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House Budget Committee Markup Results

Markup of H.R. 3973, The Spending Control Act of 2004

March 17, 2004

1. Extension of Pay-As-You-Go Requirement
 Reps. Thompson and Moore
This amendment extends PAYGO in the form it was first adopted under the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, applying to both mandatory spending and tax cuts.
 Defeated on a 18 to 24 Vote

2. Reconciliation May Not Increase Deficit
 Rep. Spratt
This amendment establishes a point of order against reconciliation legislation that would increase the deficit or decrease the surplus for any fiscal year covered by the legislation.
 Defeated by Voice Vote

3. Motion to Favorably Report the Bill in the Nature of a
Substitute
 Adopted on a 24 to 18 Vote

Markup of
the 2005 House Budget Resolution
Amendments and Motions, Listed in Order Offered
March 11, 2004

1. Increase Funding for Veterans Affairs
 Rep. Brown-Waite
This amendment increases funding for Veterans by \$200 million in fiscal year 2005 and \$1.01 billion over the next five years. The amendment is offset by cuts to administrative and managerial government functions.
 Adopted by Voice Vote

2. Protect Social Security from the Federal Deficit
Reps. Davis, Moran, Moore, Ford, Thompson, Baird, Cooper, Davis, Majette, Kind This amendment follows up on Chairman Greenspan's testimony and explicitly links Social Security to Bush tax cuts. It creates a point of order against tax cuts and mandatory spending legislation which increase the deficit until the budget is balanced without help from Social Security.

Defeated on a 17 to 23 Vote

3. Support for the Troops

Reps. Edwards, Hooley, Baldwin, DeLauro, Baird, Cooper This amendment adds \$2.5 billion to support our men and women in the armed forces and their families and reduces the deficit by an amount equal to the outlay costs of this provision. The increase is for compensation and benefit programs such as increased access to TRICARE for reserve personnel who are unemployed or are not eligible for an employer sponsored benefit plan (\$1 billion); improved military housing construction and financing (\$1 billion); increase pay for senior enlisted personnel (\$350 million); increase imminent danger pay for servicemen and women deployed around the world (\$55 million); add to the family separation allowance (\$86 million); and increase funding for family support centers (\$50 million). This amendment also provides funding for Impact Aid to the school districts that primarily teach the children of servicemen and women (\$14 million). The amendment is offset by a slight reduction (17 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$105,800.

Defeated on a 17 to 23 Vote

4. Lower Price of Prescription Drugs

Reps. Emanuel, Baldwin, DeLauro, Scott, Capps, Majette This amendment would ensure that the budget resolution includes H.R. 4247, the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act. It strikes the reserve fund for reimportation and medical malpractice, and instead mirrors the approach used in the Senate Budget Resolution, by explicitly including the savings from reimportation in the budget resolution.

Defeated on a 16 to 23 Vote

5. Improving Education for All Students

Reps. Hooley, Moran, Baldwin, Moore, Scott, Ford, Capps, Thompson, Emanuel, Davis, Majette, Kind The amendment provides \$6.2 billion to help ensure that all schools meet the needs of all their students and that more students have the opportunity to obtain a post-secondary education. It adds \$3.0 billion for vital programs under the "No Child Left Behind Act," raises the maximum Pell Grant award to \$4,500, and

puts the federal government on a path to provide "full funding" for special education with an additional \$1.2 billion over the President's 2005 funding level. The amendment is offset by slightly reducing the tax cut received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$101,300.

Defeated on a 16 to 22 Vote

Continuation of the Markup
of the 2005 House Budget Resolution
March 17, 2004

6. Helping the Jobless and Creating New Jobs
Reps. Majette, Hooley, Baldwin, DeLauro, Scott, Capps, Davis, and Kind
This amendment provides \$6.5 billion for programs that help jobless workers and promote job creation by helping small businesses start, grow, and become more competitive. Specifically, the amendment: (1) continues federal extended unemployment benefits through June; (2) provides funding for Small Business Administration general business loans and the microloan program, and rejects the President's proposal to sharply increase general business loan fees; (3) restores funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership to \$110 million for 2005 (this program received only \$39 million for 2004, a 63 percent reduction that harmed the program's ability to fulfill its mission of helping small manufacturers); and (4) provides an additional \$150 million for dislocated worker and adult training programs. The amendment is offset by a slight reduction (19 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$103,041.

Defeated on a 17 to 21 Vote

7. Extend PAYGO Rules to Cover All New Tax Cuts and Mandatory Spending
Reps. Thompson, Spratt, Davis, Cooper, Kind
This amendment revises the budget enforcement section in the resolution to establish real checks on unfunded tax cuts and mandatory spending increases.

Defeated on a 17 to 21 Vote

8. Increase Funding for Veterans Health Care
Reps. Edwards, Hooley, Baldwin, Moore, Scott, Capps, Thompson, Baird, Davis, Majette, Kind
The amendment increases funding for veterans health care by \$2.5 billion above the amount requested in the President's budget for 2005 as recommended by the Committee on Veterans Affairs and reduces the deficit by an amount equal to the outlay costs of this provision. The additional resources would improve access and reduce waiting time for all veterans; provide long-term care by maintaining the current number of nursing home beds; reduce or

eliminate the increased copayments and enrollment fees proposed in the budget; increase funds for medical facility construction and renovation; and provide the resources necessary for more responsive reviews of claims and appeals. The amendment is offset by a slight reduction (9.8 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$115,039.

Defeated on a 16 to 21 Vote

9. Strengthening Homeland Security

Reps. Moran, Hooley, Baldwin, Scott, Capps, Emanuel, Majette, Kind This amendment provides \$1.6 billion for additional homeland security funding, including additional funding for first responders, port security, aviation security, and other programs, as well as funding to restore the reduction in the Chairman's mark below the amount proposed in the President's budget for homeland security funding. The amendment also reduces the deficit by an amount equal to the outlay costs of this provision. The amendment is offset by a slight reduction (11 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$113,900.

Defeated on a 15 to 20 Vote

10. Supporting Working Families

Reps. Baldwin, DeLauro, Hooley, Lewis, Edwards, Capps, Cooper, Emanuel, Davis, Majette This amendment increases child care funding by \$1.3 billion for 2005, which will provide affordable child care for an additional 267,000 children of low-wage working parents. This amendment strikes the "deficit neutral" reserve fund for the uninsured, and instead provides a reserve fund with \$5 billion in real funds for 2005. The funds would be used to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage to the uninsured and build upon and strengthen public and private coverage, including preventing the erosion of existing coverage under Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amendment is offset by a slight reduction (21 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$101,000.

Defeated on a 16 to 23 Vote

11. Help Build Safe Communities

Reps. Scott, Moran, Hooley, Moore, Baird, Emanuel, Davis, Majette This amendment adds \$1.3 billion to restore local law enforcement cuts in the Republican resolution and the President's budget and reduces the deficit by an amount equal to the outlay costs of this provision. The amendment provides additional funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program (\$700 million), the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program and Edward Byrne grants (\$400

million), programs within the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (\$200 million), and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program (\$25 million). The amendment is offset by a slight reduction (8.7 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$116, 450.

Defeated on a 17 to 24 Vote

12. Restoring the Commitment to Environmental Protection and Conservation

Reps. Kind, Capps, Moran, Hooley, Baldwin, Davis, Majette
This amendment increases funding for Function 300 by \$2.2 billion to restore cuts to environmental protection, conservation, and preservation programs (e.g., water infrastructure, mandatory farm conservation programs, conservation spending category, etc.). This amount would restore Function 300 to the baseline level for 2005. The amendment also reduces the deficit by an amount equal to the outlay costs of this provision. This amendment is offset by a slight reduction (15 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$108,500.

Defeated on a 17 to 24 Vote

13. Continuing Investment in Highway and Transit Infrastructure

Reps. Baird, Moran, DeLauro, Thompson, Davis, Majette
This amendment increases funding for highway and transit programs by a total of \$5.9 billion. This amount is consistent with the recently-passed Senate transportation reauthorization bill totaling \$318 billion and would provide the level of 2005 funding outlined in said bill. The amendment provides an additional \$4.5 billion in 2005 for the federal-aid highway program, bringing the program's total obligation limitation to \$37.9 billion. An additional \$1.4 billion in 2005 for mass transit programs is provided, bringing funding to \$8.7 billion. This amendment is offset by a slight reduction (20 percent) of the tax cuts received under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act of 2003 for people with annual adjusted gross incomes of more than \$1 million, leaving them with tax cuts averaging \$102,600.

Defeated on a 19 to 22 Vote

14. Protecting Medicaid

Rep. Capps

This amendment strikes the reconciliation instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and restores funding to the appropriate budget functions.

Defeated on a 19 to 22 Vote

15. Protecting Civil Service Integrity

Rep. Cooper

This amendment provides \$250,000 to GAO for an investigation into the alleged suppression by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and potentially the White House, of information produced by the CMS Office of the Chief Actuary pertaining to P.L. 108-173, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003

Defeated on a 19 to 24 Vote

16. Increase Funding for Military Survivor Benefits
Reps. Edwards, Hooley, Emanuel, Capps, Baldwin, Majette
Defeated on a 19 to 23 Vote
17. Economically Distressed Areas Relief – Rep. Davis
Defeated on a 17 to 20 Vote
18. Sense of the House on Use of Taxpayer Dollars /
Prohibit Taxpayer Dollars from Being Used to Outsource or Take Offshore
Work Presently Done in the United States – Reps. DeLauro, Hooley,
Edwards, Emanuel
Defeated on a 16 to 20 Vote
19. Army Corps of Engineers – Reps. Hooley, Baird, Capps
Defeated on a 17 to 20 Vote
20. Sense of the Congress on Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention Building and Facilities Fund – Reps. Majette, Moran
Defeated by Voice Vote
21. Increase Vocational and Technical Education Funding –
Reps. Kind, Hooley, Baird
Defeated on a 17 to 21 Vote
22. Striking Automatic Debt Limit Increase Language – Rep.
Moore
Defeated on a 16 to 21 Vote
23. Sense of the Congress Regarding Pay Parity – Rep.
Moran
Defeated on a 15 to 21 Vote
24. Healthy Forests – Rep. Hooley
Defeated by Voice Vote
25. Increase National Institutes of Health Funding to
Maintain Purchasing Power – Reps. Baldwin and Hooley
Defeated on a 17 to 23 Vote
26. Urban Revitalization – Reps. Lewis, Scott, Davis,
Majette, and Moran
Defeated on a 17 to 23 Vote

27. Increase Refundability of the Child Tax Credit for Low-Income Families and Military Families by Closing the Corporate Expatriates Loophole – Reps. DeLauro, Cooper, Emanuel
Defeated on an 18 to 23 Vote
28. Point of Order Against Legislation that Increases the Deficit or Decreases the Surplus Outside of a Five-Year Budget Window – Rep. Thompson
Defeated by Voice Vote
29. Equity in Land Grant Funding – Reps. Davis, Majette, Ford
Withdrawn with Agreement to Include Report Language on Amendment
30. Increase Conservation, Child Nutrition and Rural Development Funding, and Reduce the Deficit through Farm Payment Limitations – Rep. Kind
Defeated by Voice Vote
31. Extension of Higher Education Tuition Deduction – Reps. Emanuel and DeLauro
Defeated on a 19 to 24 Vote
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32. Sense of the House Regarding a Trigger Mechanism for Prescription Drug Price Negotiation – Rep. Emanuel
Defeated on a 19 to 24 Vote
33. Sense of the House Regarding Unfunded Mandates on the States – Reps. DeLauro, Emanuel
Defeated on a 19 to 23 Vote
34. Truth in Public Education – Rep. DeLauro
Defeated on a 19 to 23 Vote
35. Adoption of the Budget Resolution as Amended
Adopted by Voice Vote

36. Motion to Report the 2005 Concurrent Budget Resolution
Favorably to the House
Adopted on a 24 to 19 Vote