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To establish procedures for the expedited consideration by Congress of the recommendations set forth in the Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings report prepared by the Office of Management and Budget.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To establish procedures for the expedited consideration by Congress of the recommendations set forth in the Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings report prepared by the Office of Management and Budget.

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 “Expedited Consider-
5 ation of Cuts, Consolidations, and Savings Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF CUTS, CONSOLIDA-**
 2 **TIONS, AND SAVINGS PREPARED BY THE OF-**
 3 **FICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part B of title X of the Congres-
 5 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2
 6 U.S.C. 681 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating sections 1013 through
 8 1017 as sections 1014 through 1018, respectively;
 9 and

10 (2) by inserting after section 1012 the fol-
 11 lowing:

12 **“SEC. 1013. CUTS, CONSOLIDATIONS, AND SAVINGS REPORT**
 13 **PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT**
 14 **AND BUDGET.**

15 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘continuous session’ relating to a
 17 House does not include a period during which that
 18 House has adjourned sine die or during which that
 19 House is not in session because of an adjournment
 20 of more than 3 days to a date certain; and

21 “(2) the term ‘covered bill’ means a bill or joint
 22 resolution—

23 “(A) transmitted under subsection (b)(2);
 24 and

25 “(B) introduced under subsection (c).

26 “(b) SPECIAL MESSAGE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
2 after the publication of any Cuts, Consolidations,
3 and Savings report prepared by the Office of Man-
4 agement and Budget, or any successor thereto, the
5 President may transmit to Congress a special mes-
6 sage to carry out all or part of the recommendations
7 contained in the report.

8 “(2) PROPOSED LEGISLATION.—With a special
9 message transmitted under paragraph (1), the Presi-
10 dent shall include a draft bill or joint resolution that
11 would carry out the recommendations of the Presi-
12 dent.

13 “(c) INTRODUCTION.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The majority leader or the
15 minority leader of the Senate and the majority lead-
16 er or the minority leader of the House of Represent-
17 atives shall introduce (by request) a bill or joint res-
18 olution transmitted to Congress under subsection
19 (b)(2) not later than the end of the second day of
20 continuous session of the Senate or the House of
21 Representatives, respectively, after the date on which
22 the President transmits the bill or joint resolution.

23 “(2) BY OTHER MEMBERS.—On and after the
24 third day of continuous session of the Senate or the
25 House of Representatives after the date on which a

1 bill or joint resolution is transmitted to Congress
 2 under subsection (b)(2), and if the bill or joint reso-
 3 lution has not been introduced under paragraph (1)
 4 in that House, it shall be in order for a Member of
 5 the Senate or the House of Representatives to intro-
 6 duce the bill or joint resolution.

7 “(d) REFERRAL.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the Senate and the
 9 House of Representatives, a covered bill shall be re-
 10 ferred to the committee or committees of the House
 11 with subject matter jurisdiction over that measure.

12 “(2) REPORTING.—A committee to which a cov-
 13 ered bill is referred—

14 “(A) shall report the covered bill without
 15 substantive revision;

16 “(B) may report the covered bill with or
 17 without recommendation; and

18 “(C) shall report the covered bill not later
 19 than the seventh day of continuous session of
 20 that House after the date of receipt of the spe-
 21 cial message that the covered bill accompanied.

22 “(3) DISCHARGE.—If a committee fails to re-
 23 port a covered bill within the period specified in
 24 paragraph (2)(C), the committee shall be discharged
 25 from further consideration of the covered bill and

1 the covered bill shall be referred to the appropriate
2 calendar of the House.

3 “(e) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES.—

5 “(1) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After each committee
7 authorized to consider a covered bill reports it
8 to the House of Representatives or has been
9 discharged from its consideration, it shall be in
10 order to move to proceed to consider the cov-
11 ered bill in the House of Representatives.

12 “(B) MOTION.—For a motion to proceed
13 to a covered bill—

14 “(i) the motion shall be highly privi-
15 leged and shall not be debatable;

16 “(ii) all points of order against the
17 motion are waived;

18 “(iii) the previous question shall be
19 considered as ordered on the motion to its
20 adoption without intervening motion;

21 “(iv) an amendment to the motion
22 shall not be in order; and

23 “(v) it shall not be in order to move
24 to reconsider the vote by which the motion
25 is agreed to or disagreed to.

1 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—If the House of Rep-
2 representatives proceeds to consideration of a covered
3 bill—

4 “(A) the covered bill shall be considered as
5 read;

6 “(B) all points of order against the covered
7 bill and against its consideration are waived;

8 “(C) the previous question shall be consid-
9 ered as ordered on the covered bill to its pas-
10 sage without intervening motion except 4 hours
11 of debate equally divided and controlled by the
12 proponent and an opponent;

13 “(D) a motion further to limit debate is in
14 order and shall not be debatable;

15 “(E) no amendment to the covered bill
16 shall be in order; and

17 “(F) it shall not be in order to move to re-
18 commit the covered bill or to move to reconsider
19 the vote by which the covered bill is agreed to
20 or disagreed to.

21 “(3) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage
22 of a covered bill shall occur—

23 “(A) immediately following the conclusion
24 of the debate on the covered bill; and

1 “(B) not later than the tenth day of con-
 2 tinuous session of the House of Representatives
 3 after the date on which the covered bill is intro-
 4 duced.

5 “(4) RULES.—

6 “(A) APPEALS.—Appeals from decisions of
 7 the Chair relating to the application of the rules
 8 of the House of Representatives to the proce-
 9 dure relating to a covered bill shall be decided
 10 without debate.

11 “(B) OTHER RULES RELATING TO CONSID-
 12 ERATION.—Except to the extent specifically
 13 provided in this subsection, consideration of a
 14 covered bill shall be governed by the Rules of
 15 the House of Representatives.

16 “(f) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

17 “(1) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding rule
 19 XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is
 20 in order at any time after each committee au-
 21 thorized to consider a covered bill reports it to
 22 the Senate or has been discharged from its con-
 23 sideration to move to proceed to the consider-
 24 ation of the covered bill.

1 “(B) MOTION.—For a motion to proceed
2 to a covered bill—

3 “(i) all points of order against the
4 covered bill (and against consideration of
5 the covered bill) are waived;

6 “(ii) the motion is not debatable;

7 “(iii) the motion is not subject to a
8 motion to postpone;

9 “(iv) a motion to reconsider the vote
10 by which the motion is agreed to or dis-
11 agreed to shall not be in order;

12 “(v) an amendment to the motion
13 shall not be in order; and

14 “(vi) if the motion is agreed to, the
15 covered bill shall remain the unfinished
16 business until disposed of.

17 “(2) CONSIDERATION.—If the Senate proceeds
18 to consideration of a covered bill—

19 “(A) consideration of the covered bill, and
20 on all debatable motions and appeals in connec-
21 tion therewith, shall be limited to not more than
22 10 hours, which shall be divided equally be-
23 tween the majority and minority leaders or
24 their designees;

1 “(B) a motion further to limit debate is in
2 order and not debatable;

3 “(C) an amendment to, a motion to post-
4 pone, or a motion to recommit the covered bill
5 is not in order;

6 “(D) a motion to proceed to the consider-
7 ation of other business is not in order;

8 “(E) debate on any debatable motion or
9 appeal in connection with a covered bill shall be
10 limited to not more than 1 hour, to be equally
11 divided between, and controlled by, the mover
12 and the manager of the covered bill, except that
13 in the event the manager of the covered bill is
14 in favor of any such motion or appeal, the time
15 in opposition thereto, shall be controlled by the
16 minority leader or a designee; and

17 “(F) it shall not be in order to move to re-
18 consider the vote by which the covered bill is
19 agreed to or disagreed to.

20 “(3) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage
21 of a covered bill shall occur—

22 “(A) immediately following the conclusion
23 of the debate on the covered bill, and a single
24 quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if

1 requested in accordance with the rules of the
2 Senate; and

3 “(B) not later than the tenth day of con-
4 tinuous session of the Senate after the date on
5 which the covered bill is introduced.

6 “(4) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
7 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair re-
8 lating to the application of the rules of the Senate
9 to the procedure relating to a covered bill shall be
10 decided without debate.

11 “(g) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES.—

13 “(1) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
14 HOUSE.—If, before the passage by one House of a
15 covered bill of that House, that House receives from
16 the other House a covered bill—

17 “(A) the covered bill of the other House
18 shall not be referred to a committee; and

19 “(B) with respect to the covered bill of the
20 House receiving the resolution—

21 “(i) the procedure in that House shall
22 be the same as if no covered bill had been
23 received from the other House; and

24 “(ii) the vote on passage shall be on
25 the covered bill of the other House.

1 “(2) ENGROSSING.—If a covered bill is agreed
 2 to by the Senate or the House of Representatives,
 3 the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the
 4 House of Representatives, respectively, shall cause
 5 the covered bill to be engrossed, certified, and trans-
 6 mitted to the other House of Congress on the same
 7 calendar day on which the covered bill is agreed to.

8 “(h) SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURES.—In the Senate
 9 and the House of Representatives—

10 “(1) a motion to suspend the application of this
 11 section shall not be in order; and

12 “(2) it shall not be in order to suspend the ap-
 13 plication of this section by unanimous consent.”.

14 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—Section
 15 904 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 621 note) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and 1017”
 17 and inserting “1013, and 1018”; and

18 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “section 101”
 19 and inserting “sections 1013 and 1018”.

20 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) Section 1011 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 682) is
 22 amended—

23 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “1013”
 24 and inserting “1014”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (5)—

1 (i) by striking “1016” and inserting
2 “1017”; and

3 (ii) by striking “1017(b)(1)” and in-
4 serting “1018(b)(1)”.

5 (2) Section 1015 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 685)
6 (as redesignated by subsection (a)) is amended—

7 (A) by striking “1012 or 1013” each place
8 it appears and inserting “1012, 1013, or
9 1014”;

10 (B) in subsection (b)—

11 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
12 (1), by striking “1012 and 1013” and in-
13 serting “1012, 1013, and 1014”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking
15 “1012” and inserting “1012 or 1013”;
16 and

17 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking
18 “1013” and inserting “1014”; and

19 (C) in subsection (e)(1)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
21 “and” at the end;

22 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
23 (B) as subparagraph (C);

1 (iii) in subparagraph (C) (as so reded-
 2 ignated), by striking “1013” and inserting
 3 “1014”; and

4 (iv) by inserting after subparagraph
 5 (A) the following:

6 “(B) he has transmitted a special message
 7 under section 1013 with respect to a Cuts, Con-
 8 solidations, and Savings report; and”.

9 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections
 10 for subpart B of title X of such Act is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
 12 tions 1013 through 1017 as items relating to sec-
 13 tions 1014 through 1018; and

14 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
 15 tion 1012 the following new item:

“Sec. 1013. Expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions.”.

16 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION.**

17 The authority provided by section 1013 of the Con-
 18 gressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974
 19 (as added by section 2) shall terminate effective on the
 20 date of the sine die adjournment of Congress during 2018.

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