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# H. R. 5933

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLEISCHMANN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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## A BILL

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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 “Returned Exclusively  
5 For Unpaid National Debt Act” or the “REFUND Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF UNWANTED FEDERAL FUNDS TO REDUCE**  
7 **FEDERAL DEBT.**

8 (a) **RESCISSION OF UNWANTED FEDERAL FUNDS.—**

9 There is rescinded, from any Federal funds required to  
10 be allocated by formula among all States that agree to

1 use such funds for a specified purpose, an amount equal  
2 to the amount of such funds that would have otherwise  
3 been allocated to a State that identifies such funds under  
4 subsection (b) as unwanted.

5 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS.—Subsection (a)  
6 shall only apply if, not later than the last date on which  
7 an application or State plan is required to be submitted  
8 in order for a State to be allocated, in an annual or bien-  
9 nial budget cycle, funds described in such subsection—

10 (1) the State legislature with jurisdiction over  
11 such budget cycle adopts a concurrent resolution  
12 identifying the funds as unwanted; and

13 (2) the State submits notice of the resolution  
14 described in paragraph (1) to the agency head re-  
15 sponsible for allocation of the funds, in such form  
16 and manner and containing such information as the  
17 agency head determines appropriate to make the de-  
18 termination in subsection (c).

19 (c) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT TO BE RE-  
20 SCINDED.—An agency head that receives notice described  
21 in subsection (b)(2) shall determine and report to the Of-  
22 fice of Management and Budget the amount to be re-  
23 scinded under subsection (a).

24 (d) USE FOR REDUCTION OF FEDERAL DEBT.—  
25 Amounts rescinded under subsection (a) shall be deposited

1 by the Secretary of the Treasury in the account entitled  
2 “Gifts to the United States for Reduction of the Public  
3 Debt” and used to reduce the Federal debt as provided  
4 in section 3113(d) of title 31, United States Code.

5 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
6 ury shall submit to the Congress each year a report identi-  
7 fying the amount deposited in the Treasury under sub-  
8 section (d) with respect to each State in such year.

9 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “agency head” means the head of  
11 an agency of the Federal Government.

12 (2) The term “State” means—

13 (A) each of the several States;

14 (B) the District of Columbia; or

15 (C) any commonwealth, territory, or pos-  
16 session of the United States.

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