 **SEC. 7. DEEMING OF BUDGETARY AGGREGATES, ALLOCA-**
 9 **TIONS, AND RECONCILIATION INSTRUCTIONS**
 10 **IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE UPON VETO OF**
 11 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional
 13 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding after section
 14 315 the following new section:

15 “AUTOMATIC STANDING ORDER UPON VETO OF JOINT
 16 RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

17 “SEC. 316. For purposes of congressional enforce-
 18 ment under title III and IV of this Act and the rules of
 19 the House and the Senate, the joint resolution shall be
 20 considered as enforceable upon enactment or 15 days fol-
 21 lowing presentment to the President, whichever occurs
 22 earlier.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 24 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
 25 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-

1 serting after the item relating to section 315 the following
 2 new item:

“Sec. 316. Automatic standing order upon veto of joint resolution on the budget.”.

3 **SEC. 8. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRES-**
 4 **SIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974 TO EFFEC-**
 5 **TUATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDG-**
 6 **ET.**

7 (a) ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRES-
 8 SIONAL BUDGET AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF
 9 1974.—(1)(A) Sections 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 308,
 10 310, 311, 312, 314, 405, and 904 of the Congressional
 11 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621 et seq.) are amended
 12 by striking “concurrent” each place it appears and insert-
 13 ing “joint”.

14 (B)(i) Sections 302(d), 302(g), 308(a)(1)(A), and
 15 310(d)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are
 16 amended by striking “most recently agreed to concurrent
 17 resolution on the budget” each place it occurs and insert-
 18 ing “most recently enacted joint resolution on the budget-
 19 et”.

20 (ii) The section heading of section 301 of such Act
 21 is amended by striking “ANNUAL ADOPTION OF CONCUR-
 22 RENT RESOLUTION” and inserting “JOINT RESOLUTIONS”.

23 (C) Sections 302, 303, 304, 310, and 311 of the Con-
 24 gressional Budget Act of 1974 are amended by striking

1 “agreed to” each place it appears and by inserting “en-
2 acted”.

3 (2) The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of
4 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act
5 of 1974 is amended—

6 (A) in the item relating to section 301, by strik-
7 ing “Annual adoption of concurrent resolution” and
8 inserting “Joint resolutions”; and

9 (B) by striking “concurrent” and inserting
10 “joint” in the item relating to section 305.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Any side heading
12 within any section of title III of the Congressional Budget
13 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by
14 striking “CONCURRENT” and inserting “JOINT” and any
15 center heading in any section of that title is amended by
16 striking “CONCURRENT” and inserting “JOINT”.

17 **SEC. 9. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF**
18 **REPRESENTATIVES TO EFFECTUATE JOINT**
19 **BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.**

20 Clauses 1(d)(1), 4(a)(4), 4(b)(2), 4(f)(1)(A), and
21 4(f)(2) of rule X, clause 10 of rule XVIII, clause 10 of
22 rule XX, and clauses 7 and 10 of rule XXI of the Rules
23 of the House of Representatives are amended by striking
24 “concurrent” each place it appears and inserting “joint”.

1 **SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE BALANCED**
2 **BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL**
3 **ACT OF 1985.**

4 Section 258C(b)(1) of the Balanced Budget and
5 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.
6 907d(b)(1)) is amended by striking “concurrent” and in-
7 serting “joint”.

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