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To increase the statutory debt limit and to require a Presidential plan to restore balanced budgets and protect Social Security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE (for himself, Mr. HILL, Mr. TANNER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. ROSS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. PHELPS, Ms. HARMAN, and Mr. TURNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget and Rules, 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

A BILL

To increase the statutory debt limit and to require a Presidential plan to restore balanced budgets and protect Social Security.

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 “Climbing Out of the
5 Deficit Ditch Act of 2002”.

1 **TITLE I—INCREASE IN DEBT**
2 **LIMIT**

3 **SEC. 101. INCREASE IN DEBT LIMIT.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT.—Section
5 3101(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by
6 striking “\$5,950,000,000,000” and inserting
7 “\$6,100,000,000,000”.

8 (b) POINT OF ORDER.—(1) Except as provided by
9 paragraph (2), it shall not be in order in the House to
10 consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or con-
11 ference report that includes any provision that increases
12 the limit on the public debt above \$6,100,000,000,000 or
13 otherwise extends the borrowing authority of the Treasury
14 beyond September 30, 2002.

15 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the House if—

16 (A) the chairman of the Committee on the
17 Budget of the House has made the certification de-
18 scribed in section 201 that the budget (excluding the
19 receipts and disbursements of the Federal Old-Age
20 and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Fed-
21 eral Disability Insurance Trust Fund) will be in bal-
22 ance by fiscal year 2007; or

23 (B) the President has submitted a plan meeting
24 the requirements of this title and the House has ap-

1 proved a resolution meeting the requirements of this
2 title.

3 **TITLE II—BUDGET REVIEW AND**
4 **REVISION**

5 **SEC. 201. CERTIFICATION OF PROJECTED ON-BUDGET BAL-**
6 **ANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—If, in the report released pursuant
8 to section 202(e)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of
9 1974, entitled the Budget and Economic Outlook Update
10 (for fiscal years 2003 through 2012), the Director of the
11 Congressional Budget Office projects that the unified
12 budget of the United States for fiscal year 2003 will be
13 in balance and that the budget (excluding the receipts and
14 disbursements of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors In-
15 surance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance
16 Trust Fund) will be in balance by fiscal year 2007, then
17 the chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
18 House is authorized to certify that the budget is projected
19 to meet the goals of a balanced budget and protecting so-
20 cial security.

21 (b) REQUEST IF DEFICIT PROJECTED FOR BUDGET
22 EXCLUDING OASDI.—If the report of the Congressional
23 Budget Office released pursuant to section 202(e)(2) of
24 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, entitled the Budg-
25 et and Economic Outlook Update (for fiscal years 2003

1 through 2012), projects the budget (excluding the receipts
2 and disbursements of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors
3 Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insur-
4 ance Trust Fund) will be in deficit in fiscal year 2007,
5 the chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
6 House shall request that the President submit to the
7 House a proposal to bring the budget of the United States
8 (excluding the receipts and disbursements of the Federal
9 Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the
10 Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund) into balance by
11 fiscal year 2007.

12 (c) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL BASIS OF CERTIFI-
13 CATION.—In making the certification under subsection
14 (a), the chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the
15 House shall rely on the most recent economic and tech-
16 nical assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office and
17 all legislation enacted before the date of such certification,
18 including legislation establishing discretionary spending
19 limits. If legislation enacting discretionary spending limits
20 has not been so enacted, the Congressional Budget Office
21 shall assume the discretionary spending levels set forth in
22 House Concurrent Resolution 353, as agreed to, or if not
23 agreed to, then as passed the House.

1 **SEC. 202. PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE**
2 **PRESIDENT.**

3 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL PLAN.**—If the chairman of the
4 Committee on the Budget of the House submits a request
5 to the President under section 201, the President shall
6 submit a plan that includes—

7 (1) specific legislative changes to reduce out-
8 lays, increase revenues, or both;

9 (2) the text of a special resolution implementing
10 the President’s recommendations through reconcili-
11 ation directives instructing the appropriate commit-
12 tees of the House of Representatives and Senate to
13 determine and recommend changes in laws within
14 their jurisdictions to reduce outlays or increase reve-
15 nues by specified amounts; and

16 (3) recommendations for new discretionary
17 spending limits or other budget enforcement mecha-
18 nisms necessary to maintain compliance with the
19 plan;

20 to achieve savings sufficient to put the budget on a path
21 that is projected to meet the goals of balancing the budget
22 and protecting social security as set forth in section 201.

23 (b) **ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS**
24 **ON HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET.**—Section 1105(a) of
25 title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
26 end the following new paragraph:

1 “(34) a separate report on a homeland security
2 budget, including recommendations regarding (A)
3 guidelines for which spending should be considered
4 as part of a homeland security budget, predicated on
5 a homeland security strategy describing the
6 vulnerabilities and threats to terrorist attack and the
7 goals of the homeland security budget, (B) the
8 amount of funding that should be walled off within
9 the discretionary spending limits for homeland secu-
10 rity programs, and (C) whether the discretionary
11 spending limits need to be increased to accommodate
12 the funding needs identified in the President’s re-
13 view of homeland security spending.”.

14 **SEC. 203. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION REQUIRED IF BAL-**
15 **ANCED BUDGETS AND SOCIAL SECURITY**
16 **PROTECTION GOALS ARE NOT BEING MET.**

17 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR LEGISLATION RESTORING
18 BALANCED BUDGET AND PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY
19 SURPLUS.—Whenever the President submits a plan to re-
20 store balanced budgets and restore the social security sur-
21 plus under the preceding section, the Committee on the
22 Budget of the House shall report, not later than Sep-
23 tember 15, a revised concurrent resolution on the budget
24 for fiscal year 2003 with instructions to committees to
25 achieve reductions in outlays or increases in revenues, or

1 both, sufficient to meet the goals of balancing the budget
2 and protecting social security, and appropriately revised
3 section 302(a) allocations to the Committee on Appropria-
4 tions.

5 (b) PROCEDURE IF HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE
6 FAILS TO REPORT REQUIRED RESOLUTION.—

7 (1) AUTOMATIC DISCHARGE OF HOUSE BUDGET
8 COMMITTEE.—If the Committee on the Budget fails
9 to report the resolution required by subsection (a),
10 then the legislation introduced pursuant to the pre-
11 ceding section (legislation implementing the Presi-
12 dent's plan) shall be automatically discharged from
13 consideration by the committee or committees to
14 which it was referred and it shall be placed on the
15 appropriate calendar.

16 (2) CONSIDERATION BY HOUSE.—Ten days
17 after the applicable committee or committees have
18 been discharged under paragraph (1), any Member
19 may move that the House proceed to consider the
20 resolution. Such motion shall be highly privileged
21 and not debatable.

22 (c) APPLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET
23 ACT.—To the extent that they are relevant and not incon-
24 sistent with this title, the provisions of title III of the Con-
25 gressional Budget Act of 1974 shall apply in the House

1 of Representatives and the Senate to resolutions and legis-
2 lation under this title and reconciliation legislation re-
3 ported pursuant to directives included in those resolutions.

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