

## S 178

Spending Reduction Act of 2011

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 25, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 665	Related bill	<b>Mar 21, 2012:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
112 HR 3127	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2011:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
112 HR 1224	Related bill	<b>Apr 6, 2011:</b> Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 14 .
112 S 693	Related bill	<b>Mar 31, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
112 S 685	Related bill	<b>Mar 30, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
112 HR 408	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises.
112 S 477	Related bill	<b>Mar 3, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Spending Reduction Act of 2011 - Amends the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (CAA of 2011) to reduce FY2011 appropriations for nonsecurity discretionary spending to FY2008 levels.

Requires funding at the lower amount of any project or activity whose FY2008 level is higher than the amount provided in appropriations Acts for FY2010.

Continues discretionary spending at the current rate for operations specified in the security-related appropriations Acts for FY2010 listed in the CAA of 2011, including the rate specified in Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.

Amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings) to: (1) modify the formula used to estimate the baseline, (2) eliminate automatic increases for inflation, and (3) extend through FY2021 the spending limits (spending caps) for the nondefense discretionary category in new budget authority.

Rescinds all unobligated balances of the discretionary appropriations made available by division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

Repeals ARRA stimulus authority with respect to: (1) assistance for unemployed workers and struggling families, (2) premium assistance for Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) benefits, (3) Medicare and Medicaid health information technology, (4) state fiscal relief, (5) broadband communications, and (6) limits on executive compensation.

Amends the CAA of 2011 to extend the federal employee pay freeze through calendar year 2015.

Limits the number of civilian employees in the executive branch.

Makes persons having serious delinquent tax debts ineligible for federal employment.

Bars the obligation or expenditure of funds for specified programs or purposes, including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to terminate the national organic certification cost-share program.

Prohibits: (1) unauthorized payments to the District of Columbia, or (2) payment of gratuities to survivors of Members of Congress.

Davis-Bacon Repeal Act - Repeals the Davis-Bacon Act (which requires that the locally prevailing wage rate be paid to various classes of laborers and mechanics working under federally-financed or federally-assisted contracts for construction, alteration, and repair of public buildings or public works).

Priorities in Education Spending Act - Repeals provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to prioritize educational spending with respect to specified elementary and secondary programs.

Amends the ARRA to repeal the temporary increase of Medicaid FMAP.

Bans the construction or leasing of new federal buildings in the District of Columbia until January 2013, unless it is in the interest of national security.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to terminate the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

Amends the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to repeal the sugar loan program, and the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to repeal the feedstock flexibility program for bioenergy producers.

Amends the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to repeal authority for sugar marketing allotments, the Agricultural Act of 1949 to repeal the sugar price support program, and the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to repeal the market access program.

Amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to terminate the availability of marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments for mohair producers.

Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program for the expedited disposal of real property not meeting federal government needs.

GSE Bailout Elimination and Taxpayer Protection Act - Requires the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to: (1) terminate the conservatorship of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and/or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) if such government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) is found financially viable, or (2) appoint the FHFA immediately as receiver of either GSE if it is found not to be financially viable.

Prescribes requirements to: (1) limit government printing costs, (2) deposit Internal Revenue Service users fees in the Treasury as general receipts, (3) limit government travel costs, and (4) reduce federal vehicle costs.

Repeals specified federal laws that prohibit public-private competitions for conversion to contractor performance of functions performed by federal employees pursuant to OMB Circular A-76.

Deauthorizes appropriations to carry out the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA), or any amendments made by them.

Rescinds the unobligated balance of HCERA funds made available for the Health Insurance Reform Implementation Fund.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to require every individual, regardless of income tax liability for the taxable year, to designate a specified overpayment amount to reduce the federal deficit.

Amends the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act to require a taxpayer-generated sequestration of federal spending to reduce the deficit.

Amends the CAA of 2011 to prohibit the use of appropriations or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to this Act to carry out any program under, promulgate any regulation pursuant to, or defend against any lawsuit challenging any provision of the PPACA or the HCERA or any amendment made by them.

## Actions Timeline

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