

Calendar No. 16

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 424

To protect the seniors of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

To protect the seniors of the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “Protect Our Seniors
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR ENHANCED**
2 **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RESOURCES.**

3 (a) RESCISSION.—Effective on the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the unobligated balances of the amounts made
5 available under the following provisions of Public Law
6 117–169 are rescinded:

7 (1) INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ENFORCE-
8 MENT FUNDS.—Section 10301(1)(A)(ii).

9 (2) INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OPERATIONS
10 SUPPORT.—Section 10301(1)(A)(iii).

11 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SOCIAL SECURITY AND
12 MEDICARE TRUST FUNDS.—

13 (1) FEDERAL OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS INSUR-
14 ANCE TRUST FUND.— There is hereby appropriated
15 to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
16 Trust Fund established under section 201(a) of the
17 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401(a)) an amount
18 equal to 50 percent of the amount rescinded under
19 subsection (a).

20 (2) FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST
21 FUND.—There is hereby appropriated to the Federal
22 Hospital Insurance Trust Fund established section
23 1817 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i)
24 under an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount
25 rescinded under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 3. POINT OF ORDER FOR REDUCTIONS IN MEDICARE**
2 **AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.**

3 Section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
4 (2 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(j) MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY POINT OF
7 ORDER.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be in order in
9 the Senate to consider any bill or resolution (or
10 amendment, motion, or conference report on that bill
11 or resolution) that would reduce benefits under the
12 Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social
13 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) or benefits
14 payable under title II of that Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et
15 seq.).

16 “(2) WAIVER.—Paragraph (1) may be waived
17 or suspended in the Senate only by the affirmative
18 vote of two-thirds of the Members, duly chosen and
19 sworn.”.

20 **SEC. 4. MEDICARE POINT OF ORDER.**

21 Section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
22 (2 U.S.C. 632), as amended by section 3, is further
23 amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(k) MEDICARE POINT OF ORDER.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be in order in
26 the Senate to consider any bill or resolution (or

1 amendment, motion, or conference report on that bill
2 or resolution) for which the total budgetary effects
3 of the measure, as determined by the Congressional
4 Budget Office, use a decrease in outlays, or an in-
5 crease in revenue, under the health insurance pro-
6 grams under title XVIII of the Social Security Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) to offset a cost of a provi-
8 sion of the measure that is not for the purpose of
9 carrying out those programs.

10 “(2) WAIVER.—Paragraph (1) may be waived
11 or suspended in the Senate only by the affirmative
12 vote of two-thirds of the Members, duly chosen and
13 sworn. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Mem-
14 bers of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be
15 required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the
16 Chair on a point of order raised under paragraph
17 (1).”.

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