

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for bipartisan budgets.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. _____

To implement the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. PERDUE)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . BIPARTISAN BUDGET RESOLUTION.**

3 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Congressional
4 Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
5 622), as amended by section 102, is further amended by
6 adding at the end the following:

7 “(15) The term ‘bipartisan budget resolution’
8 means a concurrent resolution on the budget for a
9 biennium—

10 “(A) ordered reported to the Senate by the
11 Committee on the Budget of the Senate by an
12 affirmative vote of not less than half of the

1 Senators that are members of the majority
2 party in the Senate and not less than half of
3 the Senators that are members of the minority
4 party in the Senate;

5 “(B) that establishes—

6 “(i) a target for the ratio of the public
7 debt to the gross domestic product as of
8 the end of the period covered by the con-
9 current resolution or a later date; and

10 “(ii) for each fiscal year covered by
11 the concurrent resolution, targets for—

12 “(I) the ratio of the public debt
13 to the gross domestic product;

14 “(II) the amount of health care
15 spending by the Government;

16 “(III) the amount of tax expendi-
17 tures;

18 “(IV) the amount of discre-
19 tionary appropriations (as defined in
20 section 250 of the Balanced Budget
21 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
22 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900)); and

23 “(V) the amount of revenues; and

24 “(C) which may include other economic or
25 policy targets.”.

1 (b) CONSIDERATION OF BIPARTISAN BUDGET RESO-
2 LUTIONS.—Section 305 of the Congressional Budget and
3 Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 636) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) PROCEDURES IN THE SENATE FOR BIPARTISAN
6 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.—

7 “(1) OTHER EXPEDITED PROCESS.—In the
8 Senate, upon the agreement of the majority leader
9 and the minority leader, additional procedures to ex-
10 pedite consideration of a bipartisan budget resolu-
11 tion (which may include limiting the number of
12 amendments upon which the Senate shall vote) shall
13 apply to consideration of the bipartisan budget reso-
14 lution. The majority leader shall submit a written
15 statement for the Congressional Record reflecting
16 any agreement described in this paragraph.

17 “(2) PASSAGE.—In the Senate, a bipartisan
18 budget resolution shall be agreed to only upon the
19 affirmative vote of not less than—

20 “(A) three-fifths of the Members, duly cho-
21 sen and sworn; and

22 “(B) 15 Members that are members of the
23 minority party in the Senate.

24 “(3) AMENDMENTS BETWEEN THE HOUSES
25 AND CONFERENCE REPORTS.—To be considered a

1 bipartisan budget resolution, a conference report or
2 an amendment between the Houses on a concurrent
3 resolution on the budget shall—

4 “(A) comply with section 3(15)(B); and

5 “(B) be agreed to in the Senate by an af-
6 firmative vote of not less than—

7 “(i) three-fifths of the Members, duly
8 chosen and sworn; and

9 “(ii) 15 Members that are members of
10 the minority party in the Senate.”.

11 (c) RECONCILIATION UNDER BIPARTISAN BUDGET
12 RESOLUTIONS.—Section 310(e)(2) of the Congressional
13 Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
14 641(e)(2)) is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “Debate”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(B) In the Senate, a reconciliation bill re-
18 ported under subsection (b) pursuant to reconcili-
19 ation instructions in a bipartisan budget resolution,
20 a House amendment thereto, and a conference re-
21 port thereon shall be agreed to only upon the affirm-
22 ative vote of not less than—

23 “(i) a majority of the Members voting, a
24 quorum being present; and

1 “(ii) 15 Members that are members of the
2 minority party in the Senate.”.

3 (d) REPORTING.—Section 202 of the Congressional
4 Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
5 603) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(h) REPORT ON RATIO OF THE PUBLIC DEBT TO
7 THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.—On and after the date
8 on which the first bipartisan budget resolution is agreed
9 to, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall
10 submit to Congress semiannual reports on the ratio of the
11 public debt to the gross domestic product, which shall
12 evaluate whether the targets in the most recently agreed
13 to bipartisan budget resolution have been met.”.