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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.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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**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) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET AND IMPOUND-  
16          MENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974.—Section 202(e)(1) of  
17          the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.  
18          602(e)(1)) is amended—

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

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

23           (2) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 403(a)(3)  
24          of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3)) is  
25          amended—

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

2 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as

3 subparagraph (G).

4 **SEC. 3. CBO PUBLICATION OF ALTERNATIVE FISCAL SCE-**  
5 **NARIOS.**

6 Section 202(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget and  
7 Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602(e)(1))  
8 is amended by adding after the period at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new sentence: "Such report shall include alter-  
10 native fiscal scenarios, as deemed appropriate, prepared  
11 in consultation with the Committees on the Budget of the  
12 House of Representatives and the Senate."