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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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 “Providing Reports on
5 Inflation Costs and Economic Impact Act” or the “PRICE
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POINT OF ORDER REQUIRING AN INFLATION IM-**
 2 **PACT REPORT WITH ANY LEGISLATION THAT**
 3 **MAKES DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be in order in
 5 the Senate to consider a bill, joint resolution, motion,
 6 amendment, amendment between the Houses, or con-
 7 ference report making discretionary appropriations (as de-
 8 fined in section 250(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
 9 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c))) un-
 10 less an inflation impact report by the Congressional Budg-
 11 et Office with respect to the measure is submitted for pub-
 12 lication in the Congressional Record, including an analysis
 13 of the impact the measure would have on—

14 (1) the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
 15 Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statis-
 16 tics of the Department of Labor;

17 (2) the Employment Cost Index for private in-
 18 dustry workers published by the Bureau of Labor
 19 Statistics; and

20 (3) the purchasing power of consumers, includ-
 21 ing a comparison of the impact described in para-
 22 graph (1) and the impact described in paragraph
 23 (2).

24 (b) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEALS.—

25 (1) WAIVER.—This section may be waived or
 26 suspended in the Senate only by the affirmative vote

1 of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and
2 sworn.

3 (2) APPEALS.—Appeals in the Senate from the
4 decisions of the Chair relating to any provision of
5 this section shall be limited to 1 hour, to be equally
6 divided between, and controlled by, the appellant
7 and the manager of the bill or joint resolution, as
8 the case may be. An affirmative vote of three-fifths
9 of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and
10 sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal of the
11 ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under
12 this section.

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