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# S. 1532

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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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 shall 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), by inserting “, Job Cre-  
12 ation, and Economic Growth” after “Deficit Reduc-  
13 tion”;

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 not

1 later than 14 days after the date of enact-  
2 ment of the Job Creation and Economic  
3 Growth Act, over the period of fiscal years  
4 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 and

15 (E) in paragraph (3)(B)—

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

19 (ii) in clause (i)—

20 (I) in subclause (I), by inserting  
21 “with respect to deficit reduction”  
22 after “recommendations of the joint  
23 committee”;

24 (II) by striking “and” at the end  
25 of 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) a report that contains a  
7 detailed statement of the findings,  
8 conclusions, and recommendations of  
9 the joint committee with respect to  
10 economic growth and job creation and  
11 the estimate of the Joint Economic  
12 Committee required by paragraph  
13 (5)(D)(ii); and

14 “(IV) separate proposed legisla-  
15 tive language to carry out such rec-  
16 ommendations as described in sub-  
17 clause (III) with respect to job cre-  
18 ation measures, which shall include a  
19 statement of the job creation achieved  
20 by the legislation over the period of  
21 fiscal years 2012 and 2013.”; and

22 (V) by striking “Rules of the  
23 Senate included in the report or legis-  
24 lative” and inserting “Rules of the

1 Senate included in either report or set  
2 of legislative”;

3 (iii) in clause (ii), by striking “The re-  
4 port of the joint committee and the pro-  
5 posed” and inserting “Each report of the  
6 joint committee and set of proposed”;

7 (iv) in clause (iii), by striking “ap-  
8 proval of the report” and inserting “ap-  
9 proval of the reports”;

10 (v) in clause (iv)—

11 (I) by striking “If the report and  
12 legislative language” the first place it  
13 appears and inserting “If either re-  
14 port and set of legislative language”;  
15 and

16 (II) by striking “the joint com-  
17 mittee report” and inserting “that  
18 joint committee report”; and

19 (vi) in clause (v)—

20 (I) by striking “disapproval of  
21 the joint committee report and” and  
22 inserting “disapproval of either joint  
23 committee report and set of”;

1 (II) by striking “the full report  
2 and” and inserting “that full report  
3 and set of”; and

4 (III) by striking “vote” and in-  
5 serting “votes”.

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

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) by striking “If approved by the major-  
12 ity” and all that follows through “section  
13 401(b)(3)(B)(iv)” and insert the following:

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

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

21 “(2) JOB CREATION LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—

22 “(A) IF APPROVED.—If approved by the  
23 majority required by section 2(b)(3)(B)(ii), the  
24 proposed legislative language described in  
25 clause (i)(IV) of section 401(b)(1)(B) submitted

1           pursuant to clause (iv) of such section shall be  
2           introduced in the Senate (by request) on the  
3           next day on which the Senate is in session by  
4           the majority leader of the Senate or by a Mem-  
5           ber of the Senate designated by the majority  
6           leader of the Senate and shall be introduced in  
7           the House of Representatives (by request) on  
8           the next legislative day by the majority leader  
9           of the House or by a Member of the House des-  
10          ignated by the majority leader of the House.

11                 “(B) IF NOT APPROVED.—If no legislative  
12          language is approved by the vote required by  
13          section 401(b)(3)(B)(i), then any legislative lan-  
14          guage that was brought to a vote under such  
15          section shall be introduced in the Senate (by re-  
16          quest) on the next day on which the Senate is  
17          in session by the majority leader of the Senate  
18          or by a Member of the Senate designated by the  
19          majority leader of the Senate and shall be in-  
20          troduced in the House of Representatives (by  
21          request) on the next legislative day by the ma-  
22          jority leader of the House or by a Member of  
23          the House designated by the majority leader of  
24          the House.”;

25                 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in the first sentence, by striking  
3 “the joint committee bill” and inserting  
4 “either joint committee bill”;

5 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking  
6 “the joint committee bill” and inserting “a  
7 joint committee bill”; and

8 (iii) in the last sentence, by striking  
9 “the joint committee bill” and inserting  
10 “that joint committee bill”;

11 (B) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,  
12 by striking “the joint committee bill” and in-  
13 serting “that joint committee bill”; and

14 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “The  
15 joint committee bill” and inserting “Any joint  
16 committee bill”;

17 (3) in subsection (c)—

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

21 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “the  
22 joint committee bill” the first place it appears  
23 and inserting “a joint committee bill”;

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



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

3           (A) by striking “before passing the joint”  
4       and inserting “before passing either joint”; and

5           (B) by striking “a joint committee bill”  
6       and inserting “a related joint committee bill”;

7       (6) in subsection (f)(2)—

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

11          (B) by striking “receives the joint com-  
12      mittee bill” and inserting “receives the related  
13      joint committee bill”;

14          (7) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “the joint  
15      committee bill” and inserting “a joint committee  
16      bill”; and

17          (8) in subsection (g)—

18           (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, in the  
19      case of a joint committee bill that was intro-  
20      duced pursuant to subsection (a)(1)” before the  
21      semicolon; and

22           (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, in the  
23      case of any joint committee bill that was intro-  
24      duced pursuant to subsection (a)” before the  
25      period.

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

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

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