

the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997 (Rept. 105-195). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. WALSH: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2209. A bill making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-196). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 193. Resolution providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2160) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. (Rept. 105-197). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself and Mr. WISE):

H.R. 2205. A bill to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. GUTIERREZ):

H.R. 2206. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska):

H.R. 2207. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act concerning a proposal to construct a deep ocean outfall off the coast of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. UPTON (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FROST, and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 2208. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize food claims which relate a nutrient to a disease or health-related condition; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WALSH:

H.R. 2209. A bill making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ:

H.R. 2210. A bill for the relief of certain aliens residing at 37-54 93d Street, Jackson Heights, NY and 104-15 34th Avenue, Corona, NY; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BONIOR (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. HINCHY, Mr. BECERRA, and Mr. OLVER):

H.R. 2211. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself and Ms. PELOSI):

H.R. 2212. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a program regarding sterile hypodermic needles in order to reduce the incidence of the transmission of HIV; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mr. DEUTSCH, and Mrs. KELLY):

H.R. 2213. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish incentives to increase the demand for and supply of qual-

ity child care, to provide incentives to States that improve the quality of child care, to expand clearinghouses and electronic networks for the distribution of child care information, to improve the quality of child care provided through Federal facilities and programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, the Judiciary, Education and the Workforce, and Banking and Financial Services, 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.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. SCOTT):

H.R. 2214. A bill to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to ensure that certain information regarding prisoners is reported to the Attorney General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts:

H.R. 2215. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to restrict employers in obtaining, disclosing, and using of genetic information; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 2216. A bill to establish limitation with respect to the disclosure and use of genetic information by life and disability insurers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.

By Mr. MCINNIS:

H.R. 2217. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project No. 9248 in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. NORWOOD:

H.R. 2218. A bill to redesignate the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center located in Augusta, GA, as the A. James Dyess Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. SANDLIN:

H.R. 2219. A bill to prevent Members of Congress from receiving the 1998 pay adjustment; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on House Oversight, 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.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

H.R. 2220. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation for certain surviving spouses of veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 2221. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to take no further action on a proposed regulation relating to the use of chlorofluorocarbons in metered-dose inhalers; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Ms. HARMAN:

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

154. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Illinois, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 34 urging Congress to ensure that the core principles outlined in the resolution are implemented in any restructuring of workforce programs, whether through legislation or regulatory and administrative modifications; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

155. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Indiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution 30 urging the President of the United States and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate both the potential incremental health effects and economic consequences of the proposed revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to the Committee on Commerce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 15: Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 23: Mrs. MALONEY of New York and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 51: Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon and Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 96: Mr. ACKERMAN and Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 146: Mr. LAZIO of New York.

H.R. 192: Mr. TORRES and Mr. RODRIGUEZ.

H.R. 198: Mr. BLUNT.

H.R. 228: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 230: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 301: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 306: Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. HOYER, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. COOK, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. BENTSEN, and Mr. FARR of California.

H.R. 414: Mr. TORRES and Mr. RODRIGUEZ.

H.R. 521: Mr. DOOLEY of California.

H.R. 553: Ms. KAPTUR and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 611: Mr. GOODE.

H.R. 633: Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 695: Mr. KNOLLENBERG and Mr. TALENT.

H.R. 712: Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 754: Mr. BAESLER and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 755: Mr. VENTO and Mr. BROWN of California.

H.R. 789: Mr. TURNER and Mr. REDMOND.

H.R. 815: Mr. MINGE and Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 925: Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 952: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 961: Mr. STEARNS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SKAGGS, and Mr. EWING.

H.R. 979: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. SNYDER, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 983: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1026: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1051: Mr. REDMOND.

H.R. 1114: Mr. SABO and Mr. COSTELLO.

H.R. 1126: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. STARK, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 1147: Mrs. CUBIN.

H.R. 1156: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1159: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1173: Mr. LUTHER, Mr. VENTO, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MINGE, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 1178: Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 1189: Mr. HAYWORTH and Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 1194: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1195: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1232: Mr. SANDERS and Mr. STUMP.

H.R. 1260: Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. FATTAH.

H.R. 1300: Ms. FURSE.
 H.R. 1323: Mr. LUTHER.
 H.R. 1371: Mr. EDWARDS and Mr. SESSIONS.
 H.R. 1382: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. RUSH.
 H.R. 1398: Mr. BARTON of Texas.
 H.R. 1401: Ms. WOOLSEY.
 H.R. 1415: Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BERRY, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DICKS, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. CRAPO.
 H.R. 1426: Mr. WAMP.
 H.R. 1450: Mr. ACKERMAN.
 H.R. 1456: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Ms. GRANGER, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ.
 H.R. 1492: Mr. WICKER.
 H.R. 1519: Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.
 H.R. 1521: Mr. METCALF, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. MARTINEZ.
 H.R. 1534: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. DREIER, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. COX of California, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CANON, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. CHENOWETH.
 H.R. 1542: Mr. BLILEY.
 H.R. 1585: Mr. WELLER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. KELLY, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.
 H.R. 1670: Mr. GUTIERREZ.
 H.R. 1679: Mr. MCCOLLUM and Ms. SLAUGHTER.
 H.R. 1689: Mr. HOLDEN.
 H.R. 1712: Mr. ROHRBACHER and Mrs. EMERSON.
 H.R. 1719: Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LEWIS of California, and Mr. NEY.
 H.R. 1733: Ms. RIVERS and Mr. STABENOW.
 H.R. 1748: Mr. CAPPS, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.
 H.R. 1788: Mr. HINCHEY and Mr. GORDON.
 H.R. 1839: Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. COBURN.
 H.R. 1843: Mr. CRAPO.
 H.R. 1846: Mr. SAM JOHNSON and Mr. RAHALL.
 H.R. 1861: Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FROST, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. STARK, Mr. VENTO, and Mr. YATES.
 H.R. 1864: Ms. FURSE.
 H.R. 1883: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.
 H.R. 1912: Mr. ROGAN.
 H.R. 1968: Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. WELLER.
 H.R. 1991: Mr. THORNBERRY and Mr. DICKEY.
 H.R. 2001: Mrs. CHENOWETH.
 H.R. 2003: Mr. COOK, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. HORN.
 H.R. 2004: Mrs. EMERSON and Mr. HILLIARD.
 H.R. 2005: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. COSTELLO, and Mr. PICKERING.
 H.R. 2006: Mr. BALDACCI, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. HEFNER.
 H.R. 2064: Mr. DICKS and Mr. WEXLER.
 H.R. 2120: Mr. HAMILTON.
 H.R. 2121: Mr. FROST, Mr. DEUTSCH, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. EVANS.
 H.R. 2122: Mr. PASCARELL.
 H.R. 2139: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. OBEY, and Mr. PETRI.
 H.R. 2143: Mr. FILNER and Mr. UNDERWOOD.
 H.R. 2163: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.
 H.R. 2196: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, and Mr. ROYCE.
 H.R. 2198: Mr. LUTHER and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
 H.R. 2200: Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. GILMAN.
 H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. FILNER, Mr. LEWIS of GEORGIA, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. FROST, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. COLLINS.

H. Con. Res. 81: Mr. GOODE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. TALENT, Mr. YATES, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. WEYGAND, and Mr. NADLER.

H. Con. Res. 91: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 97: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 99: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H. Con. Res. 100: Mr. WEXLER, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H. Res. 166: Mr. YATES.

H. Res. 173: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H. Res. 191: Mr. HERGER, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. HULSHOF.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 2003: Mr. BERRY and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 2003

OFFERED BY: Mr. BARTON OF TEXAS

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Balanced Budget Assurance Act of 1997”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Title I—Ensure That the Bipartisan Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997 Achieves Its Goal

Sec. 101. Timetable.

Sec. 102. Procedures to avoid sequestration or delay of new revenue reductions.

Sec. 103. Effect on Presidents’ budget submissions; point of order.

Sec. 104. Deficit and revenue targets.

Sec. 105. Direct spending caps.

Sec. 106. Economic assumptions.

Sec. 107. Revisions to deficit and revenue targets and to the caps for entitlements and other mandatory spending.

Title II—Enforcement Provisions

Sec. 201. Reporting excess spending.

Sec. 202. Enforcing direct spending caps.

Sec. 203. Sequestration rules.

Sec. 204. Enforcing revenue targets.

Sec. 205. Exempt programs and activities.

Sec. 206. Special rules.

Sec. 207. The current law baseline.

Sec. 208. Limitations on emergency spending.

Title III—Use of Budget Surplus to Preserve Social Security Trust Fund

Sec. 301. Ending use of receipts of Social Security Trust Fund for other programs and activities.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act:

(1) ELIGIBLE POPULATION.—The term “eligible population” shall mean those individuals

to whom the United States is obligated to make a payment under the provisions of a law creating entitlement authority. Such term shall not include States, localities, corporations or other nonliving entities.

(2) SEQUESTER AND SEQUESTRATION.—The terms “sequester” and “sequestration” refer to or mean the cancellation of budgetary resources provided by discretionary appropriations or direct spending law.

(3) BREACH.—The term “breach” means, for any fiscal year, the amount (if any) by which outlays for that year (within a category of direct spending) is above that category’s direct spending cap for that year.

(4) BASELINE.—The term “baseline” means the projection (described in section 207) of current levels of new budget authority, outlays, receipts, and the surplus or deficit into the budget year and the outyears.

(5) BUDGETARY RESOURCES.—The term “budgetary resources” means new budget authority, unobligated balances, direct spending authority, and obligation limitations.

(6) DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.—The term “discretionary appropriations” means budgetary resources (except to fund direct spending programs) provided in appropriation Acts. If an appropriation Act alters the level of direct spending or offsetting collections, that effect shall be treated as direct spending. Classifications of new accounts or activities and changes in classifications shall be made in consultation with the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate and with CBO and OMB.

(7) DIRECT SPENDING.—The term “direct spending” means—

(A) budget authority provided by law other than appropriation Acts, including entitlement authority;

(B) entitlement authority; and

(C) the food stamp program.

If a law other than an appropriation Act alters the level of discretionary appropriations or offsetting collections, that effect shall be treated as direct spending.

(8) ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY.—The term “entitlement authority” means authority (whether temporary or permanent) to make payments (including loans and grants), the budget authority for which is not provided for in advance by appropriation Acts, to any person or government if, under the provisions of the law containing such authority, the United States is obligated to make such payments to persons or governments who meet the requirements established by such law.

(9) CURRENT.—The term “current” means, with respect to OMB estimates included with a budget submission under section 1105(a) of title 31 U.S.C., the estimates consistent with the economic and technical assumptions underlying that budget.

(10) ACCOUNT.—The term “account” means an item for which there is a designated budget account designation number in the President’s budget.

(11) BUDGET YEAR.—The term “budget year” means the fiscal year of the Government that starts on the next October 1.

(12) CURRENT YEAR.—The term “current year” means, with respect to a budget year, the fiscal year that immediately precedes that budget year.

(13) OUTYEAR.—The term “outyear” means, with respect to a budget year, any of the fiscal years that follow the budget year.

(14) OMB.—The term “OMB” means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(15) CBO.—The term “CBO” means the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

(16) BUDGET OUTLAYS AND OUTLAYS.—The terms “budget outlays” and “outlays” mean,