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Implementation of Simpson-Bowles Spending Reductions Act of 2011

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 1, 2011
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Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Dec 1, 2011
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Dec 1, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 1, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6474	Related bill	Sep 20, 2012: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, Rules, and the Budget, 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.
112 HR 3487	Related bill	Mar 29, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
112 S 2210	Related bill	Mar 20, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
112 HR 3858	Related bill	Jan 31, 2012: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.
112 HR 3029	Related bill	Dec 19, 2011: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 225.
112 HR 3707	Related bill	Dec 16, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on Rules.
112 S 1930	Related bill	Dec 1, 2011: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 243.
112 HR 3494	Related bill	Nov 29, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
112 S 1611	Related bill	Sep 22, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
112 S 1476	Related bill	Aug 2, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
112 HR 2114	Related bill	Jun 20, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy .

Implementation of Simpson-Bowles Spending Reductions Act of 2011 - Prohibits the total amount of appropriations to: (1) the White House for the Executive Office of the President and to the President for FY2012-FY2016 from exceeding 85% of the total amount of such appropriations for FY2011, and (2) Congress for such fiscal years from exceeding such a percentage of its FY2011 appropriations as well.

Eliminates cost-of-living (COLA) adjustments for Members of Congress during FY2013-FY2015.

Amends the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 to extend through December 31, 2015, the freeze on any COLA to the pay of certain federal civilian employees (thus extending such freeze from two to five calendar years). Extends through such date also the prohibition against receipt by a senior executive or senior-level employee of any increase in the rate of basic pay absent a change of position that results in a substantial increase in responsibility or a promotion.

Requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to: (1) take appropriate measures to ensure that the total number of federal employees, beginning in FY2015, does not exceed 90% of the total number of federal employees on September 30, 2011; (2) continuously monitor all agencies, make a determination on whether the total number of federal employees in any quarter of a fiscal year exceeds the maximum number allowed by this Act, and notify the President and Congress if the number exceeds the maximum; and (3) ensure that there is no increase in the procurement of service contracts due to this Act unless a cost comparison demonstrates that such contracts would be financially advantageous to the federal government. Allows the President to waive the workforce limitations imposed by this Act in specified circumstances.

Requires OMB to take appropriate measures through FY2014 to ensure that agencies shall appoint no more than one employee for every three employees retiring or otherwise separating from government service.

Prohibits the total amount of funds appropriated for travel expenses for each agency for each of FY2012-FY2016 from exceeding 80% of the total amount of funds appropriated for FY2011.

Directs OMB to coordinate with federal departments and independent agencies to take certain steps to limit government printing costs.

Reduces to 80% of the amount for FY2010 the amount made available to the General Services Administration (GSA) for FY2012 and each succeeding fiscal year to acquire new vehicles for the federal fleet.

Requires OMB, by sale or auction, to dispose of a quantity of real property worth at least \$100 million altogether (with specified exceptions) that is not being used, and will not be used, to meet the needs of the federal government for FY2011-FY2015.

Amends the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to make it out of order in either chamber to consider a bill, resolution, or any other measure that includes an earmark or limited tax or tariff benefit.

Permits waiver of such prohibition in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members.

Exempts from such prohibition any authorization of appropriations to a federal entity if such authorization is not specifically targeted to a state, locality, or congressional district.

Actions Timeline

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