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To establish a commission on fiscal responsibility and reform.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COLE, Mr. TIMMONS, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CASE, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. BERA, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. MILLS, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

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## A BILL

To establish a commission on fiscal responsibility and reform.

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 “Fiscal Commission Act  
5 of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1           (1) CO-CHAIR.—The term “co-chair” means an  
2 individual appointed to serve as a co-chair of the  
3 Fiscal Commission under section 3(a)(3)(C)(i).

4           (2) FISCAL COMMISSION.—The term “Fiscal  
5 Commission” means the commission established  
6 under section 3(a).

7           (3) FISCAL COMMISSION BILL.—The term “Fis-  
8 cal Commission bill” means a bill consisting solely of  
9 legislative language that the Fiscal Commission ap-  
10 proves and submits under clauses (i) and (v), respec-  
11 tively, of section 3(a)(2)(B).

12           (4) OUTSIDE EXPERT.—The term “outside ex-  
13 pert” is an individual who is not an elected official  
14 or an officer or employee of the Federal Government  
15 or of any State.

16 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF FISCAL COMMISSION.**

17           (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FISCAL COMMISSION.—

18           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—No later than 60 days  
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, there is es-  
20 tablished in Congress a Fiscal Commission.

21           (2) DUTIES.—

22           (A) IMPROVE FISCAL SITUATION.—

23           (i) IN GENERAL.—The Fiscal Com-  
24 mission shall identify policies to improve  
25 the fiscal situation in the medium term

1 and to achieve a sustainable debt-to-GDP  
2 ratio of the long term, and for any rec-  
3 ommendations related to Federal programs  
4 for which a Federal trust fund exists, to  
5 improve solvency for a period of at least 75  
6 years.

7 (ii) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out  
8 clause (i), the Fiscal Commission shall—

9 (I) propose recommendations de-  
10 signed to balance the budget at the  
11 earliest reasonable date, including at  
12 minimum stabilizing the debt-to-GDP  
13 ratio at or below one hundred percent  
14 by the end of the 10-year period be-  
15 ginning on the date the Fiscal Com-  
16 mission is established; and

17 (II) propose recommendations  
18 that meaningfully improve the long-  
19 term fiscal outlook, including changes  
20 to address the growth of direct spend-  
21 ing and the gap between the projected  
22 revenues and expenditures of the Fed-  
23 eral Government.

24 (iii) RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMIT-  
25 TEES.—Not later than 60 days after the

1 date described in paragraph (1), each com-  
2 mittee of the Senate and the House of  
3 Representatives may transmit to the Fiscal  
4 Commission any recommendations of the  
5 committee relating to changes in law to  
6 further the duties described in clause (ii).

7 (B) REPORT, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND  
8 LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
10 paragraph (4)(D)(ii)(II), not earlier than  
11 November 6, 2024, but not later than No-  
12 vember 15, 2024, the Fiscal Commission  
13 shall meet to consider, and vote on—

14 (I) a report that contains a de-  
15 tailed statement of the findings, con-  
16 clusions, and recommendations of the  
17 Fiscal Commission described in sub-  
18 paragraph (A)(i) and the estimate of  
19 the Congressional Budget Office re-  
20 quired under paragraph (4)(D)(ii);  
21 and

22 (II) legislative language to carry  
23 out the recommendations of the Fiscal  
24 Commission in the report described in  
25 subclause (I), which shall include a

1 statement of the economic and budg-  
2 etary effects of the recommendations.

3 (ii) APPROVAL OF REPORT AND LEG-  
4 ISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—A report and legis-  
5 lative language of the Fiscal Commission  
6 under clause (i) shall require the approval  
7 of a majority of the members of the Fiscal  
8 Commission, provided that such majority  
9 shall be required to include not less than  
10 3 members of the Fiscal Commission ap-  
11 pointed by members of the Republican  
12 Party and 3 members appointed by mem-  
13 bers of the Democratic party.

14 (iii) ADDITIONAL VIEWS.—

15 (I) IN GENERAL.—A member of  
16 the Fiscal Commission who gives no-  
17 tice of an intention to file supple-  
18 mental, minority, or additional views  
19 at the time of the final Fiscal Com-  
20 mission vote on the approval of the re-  
21 port and legislative language of the  
22 Fiscal Commission under clause (i)  
23 shall be entitled to 3 days to file those  
24 views in writing with the staff director  
25 of the Fiscal Commission.

## 1 (II) INCLUSION IN REPORT.—

2 Views filed under subclause (I) shall  
3 be included in the report of the Fiscal  
4 Commission under clause (i) and  
5 printed in the same volume, or part  
6 thereof, and such inclusion shall be  
7 noted on the cover of the report, ex-  
8 cept that, in the absence of timely no-  
9 tice, the report may be printed and  
10 transmitted immediately without such  
11 views.

12 (iv) REPORT AND LEGISLATIVE LAN-  
13 GUAGE TO BE MADE PUBLIC.—Upon the  
14 approval or disapproval of a report and  
15 legislative language under clause (i) by the  
16 Fiscal Commission, the Fiscal Commission  
17 shall promptly, and not more than 24  
18 hours after the approval or disapproval or,  
19 if timely notice is given under clause (iii),  
20 not more than 24 hours after additional  
21 views are filed under such clause, make the  
22 report, the legislative language, and a  
23 record of the vote on the report and legis-  
24 lative language available to the public.

1 (v) SUBMISSION OF REPORT AND LEG-  
2 ISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—If a report and leg-  
3 islative language are approved by the Fis-  
4 cal Commission under clause (i), not later  
5 than 3 days after the date on which the re-  
6 port and legislative language are made  
7 available to the public under clause (iv),  
8 the Fiscal Commission shall submit the re-  
9 port and legislative language to the Presi-  
10 dent, the Vice President, the Speaker of  
11 the House of Representatives, and the ma-  
12 jority and minority leaders of each House  
13 of Congress.

14 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Fiscal Commission  
16 shall be composed of 16 members appointed in  
17 accordance with subparagraph (B) and with  
18 due consideration to chairs and ranking mem-  
19 bers of the committees and subcommittees of  
20 subject matter jurisdiction, if applicable.

21 (B) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 14  
22 days after the date described in paragraph  
23 (1)—

24 (i) the majority leader of the Senate  
25 shall appoint 3 individuals from among the

1 Members of the Senate, and 1 outside ex-  
2 pert, who shall serve as members of the  
3 Fiscal Commission;

4 (ii) the minority leader of the Senate  
5 shall appoint 3 individuals from among the  
6 Members of the Senate, and 1 outside ex-  
7 pert who shall serve as members of the  
8 Fiscal Commission;

9 (iii) the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
10 resentatives shall appoint 3 individuals  
11 from among the Members of the House of  
12 Representatives, and 1 outside expert, who  
13 shall serve as members of the Fiscal Com-  
14 mission; and

15 (iv) the minority leader of the House  
16 of Representatives shall appoint 3 individ-  
17 uals from among the Members of the  
18 House of Representatives, and 1 outside  
19 expert, who shall serve as members of the  
20 Fiscal Commission.

21 (C) CO-CHAIRS.—

22 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14  
23 days after the date described in paragraph  
24 (1), with respect to the Fiscal Commis-  
25 sion—



1 (I) the leadership of the Senate  
2 and House of Representatives of the  
3 same political party as the President  
4 shall appoint 1 individual from among  
5 the members of the Fiscal Commis-  
6 sion who shall serve as a co-chair of  
7 the Fiscal Commission; and

8 (II) the leadership of the Senate  
9 and House of Representatives of the  
10 opposite political party as the Presi-  
11 dent, shall appoint 1 individual from  
12 among the members of the Fiscal  
13 Commission who shall serve as a co-  
14 chair of the Fiscal Commission.

15 (ii) STAFF DIRECTOR.—With respect  
16 to the Fiscal Commission, the co-chairs of  
17 the Fiscal Commission, acting jointly, shall  
18 hire the staff director of the Fiscal Com-  
19 mission.

20 (D) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—

21 (i) IN GENERAL.—The members of  
22 the Fiscal Commission shall be appointed  
23 for the life of the Fiscal Commission.

24 (ii) VACANCY.—

1 (I) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy  
2 in the Fiscal Commission shall not af-  
3 fect the powers of the Fiscal Commis-  
4 sion, but shall be filled not later than  
5 14 days after the date on which the  
6 vacancy occurs, in the same manner  
7 as the original appointment was  
8 made.

9 (II) INELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—If a  
10 member of the Fiscal Commission who  
11 was appointed as a Member of the  
12 Senate or the House Representatives  
13 ceases to be a Member of the Senate  
14 or the House of Representatives, as  
15 applicable—

16 (aa) the member shall no  
17 longer be a member of the Fiscal  
18 Commission; and

19 (bb) a vacancy in the Fiscal  
20 Commission exists.

21 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the  
23 Fiscal Commission, to enable the Fiscal Com-  
24 mission to exercise the powers, functions, and  
25 duties of the Fiscal Commission, there are au-

1           thorized to be disbursed by the Senate the ac-  
2           tual and necessary expenses of the Fiscal Com-  
3           mission approved by the co-chairs of the Fiscal  
4           Commission, subject to the rules and regula-  
5           tions of the Senate.

6           (B) EXPENSES.—With respect to the Fis-  
7           cal Commission, in carrying out the functions of  
8           the Fiscal Commission, the Fiscal Commission  
9           is authorized to incur expenses in the same  
10          manner and under the same conditions as the  
11          Joint Economic Committee is authorized under  
12          section 11(d) of the Employment Act of 1946  
13          (15 U.S.C. 1024(d)).

14          (C) QUORUM.—With respect to the Fiscal  
15          Commission, 9 members of the Fiscal Commis-  
16          sion shall constitute a quorum for purposes of  
17          voting, meeting, and holding hearings.

18          (D) VOTING.—

19                 (i) PROXY VOTING.—No proxy voting  
20                 shall be allowed on behalf of any member  
21                 of the Fiscal Commission.

22                 (ii) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
23                 ESTIMATES.—

24                         (I) IN GENERAL.—The Director  
25                         of the Congressional Budget Office

1 shall, with respect to the legislative  
2 language of the Fiscal Commission  
3 under paragraph (2)(B)(i)(II), provide  
4 to the Fiscal Commission—

5 (aa) estimates of the legisla-  
6 tive language in accordance with  
7 sections 308(a) and 201(f) of the  
8 Congressional Budget Act of  
9 1974 (2 U.S.C. 639(a) and  
10 601(f)); and

11 (bb) information on the  
12 budgetary effect of the legislative  
13 language on the long-term fiscal  
14 outlook.

15 (II) LIMITATION.—The Fiscal  
16 Commission may not vote on any  
17 version of the report, recommenda-  
18 tions, or legislative language of the  
19 Fiscal Commission under paragraph  
20 (2)(B)(i) unless the estimates and in-  
21 formation described in subclause (I)  
22 of this clause are made available for  
23 consideration by all members of the  
24 Fiscal Commission not later than 48  
25 hours before that vote, as certified by

1 the co-chairs of the Fiscal Commis-  
2 sion.

3 (E) MEETINGS.—

4 (i) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than  
5 45 days after the date described in para-  
6 graph (1), the Fiscal Commission shall  
7 hold the first meeting of the Fiscal Com-  
8 mission.

9 (ii) AGENDA.—For each meeting of  
10 the Fiscal Commission, the co-chairs of the  
11 Fiscal Commission shall provide an agenda  
12 to the members of the Fiscal Commission  
13 not later than 48 hours before the meeting.

14 (F) HEARINGS.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Fiscal Com-  
16 mission may, for the purpose of carrying  
17 out this section, hold such hearings, sit  
18 and act at such times and places, require  
19 attendance of witnesses and production of  
20 books, papers, and documents, take such  
21 testimony, receive such evidence, and ad-  
22 minister such oaths as the Fiscal Commis-  
23 sion considers advisable.

24 (ii) HEARING PROCEDURES AND RE-  
25 SPONSIBILITIES OF CO-CHAIRS.—

1 (I) ANNOUNCEMENT.—The co-  
2 chairs of the Fiscal Commission shall  
3 make a public announcement of the  
4 date, place, time, and subject matter  
5 of any hearing to be conducted under  
6 this subparagraph not later than 7  
7 days before the date of the hearing,  
8 unless the co-chairs determine that  
9 there is good cause to begin such  
10 hearing on an earlier date.

11 (II) WRITTEN STATEMENT.—A  
12 witness appearing before the Fiscal  
13 Commission shall file a written state-  
14 ment of the proposed testimony of the  
15 witness not later than 2 days before  
16 the date of the appearance of the wit-  
17 ness, unless the co-chairs of the Fiscal  
18 Commission—

19 (aa) determine that there is  
20 good cause for the witness to not  
21 file the written statement; and

22 (bb) waive the requirement  
23 that the witness file the written  
24 statement.

1           (G) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Upon writ-  
2           ten request of the co-chairs of the Fiscal Com-  
3           mission, the head of a Federal agency shall pro-  
4           vide technical assistance to the Fiscal Commis-  
5           sion in order for the Fiscal Commission to  
6           carry out the duties of the Fiscal Commission.

7           (H) OUTSIDE EXPERT.—Any outside ex-  
8           pert appointed to the Fiscal Commission—

9                   (i) shall not be considered to be a  
10                  Federal employee for any purpose by rea-  
11                  son of service on the Fiscal Commission;  
12                  and

13                   (ii) shall be allowed travel expenses,  
14                  including per diem in lieu of subsistence,  
15                  at rates authorized for employees of agen-  
16                  cies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of  
17                  title 5, United States Code, while away  
18                  from their homes or regular places of busi-  
19                  ness in the performance of services for the  
20                  Commission.

21           (b) STAFF OF FISCAL COMMISSION.—

22                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairs of the Fiscal  
23                  Commission may jointly appoint and fix the com-  
24                  pensation of staff of the Fiscal Commission as the  
25                  co-chairs determine necessary, in accordance with

1 the guidelines, rules, and requirements relating to  
2 employees of the Senate.

3 (2) ETHICAL STANDARDS.—

4 (A) SENATE.—Members appointed by  
5 Members of the Senate who serve on the Fiscal  
6 Commission and staff of the Fiscal Commission  
7 shall adhere to the ethics rules of the Senate.

8 (B) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mem-  
9 bers appointed by Members of the House of  
10 Representatives who serve on the Fiscal Com-  
11 mission shall be governed by the ethics rules  
12 and requirements of the House of Representa-  
13 tives.

14 (c) TERMINATION.—The Fiscal Commission shall ter-  
15minate on the date that is 30 days after the date the Fis-  
16cal Commission submits the report under subsection  
17 (a)(2)(B)(v).

18 **SEC. 4. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL COMMIS-**  
19 **SION BILLS.**

20 (a) QUALIFYING LEGISLATION.—Only a Fiscal Com-  
21 mission bill shall be entitled to expedited consideration  
22 under this section.

23 (b) CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-  
24 ATIVES.—



1           (1) INTRODUCTION.—If the Fiscal Commission  
2 approves and submits legislative language under  
3 clauses (i) and (v), respectively, of section  
4 3(a)(2)(B), the Fiscal Commission bill consisting  
5 solely of that legislative language shall be introduced  
6 in the House of Representatives (by request)—

7           (A) by the majority leader of the House of  
8 Representatives, or by a Member of the House  
9 of Representatives designated by the majority  
10 leader of the House of Representatives, on the  
11 third legislative day after the date the Fiscal  
12 Commission approves and submits such legisla-  
13 tive language; or

14           (B) if the Fiscal Commission bill is not in-  
15 troduced under subparagraph (A), by any Mem-  
16 ber of the House of Representatives on any leg-  
17 islative day beginning on the legislative day  
18 after the legislative day described in subpara-  
19 graph (A).

20           (2) REFERRAL AND REPORTING.—Any com-  
21 mittee of the House of Representatives to which a  
22 Fiscal Commission bill is referred shall report the  
23 Fiscal Commission bill to the House of Representa-  
24 tives without amendment not later than 5 legislative  
25 days after the date on which the Fiscal Commission

1 bill was so referred. If any committee of the House  
2 of Representatives to which a Fiscal Commission bill  
3 is referred fails to report the Fiscal Commission bill  
4 within that period, that committee shall be auto-  
5 matically discharged from consideration of the Fiscal  
6 Commission bill, and the Fiscal Commission bill  
7 shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

8 (3) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—After  
9 the last committee authorized to consider a Fiscal  
10 Commission bill reports it to the House of Rep-  
11 resentatives or has been discharged from its consid-  
12 eration, it shall be in order to move to proceed to  
13 consider the Fiscal Commission bill in the House of  
14 Representatives. Such a motion shall not be in order  
15 after the House of Representatives has disposed of  
16 a motion to proceed with respect to the Fiscal Com-  
17 mission bill. The previous question shall be consid-  
18 ered as ordered on the motion to its adoption with-  
19 out intervening motion.

20 (4) CONSIDERATION.—The Fiscal Commission  
21 bill shall be considered as read. All points of order  
22 against the Fiscal Commission bill and against its  
23 consideration are waived. The previous question  
24 shall be considered as ordered on the Fiscal Com-  
25 mission bill to its passage without intervening mo-

1 tion except 2 hours of debate equally divided and  
2 controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

3 (5) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage  
4 of the Fiscal Commission bill shall occur pursuant to  
5 the constraints under clause 8 of rule XX of the  
6 Rules of the House of Representatives.

7 (c) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE IN THE SENATE.—

8 (1) INTRODUCTION IN THE SENATE.—If the  
9 Fiscal Commission approves and submits legislative  
10 language under clauses (i) and (v), respectively, of  
11 section 3(a)(2)(B), a Fiscal Commission bill con-  
12 sisting solely of that legislative language may be in-  
13 troduced in the Senate (by request)—

14 (A) by the majority leader of the Senate,  
15 or by a Member of the Senate designated by the  
16 majority leader of the Senate, on the next day  
17 on which the Senate is in session; or

18 (B) if the Fiscal Commission bill is not in-  
19 troduced under subparagraph (A), by any Mem-  
20 ber of the Senate on any day on which the Sen-  
21 ate is in session beginning on the day after the  
22 day described in subparagraph (A).

23 (2) COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.—A Fiscal  
24 Commission bill introduced in the Senate under  
25 paragraph (1) shall be jointly referred to the com-

1       mittee or committees of jurisdiction, which commit-  
2       tees shall report the Fiscal Commission bill without  
3       any revision and with a favorable recommendation,  
4       an unfavorable recommendation, or without rec-  
5       ommendation, not later than 5 session days after the  
6       date on which the Fiscal Commission bill was so re-  
7       ferred. If any committee to which a Fiscal Commis-  
8       sion bill is referred fails to report the Fiscal Com-  
9       mission bill within that period, that committee shall  
10      be automatically discharged from consideration of  
11      the Fiscal Commission bill, and the Fiscal Commis-  
12      sion bill shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

13           (3) PROCEEDING.—Notwithstanding rule XXII  
14      of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order,  
15      not later than 2 days of session after the date on  
16      which a Fiscal Commission bill is reported or dis-  
17      charged from all committees to which the Fiscal  
18      Commission bill was referred, for the majority leader  
19      of the Senate or the designee of the majority leader  
20      to move to proceed to the consideration of the Fiscal  
21      Commission bill. It shall also be in order for any  
22      Member of the Senate to move to proceed to the  
23      consideration of the Fiscal Commission bill at any  
24      time after the conclusion of such 2-day period. A  
25      motion to proceed is in order even though a previous

1 motion to the same effect has been disagreed to. All  
2 points of order against the motion to proceed to the  
3 Fiscal Commission bill are waived. The motion to  
4 proceed is not debatable. The motion is not subject  
5 to a motion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the  
6 vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed  
7 to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to  
8 the consideration of the Fiscal Commission bill is  
9 agreed to, the Fiscal Commission bill shall remain  
10 the unfinished business until disposed of. All points  
11 of order against a Fiscal Commission bill and  
12 against consideration of the Fiscal Commission bill  
13 are waived.

14 (4) NO AMENDMENTS.—An amendment to a  
15 Fiscal Commission bill, or a motion to postpone, or  
16 a motion to proceed to the consideration of other  
17 business, or a motion to recommit the Fiscal Com-  
18 mission bill, is not in order.

19 (5) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—  
20 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to  
21 the application of the rules of the Senate, as the  
22 case may be, to the procedure relating to a Fiscal  
23 Commission bill shall be decided without debate.

1 (d) AMENDMENT.—A Fiscal Commission bill shall  
2 not be subject to amendment in either the Senate or the  
3 House of Representatives.

4 (e) CONSIDERATION BY THE OTHER HOUSE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, before passing a Fiscal  
6 Commission bill, a House receives from the other  
7 House a Fiscal Commission bill consisting of legisla-  
8 tive language approved by the same Fiscal Commis-  
9 sion as the Fiscal Commission bill in the receiving  
10 House—

11 (A) the Fiscal Commission bill of the other  
12 House shall not be referred to a committee; and

13 (B) the procedure in the receiving House  
14 shall be the same as if no Fiscal Commission  
15 bill had been received from the other House  
16 until the vote on passage, when the Fiscal Com-  
17 mission bill received from the other House shall  
18 supplant the Fiscal Commission bill of the re-  
19 ceiving House.

20 (2) REVENUE MEASURES.—This subsection  
21 shall not apply to the House of Representatives if a  
22 Fiscal Commission bill received from the Senate is  
23 a revenue measure.

24 (f) RULES TO COORDINATE ACTION WITH OTHER  
25 HOUSE.—

1           (1) TREATMENT OF FISCAL COMMISSION BILL  
2           OF OTHER HOUSE.—If a Fiscal Commission bill is  
3           not introduced in the Senate or the Senate fails to  
4           consider a Fiscal Commission bill under this section,  
5           the Fiscal Commission bill of the House of Rep-  
6           resentatives consisting of legislative language ap-  
7           proved by the same Fiscal Commission as the Fiscal  
8           Commission bill in the Senate shall be entitled to ex-  
9           pedited floor procedures under this section.

10           (2) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES IN  
11           THE SENATE.—If, following passage of a Fiscal  
12           Commission bill in the Senate, the Senate then re-  
13           ceives from the House of Representatives a Fiscal  
14           Commission bill approved by the same Fiscal Com-  
15           mission and consisting of the same legislative lan-  
16           guage as the Senate-passed Fiscal Commission bill,  
17           the House-passed Fiscal Commission bill shall not  
18           be debatable. The vote on passage of the Fiscal  
19           Commission bill in the Senate shall be considered to  
20           be the vote on passage of the Fiscal Commission bill  
21           received from the House of Representatives.

22           (3) VETOES.—If the President vetoes a Fiscal  
23           Commission bill, consideration of a veto message in  
24           the Senate under this paragraph shall be 10 hours  
25           equally divided between the majority and minority

1 leaders of the Senate or the designees of the major-  
2 ity and minority leaders of the Senate.

3 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

4 Funding for the Fiscal Commission shall be derived  
5 in equal portions from—

6 (1) the contingent fund of the Senate from the  
7 appropriations account “Miscellaneous Items”, sub-  
8 ject to the rules and regulations of the Senate; and

9 (2) the applicable accounts of the House of  
10 Representatives.

11 **SEC. 6. RULEMAKING.**

12 The provisions of this Act are enacted by Congress—

13 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
14 the Senate and the House of Representatives, re-  
15 spectively, and, as such, the provisions—

16 (A) shall be considered as part of the rules  
17 of each House, respectively, or of that House to  
18 which they specifically apply; and

19 (B) shall supersede other rules only to the  
20 extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

21 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
22 right of either House to change such rules (so far  
23 as relating to such House) at any time, in the same



1 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of  
2 any other rule of such House.

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