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H. R. _____

To clarify that the baseline is based on current laws and the assumption of continuation of current levels of discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CLINE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “No Bias in the Base-
5 line Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF BASELINE CALCULATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 257 of the Balanced
3 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
4 U.S.C. 907) is amended—

5 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
6 following:

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For any budget year, the base-
8 line refers to a projection, based on current laws and the
9 assumption of continuation of current levels of discre-
10 tionary appropriations, of current-year levels of new budg-
11 et authority, outlays, revenues, and the surplus or deficit
12 into the budget year and the outyears based on laws en-
13 acted through the applicable date.”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Laws providing or creating
18 direct spending and receipts are assumed to operate
19 in the manner specified in those laws for each such
20 year.”;

21 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

22 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
23 paragraph (2); and

24 (3) in subsection (c)—

25 (A) in the second sentence of paragraph
26 (1), by striking all that follows after “current

1 year,” through the period and inserting “ex-
2 cluding resources designated as an emergency
3 requirement and any resources provided in sup-
4 plemental appropriation laws.”;

5 (B) by striking paragraphs (2), (3), (4),
6 and (5);

7 (C) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
8 paragraph (2); and

9 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
10 following:

11 “(3) NO ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—No
12 adjustment shall be made for inflation or for any
13 other factor.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) Section 202(e)(1) of the Congressional
16 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602(e)(1)) is amend-
17 ed—

18 (A) by inserting “and” before “(B) the lev-
19 els”; and

20 (B) by striking “, and (C)” and all that
21 follows through “1985”.

22 (2) Section 403(a)(3) of the Social Security Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3)) is amended—

24 (A) by striking subparagraph (G); and

- 1 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as
- 2 subparagraph (G).