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H. R. 4115

To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to establish a point of order against long-term direct spending, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. FLORES, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. NORMAN) 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 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to establish a point of order against long-term direct spending, 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. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST INCREASING LONG-**
4 **TERM DIRECT SPENDING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional
6 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new section:

1 “POINT OF ORDER AGAINST INCREASING LONG-TERM
2 DIRECT SPENDING

3 “SEC. 316. (a) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be
4 in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate
5 to consider any bill or joint resolution, or amendment
6 thereto or conference report thereon, that would cause a
7 net increase in direct spending in excess of
8 \$5,000,000,000 in any of the 4 consecutive 10-fiscal year
9 periods described in subsection (b).

10 “(b) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ANALYSIS OF
11 PROPOSALS.—The Director of the Congressional Budget
12 Office shall, to the extent practicable, prepare an estimate
13 of whether a bill or joint resolution reported by a com-
14 mittee (other than the Committee on Appropriations), or
15 amendment thereto or conference report thereon, would
16 cause, relative to current law, a net increase in direct
17 spending in the House of Representatives or the Senate,
18 in excess of \$5,000,000,000 in any of the 4 consecutive
19 10-fiscal year periods beginning with the first fiscal year
20 that is 10 fiscal years after the current fiscal year.”.

21 (b) SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR WAIVER IN
22 THE SENATE.—Subsections (c)(1) and (d)(2) of section
23 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are amended
24 by inserting “316(a),” after “313,” each place it appears.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
2 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
3 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-
4 serting after the item relating to section 315 the following
5 new item:

“Sec. 316. Point of order against increasing long-term direct spending.”.

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