

117TH CONGRESS
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S. 4251

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 12 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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