

117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

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

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 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 the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, motion, 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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