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To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide that any concurrent resolution on the budget that contains reconciliation directives shall include a directive with respect to the statutory limit on the public debt, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. EXON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committees on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. RECONCILIATION DIRECTIVES TO INCLUDE DI-**
2 **RECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO INCREASE IN**
3 **STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE PUBLIC DEBT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 310 of the Congressional
5 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 641) is amended by adding
6 at the end thereof the following new subsection:

7 **“(h) RECONCILIATION DIRECTIVES WITH RESPECT**
8 **TO PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.—**

9 “(1) Any concurrent resolution on the budget
10 for a fiscal year that contains directives of the type
11 described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a)
12 for such fiscal year shall also include a directive of
13 the type described in paragraph (3) of such sub-
14 section for such fiscal year.

15 “(2) Any change in the statutory limit on the
16 public debt that is recommended pursuant to a di-
17 rective of the type described in paragraph (3) of
18 subsection (a) shall be included in the reconciliation
19 legislation reported pursuant to subsection (b) for
20 such fiscal year.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING CHANGE.—Section 310(d)(2) of
22 such Act is amended by inserting “(other than a provision
23 reported pursuant to a directive of the type described in
24 subsection (a)(3))” after “motion to strike a provision”.

1 **SEC. 2. POINT OF ORDER.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Standing
3 Rules of the Senate, except as provided in subsection (b),
4 it shall not be in order in the Senate to consider any bill
5 or joint resolution (or any amendment thereto or con-
6 ference report thereon) that increases the statutory limit
7 on the public debt during a fiscal year above the level set
8 forth as appropriate for such fiscal year in the concurrent
9 resolution on the budget for such fiscal year agreed to
10 under section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of
11 1974.

12 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
13 any reconciliation bill or reconciliation resolution reported
14 pursuant to section 310(b) of the Congressional Budget
15 Act of 1974 during any fiscal year (or any conference re-
16 port thereon) that contains a provision that—

17 (1) increases the statutory limit on the public
18 debt pursuant to a directive of the type described in
19 section 310(a)(3) of such Act, and
20 (2) becomes effective on or after the first day
21 of the following fiscal year.

22 (c) WAIVERS.—Subsection (a) may be waived or sus-
23 pended in the Senate by a vote of three-fifths of the Mem-
24 bers, duly chosen and sworn.

25 (d) APPEALS.—If the ruling of the presiding officer
26 sustains a point of order raised pursuant to paragraph (1),

1 a vote of three-fifths of the Members duly chosen and
2 sworn shall be required to sustain an appeal of such rul-
3 ing. Debate on any such appeal shall be limited to two
4 hours, to be equally divided between, and controlled by,
5 the majority leader and the minority leader or their des-
6 ignees. An appeal of any such point of order is not subject
7 to a motion of table.

8 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
10 become effective on the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 4. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.**

12 This Act and the amendments made by this Act are
13 enacted by the Congress—

14 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
15 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-
16 spectively, and as such they shall be considered as
17 part of the rules of each House, respectively, or of
18 that House to which they specifically apply, and
19 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-
20 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

21 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
22 right of either House to change such rules (so far
23 as relating to such House) at any time, in the same
24 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of
25 any other rule of such House.

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