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To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to require the joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. CLAY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Referred to the Committee on Rules

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## A BILL

To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to require the joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

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 “Job Creation and Eco-  
5 nomic Growth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF**  
2 **2011.**

3 (a) TITLE AMENDMENT.—The title heading of title  
4 IV of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112–  
5 25) is amended by inserting “, **JOB CREATION,**  
6 **AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**” after “**DEFICIT**  
7 **REDUCTION**”.

8 (b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF JOINT SELECT COM-  
9 MITTEE.—Section 401 of the Budget Control Act of 2011  
10 (Public Law 112–25) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “, Job  
12 Creation, and Economic Growth” after “Deficit Re-  
13 duction”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, Job  
16 Creation, and Economic Growth” after “Deficit  
17 Reduction”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2)—

19 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
20 ing “GOAL” and inserting “GOALS”;

21 (ii) by striking “goal” and inserting  
22 “goals”; and

23 (iii) by inserting before the period  
24 “and to spur economic growth and restore  
25 the Nation’s workforce to full employment,  
26 which shall be defined by the Secretary of

1 Labor not later than 14 days after the  
2 date of enactment of the Job Creation and  
3 Economic Growth Act, over the period of  
4 fiscal years 2012 and 2013”;

5 (C) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by inserting  
6 “and significantly improve the short-term and  
7 long-term employment levels in the United  
8 States and spur economic growth” before the  
9 period;

10 (D) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), by striking  
11 “reduce the deficit consistent with the goal”  
12 and inserting “reduce the deficit and improve  
13 employment levels consistent with the goal”;

14 (E) in paragraph (3)(B)—

15 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by  
16 striking “REPORT” and inserting “RE-  
17 PORTS”;

18 (ii) in clause (i)—

19 (I) by striking “and” at the end  
20 of subclause (I);

21 (II) in subclause (II), by insert-  
22 ing “with respect to deficit reduction”  
23 after “subclause (I)”;

1 (III) by striking the period at the  
2 end of subclause (II) and inserting a  
3 semicolon;

4 (IV) by inserting after subclause  
5 (II) the following new subclauses:

6 “(III) proposed legislative lan-  
7 guage to carry out such recommenda-  
8 tions as described in subclause (I)  
9 with respect to job creation measures,  
10 which shall include a statement of the  
11 job creation achieved by the legislation  
12 over the period of fiscal years 2012  
13 and 2013.”; and

14 (iii) in clause (iv), by striking “the  
15 joint committee report” and inserting  
16 “that joint committee report”; and

17 (iv) in clause (v), by striking “vote”  
18 and inserting “votes”; and

19 (F) in paragraph (4)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
21 “12” and inserting “16”;

22 (ii) in each of clause (i) through (iv)  
23 of subparagraph (B), by striking “three”  
24 each place it appears and inserting “4”;  
25 and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(F) SUBCOMMITTEE.—The joint com-  
4 mittee shall appoint some of its members to a  
5 special subcommittee which shall make rec-  
6 ommendations to the joint committee on meas-  
7 ures to spur economic growth and restore the  
8 Nation’s workforce to full employment over the  
9 period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.”.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO EXPE-  
11 DITED CONSIDERATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE REC-  
12 OMMENDATIONS.—Section 402 of the Budget Control Act  
13 of 2011 (Public Law 112–25) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by striking “If approved by the major-  
16 ity” and all that follows through “section  
17 401(b)(3)(B)(iv)” and insert the following:

18 “(1) APPROVED DEFICIT REDUCTION LEGISLA-  
19 TIVE LANGUAGE.—If approved by the majority re-  
20 quired by section 401(b)(3)(B)(ii), the proposed leg-  
21 islative language described in clause (i)(II) of section  
22 401(b)(1)(B) and submitted pursuant to clause (iv)  
23 of such section”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(2) JOB CREATION LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—

1           “(A) IF APPROVED.—If approved by the  
2 majority required by section 401(b)(3)(B)(ii),  
3 the proposed legislative language described in  
4 clause (i)(III) of section 401(b)(1)(B) sub-  
5 mitted pursuant to clause (iv) of such section  
6 shall be introduced in the Senate (by request)  
7 on the next day on which the Senate is in ses-  
8 sion by the majority leader of the Senate or by  
9 a Member of the Senate designated by the ma-  
10 jority leader of the Senate and shall be intro-  
11 duced in the House of Representatives (by re-  
12 quest) on the next legislative day by the major-  
13 ity leader of the House or by a Member of the  
14 House designated by the majority leader of the  
15 House.

16           “(B) IF NOT APPROVED.—If no legislative  
17 language described in subclause (III) of section  
18 401(b)(1)(B)(i) is approved by the vote re-  
19 quired by such section, then any such legislative  
20 language that was brought to a vote under such  
21 section shall be introduced in the Senate (by re-  
22 quest) on the next day on which the Senate is  
23 in session by the majority leader of the Senate  
24 or by a Member of the Senate designated by the  
25 majority leader of the Senate and shall be in-

1 introduced in the House of Representatives (by  
2 request) on the next legislative day by the ma-  
3 jority leader of the House or by a Member of  
4 the House designated by the majority leader of  
5 the House.”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by striking “the joint committee  
9 bill” each place it appears and inserting “a  
10 joint committee bill”; and

11 (ii) in the last sentence, by striking  
12 “the joint committee bill” and inserting  
13 “that joint committee bill”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,  
15 by striking “the joint committee bill” and in-  
16 serting “that joint committee bill”; and

17 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “The  
18 joint committee bill” and inserting “A joint  
19 committee bill”;

20 (3) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking  
22 “the joint committee bill” each place it appears  
23 and inserting “a joint committee bill”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “the  
2 joint committee bill” the first place it appears  
3 and inserting “a joint committee bill”;

4 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “The joint  
5 committee bill” and insert “A joint committee bill”;

6 (5) in subsection (e)(1) in the matter preceding  
7 subparagraph (A)—

8 (A) by striking “before passing the joint”  
9 and inserting “before passing a joint”; and

10 (B) by striking “a joint committee bill”  
11 and inserting “a related joint committee bill”;

12 (6) in subsection (f)(2)—

13 (A) by striking “the joint committee bill”  
14 the first place it appears and inserting “a joint  
15 committee bill”; and

16 (B) by striking “receives the joint com-  
17 mittee bill” and inserting “receives the related  
18 joint committee bill”;

19 (7) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “the joint  
20 committee bill” and inserting “a joint committee  
21 bill”; and

22 (8) in subsection (g)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, in the  
24 case of a joint committee bill that was intro-



1           duced pursuant to subsection (a)(1)” before the  
2           semicolon; and

3                   (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, in the  
4           case of any joint committee bill that was intro-  
5           duced pursuant to subsection (a)” before the  
6           period.

7           (d) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—In the  
8           table of contents in section 1(b) of the Budget Control  
9           Act of 2011, the item relating to title IV is amended to  
10          read as follows:

          “TITLE IV—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEFICIT REDUCTION,  
          JOB CREATION, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH”.

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