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113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To establish a bicameral working group on deficit reduction and economic growth.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. WOODALL, and Mr. BURGESS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To establish a bicameral working group on deficit reduction and economic growth.

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 “Deficit Reduction and  
5 Economic Growth Working Group Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. BICAMERAL WORKING GROUP ON DEFICIT REDUC-**  
2 **TION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established a  
4 bicameral working group to be known as the “Bicameral  
5 Working Group on Deficit Reduction and Economic  
6 Growth” (hereinafter referred to as the “working group”).

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The working group shall recommend  
8 to the House of Representatives and the Senate—

9 (1) overall levels of discretionary spending, in-  
10 cluding for the fiscal year ending on September 30,  
11 2014;

12 (2) changes in the statutory limit on the public  
13 debt; and

14 (3) reforms in direct spending programs.

15 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

16 (1) The working group shall be comprised of 20  
17 members to be appointed as follows:

18 (A) The Speaker shall appoint 10 Members  
19 of the House of Representatives, of which one  
20 shall be designated as House co-chair and 4  
21 shall be on the recommendation of the minority  
22 leader of the House of Representatives.

23 (B) The majority leader of the Senate shall  
24 appoint 10 Senators, of which one shall be des-  
25 ignated as Senate co-chair and 4 shall be on the

1            recommendation of the minority leader of the  
2            Senate.

3            (2) Any vacancy occurring in the membership  
4            of the working group shall be filled in the same  
5            manner as the original designation was made.

6            (3) Each appointment under this subsection  
7            shall be made not later than one calendar day after  
8            enactment of this Act.

9            (d) MEETINGS.—The members of the working group  
10          shall meet not later than one calendar day after their ap-  
11          pointment pursuant to subsection (c) and shall meet on  
12          each calendar day thereafter unless both co-chairs jointly  
13          determine that there is good cause to dispense with such  
14          meeting.

15          (e) ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—The work-  
16          ing group may not report any recommendation unless it  
17          receives the support of a majority of the members ap-  
18          pointed by both the Speaker of the House of Representa-  
19          tives and the majority leader of the Senate.

20          (f) REPORT.—

21                (1) The working group shall report its rec-  
22                ommendations, including any legislative language re-  
23                quired to implement those recommendations, to the  
24                House of Representatives and the Senate within 3  
25                calendar days after their adoption.

1           (2) The report shall be referred in the House  
2           of Representatives by the Speaker in accordance  
3           with clause 2 of rule XIV.

4           (3) The report shall include any supplemental,  
5           minority, or additional views submitted to the co-  
6           chairs prior to its transmission pursuant to para-  
7           graph (1).

8           (g) TERMINATION.—The working group shall termi-  
9           nate immediately after transmission of the report under  
10          subsection (f).

11          (h) RULEMAKING.—The provisions of this section are  
12          enacted by Congress—

13           (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
14          the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-  
15          spectively, and as such they shall be considered as  
16          part of the rules of each House, respectively, or of  
17          that House to which they specifically apply, and  
18          such rules shall supercede other rules only to the ex-  
19          tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

20           (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
21          right of either House to change such rules (so far  
22          as relating to such House) at any time, in the same  
23          manner, and to the same extent as in the case of  
24          any other rule of such House.