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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAMSTAD introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Government Operations and Rules

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 “Common Sense Budget
5 Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET.**

2 Paragraph (5) of section 1105(a) of title 31, United
3 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 “(5) except as provided in subsection (b) of this
5 section—

6 “(A) estimated expenditures and proposed
7 appropriations for each function and
8 subfunction in the current fiscal year;

9 “(B) estimated expenditures and proposed
10 appropriations the President decides are nec-
11 essary to support the Government for each
12 function and subfunction in the fiscal year for
13 which the budget is submitted; and

14 “(C) a comparison of levels of estimated
15 expenditures and proposed appropriations for
16 each function and subfunction in the current
17 fiscal year and the fiscal year for which the
18 budget is submitted, along with the proposed
19 increase or decrease of spending in percentage
20 terms for each function and subfunction;”.

21 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET.**

22 Section 301(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of
23 1974 is amended by—

24 (1) inserting after the second sentence the fol-
25 lowing: “The starting point for any deliberations in
26 the Committee on the Budget of each House on the

1 concurrent resolution on the budget for the next fis-
2 cal year shall be the estimated level of outlays for
3 the current year in each function and subfunction.
4 Any increases or decreases in the Congressional
5 budget for the next fiscal year shall be from such es-
6 timated levels.”;

7 (2) striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and insert-
8 ing the following:

9 “(2) a comparison of levels for the current fis-
10 cal year with proposed spending for the subsequent
11 fiscal years along with the proposed increase or de-
12 crease of spending in percentage terms for each
13 function and subfunction;

14 “(3) information, data, and comparisons indi-
15 cating the manner in which and the basis on which,
16 the committee determined each of the matters set
17 forth in the concurrent resolution, including infor-
18 mation on outlays for the current fiscal year and the
19 decisions reached to set funding for the subsequent
20 fiscal years;”;

21 (3) inserting “and” after the semicolon in para-
22 graph (7);

23 (4) striking paragraph (8); and

24 (5) redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph
25 (8).

1 **SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE REPORT TO**
2 **COMMITTEES.**

3 The first sentence of section 202(f)(1) of the Con-
4 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended to read as fol-
5 lows: “On or before February 15 of each year, the Direc-
6 tor shall submit to the Committees on the Budget of the
7 House of Representatives and the Senate a report, for the
8 fiscal year commencing on October 1 of that year, with
9 respect to fiscal policy, including (A) estimated budget
10 outlays in all functions and subfunctions for appropriated
11 accounts for the current fiscal year and estimated budget
12 outlays under current law for all entitlement programs for
13 the next fiscal year, (B) alternative levels of total reve-
14 nues, total new budget authority, and total outlays (in-
15 cluding related surpluses and deficits), and (C) the levels
16 of tax expenditures under existing law, taking into account
17 projected economic factors and any changes in such levels
18 based on proposals in the budget submitted by the Presi-
19 dent for such fiscal year.”.

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