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S. 4249

To create a point of order against legislation making nondefense discretionary appropriations that would increase the deficit during a period of high inflation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18 (legislative day, MAY 17), 2022

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To create a point of order against legislation making non-defense discretionary appropriations that would increase the deficit during a period of high inflation.

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. POINT OF ORDER IN THE SENATE AGAINST**
4 **LEGISLATION MAKING NONDEFENSE DISCRE-**
5 **TIONARY APPROPRIATIONS THAT WOULD IN-**
6 **CREASE THE DEFICIT DURING A PERIOD OF**
7 **HIGH INFLATION.**

8 (a) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be in order in
9 the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, motion,
10 amendment, amendment between the Houses, or con-

1 ference report making appropriations for the revised non-
2 security category (as defined in section 250(c) of the Bal-
3 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
4 (2 U.S.C. 900(c))) that, if enacted, would increase the def-
5 icit over the period of current fiscal year, the budget year,
6 and the ensuing 9 fiscal years following the budget year
7 if the annualized change in the most recently monthly re-
8 port on the Consumer Price Index for All-Urban Con-
9 sumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the
10 Department of Labor is not less than 3 percent.

11 (b) WAIVER AND APPEAL.—Subsection (a) may be
12 waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative
13 vote of two-thirds of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.
14 An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members of the
15 Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to sus-
16 tain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of
17 order raised under subsection (a).

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply on
19 and after July 1, 2022.

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