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To require expedited consideration of a bill that addresses the insolvency of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund in the case that either trust fund becomes insolvent.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Protecting Social Secu-
5 rity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Social Security is under threat from former
4 President Donald Trump and politicians like Speak-
5 er Mike Johnson, J.D. Vance, and Rick Scott.

6 (2) Social Security is an earned benefit that
7 Americans have paid into over the course of their
8 lifetime and belongs to those who have worked for
9 it.

10 (3) Social Security benefits have not been ex-
11 panded in over 50 years.

12 (4) Nearly 9 out of every 10 people age 65 and
13 older receive Social Security benefits.

14 (5) The 176-member House Republican Study
15 Committee approved a plan that would increase the
16 retirement age to 69 years old.

17 (6) Social Security benefits are protected
18 against inflation through automatic cost-of-living ad-
19 justments.

20 (7) There should be a Social Security field of-
21 fice operating in every county in the country that
22 has a population greater than 150,000 people.

23 (8) Social Security is life-saving for people with-
24 out pensions or significant savings to protect them-
25 selves against hardship.

1 (9) Access to local Social Security offices is es-
2 sential for those who rely on the program and may
3 not be able to seek help online or over the phone.

4 (10) More than 9,000,000 veterans receive So-
5 cial Security benefits.

6 (11) Over 6,000,000 children depend on Social
7 Security because their parent has died, they live with
8 a disability, or they live in a household that receives
9 income from Social Security.

10 **SEC. 3. SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD OFFICES.**

11 Section 205 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 505) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(v) FIELD OFFICE REQUIREMENTS.—The Commis-
14 sioner of Social Security shall ensure that there is a field
15 office operating in every county in the country that has
16 a population greater than 150,000 people.”.

17 **SEC. 4. SOCIAL SECURITY INSOLVENCY.**

18 During any period for which the Commissioner of So-
19 cial Security certifies that the balance of the Federal Old-
20 Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the Federal
21 Disability Insurance Trust Fund established under section
22 201 of such the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) is
23 insufficient to finance benefit payments under title II of
24 such Act, there shall be appropriated to the insolvent trust
25 fund, on a monthly basis, an amount that is equal to the

1 amount necessary for the Social Security Administration
2 to pay such benefit payments.

3 **SEC. 5. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
4 **SOLVENCY BILLS.**

5 (a) QUALIFYING LEGISLATION.—

6 (1) CERTIFICATION.—If the balance of the Fed-
7 eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund
8 or the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund es-
9 tablished under section 201 of the Social Security
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 401) becomes insufficient to finance
11 benefit payments under title II of such Act, then the
12 Commissioner of Social Security shall certify to Con-
13 gress that the Administration is unable to finance
14 such benefit payments.

15 (2) ENTITLEMENT TO EXPEDITED CONSIDER-
16 ATION.—Only a Social Security solvency bill shall be
17 entitled to expedited consideration under this section
18 upon Congress receiving the certification described
19 in paragraph (1).

20 (3) SOCIAL SECURITY SOLVENCY BILL DE-
21 FINED.—In this Act, the term “Social Security sol-
22 vency bill” means a bill consisting solely of legisla-
23 tive language that—

24 (A) ensures that individuals entitled to a
25 benefit under title II of the Social Security Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) will continue to receive
2 full benefits;

3 (B) will not raise taxes on individuals
4 other than those described in subparagraph (C)
5 or decrease benefits provided under such title;
6 and

7 (C) ensures that any need for additional
8 funds is to be borne by the ultra-wealthy and
9 corporations.

10 (b) CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
11 ATIVES.—

12 (1) INTRODUCTION.—Upon receipt by Congress
13 of a certification from the Commissioner of Social
14 Security described in subsection (a)(1), a Social Se-
15 curity Solvency bill described in subsection (a)(3)
16 shall be jointly introduced in the House of Rep-
17 resentatives (by request) by the majority leader and
18 the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

19 (2) REFERRAL AND REPORTING.—Any com-
20 mittee of the House of Representatives to which a
21 Social Security Solvency bill is referred shall report
22 the Social Security Solvency bill to the House of
23 Representatives without amendment not later than 5
24 legislative days after the date on which the Social
25 Security Solvency bill was so referred. If any com-

mittee of the House of Representatives to which a Social Security Solvency bill is referred fails to report the Social Security Solvency bill within that period, that committee shall be automatically discharged from consideration of the Social Security Solvency bill, and the Social Security Solvency bill shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

(3) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—After the last committee authorized to consider a Social Security Solvency bill reports it to the House of Representatives or has been discharged from its consideration, it shall be in order to move to proceed to consider the Social Security Solvency bill in the House of Representatives. Such a motion shall not be in order after the House of Representatives has disposed of a motion to proceed with respect to the Social Security Solvency bill. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is disposed of shall not be in order.

(4) CONSIDERATION.—The Social Security Solvency bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against the Social Security Solvency bill and against its consideration are waived. The previous

1 question shall be considered as ordered on the Social
2 Security Solvency bill to its passage without inter-
3 vening motion except 2 hours of debate equally di-
4 vided and controlled by the proponent and an oppo-
5 nent. A motion to reconsider the vote on passage of
6 the Social Security Solvency bill shall not be in
7 order.

8 (5) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage
9 of the Social Security Solvency bill shall occur not
10 later than 15 days after the date of the introduction
11 of such bill under paragraph (1).

12 (c) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE IN THE SENATE.—

13 (1) RECONVENING AND INTRODUCTION.—Upon
14 receipt by Congress of a certification from the Com-
15 missioner of Social Security described in subsection
16 (a)(1)—

17 (A) if the Senate has adjourned or re-
18 cessed for more than 2 days, the majority lead-
19 er of the Senate, after consultation with the mi-
20 nority leader of the Senate, shall notify the
21 Members of the Senate that, pursuant to this
22 section, the Senate shall convene not later than
23 the second calendar day after receipt of such
24 message; and

1 (B) a Social Security Solvency bill de-
2 scribed in subsection (a)(3) shall be jointly in-
3 troduced in the Senate (by request) by the ma-
4 jority leader and the minority leader of the Sen-
5 ate.

6 (2) COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.—A Social Se-
7 curity Solvency bill introduced in the Senate under
8 paragraph (1) shall be jointly referred to the com-
9 mittee or committees of jurisdiction, which commit-
10 tees shall report the Social Security Solvency bill
11 without any revision and with a favorable rec-
12 ommendation, an unfavorable recommendation, or
13 without recommendation, not later than 5 session
14 days after the date on which the Social Security Sol-
15 vency bill was so referred. If any committee to which
16 a Social Security Solvency bill is referred fails to re-
17 port the Social Security Solvency bill within that pe-
18 riod, that committee shall be automatically dis-
19 charged from consideration of the Social Security
20 Solvency bill, and the Social Security Solvency bill
21 shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

22 (3) PROCEEDING.—Notwithstanding rule XXII
23 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order,
24 not later than 2 days of session after the date on
25 which a Social Security Solvency bill is reported or

1 discharged from all committees to which the Social
2 Security Solvency bill was referred, for the majority
3 leader of the Senate or the designee of the majority
4 leader to move to proceed to the consideration of the
5 Social Security Solvency bill. It shall also be in order
6 for any Member of the Senate to move to proceed
7 to the consideration of the Social Security Solvency
8 bill at any time after the conclusion of such 2-day
9 period. A motion to proceed is in order even though
10 a previous motion to the same effect has been dis-
11 agreed to. All points of order against the motion to
12 proceed to the Social Security Solvency bill are
13 waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable. The
14 motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A mo-
15 tion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is
16 agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order. If
17 a motion to proceed to the consideration of the So-
18 cial Security Solvency bill is agreed to, the Social
19 Security Solvency bill shall remain the unfinished
20 business until disposed of. All points of order
21 against the Social Security Solvency bill and against
22 consideration of the Social Security Solvency bill are
23 waived.

24 (4) NO AMENDMENTS.—An amendment to a
25 Social Security Solvency bill, or a motion to post-

1 pone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of
2 other business, or a motion to recommit the Social
3 Security Solvency bill, is not in order.

4 (5) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—
5 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to
6 the application of the rules of the Senate, as the
7 case may be, to the procedure relating to a Social
8 Security Solvency bill shall be decided without de-
9 bate.

10 (6) DEBATE.—Debate on the Social Security
11 Solvency bill, and on all debatable motions and ap-
12 peals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not
13 more than 10 hours, which shall be divided equally
14 between the majority and minority leaders or their
15 designees.

16 (7) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage
17 shall occur immediately following the conclusion of
18 the debate on the Social Security Solvency bill, and
19 a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate
20 if requested in accordance with the rules of the Sen-
21 ate.

22 (d) AMENDMENT.—A Social Security Solvency bill
23 shall not be subject to amendment in either the Senate
24 or the House of Representatives.

25 (e) CONSIDERATION BY THE OTHER HOUSE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, before passing the Social
2 Security Solvency bill, one House receives from the
3 other a Social Security Solvency bill—

4 (A) the Social Security Solvency bill of the
5 other House shall not be referred to a com-
6 mittee; and

7 (B) the procedure in the receiving House
8 shall be the same as if no Social Security Sol-
9 vency bill had been received from the other
10 House until the vote on passage, when the So-
11 cial Security Solvency bill received from the
12 other House shall supplant the Social Security
13 Solvency bill of the receiving House.

14 (2) REVENUE MEASURE.—This subsection shall
15 not apply to the House of Representatives if the So-
16 cial Security Solvency bill received from the Senate
17 is a revenue measure.

18 (f) RULES TO COORDINATE ACTION WITH OTHER
19 HOUSE.—

20 (1) TREATMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY SOL-
21 VENCY BILL OF OTHER HOUSE.—If the Senate fails
22 to introduce or consider a Social Security Solvency
23 bill under this section, the Social Security Solvency
24 bill of the House of Representatives shall be entitled
25 to expedited floor procedures under this section.

1 (2) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES IN
2 THE SENATE.—If, following passage of the Social
3 Security Solvency bill in the Senate, the Senate then
4 receives the Social Security Solvency bill from the
5 House of Representatives, the House-passed Social
6 Security Solvency bill shall not be debatable. The
7 vote on passage of the Social Security Solvency bill
8 in the Senate shall be considered to be the vote on
9 passage of the Social Security Solvency bill received
10 from the House of Representatives.

11 (3) VETOES.—If the President vetoes the Social
12 Security Solvency bill, debate on a veto message in
13 the Senate under this section shall be 1 hour equally
14 divided between the majority and minority leaders or
15 their designees.

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