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H. R. 1207

To remove the Medicare Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund from the budget of the United States Government and to remove Social Security and Medicare from budget pronouncements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2001

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF THE FEDERAL**
4 **HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the re-
6 ceipts and disbursements of the Federal Hospital Insur-
7 ance Trust Fund shall not be counted as new budget au-

1 thority, outlays, receipts, or deficit or surplus for purposes
2 of—

3 (1) the budget of the United States Govern-
4 ment as submitted by the President;

5 (2) the congressional budget; or

6 (3) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-
7 icit Control Act of 1985.

8 **SEC. 2. REMOVING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE**
9 **FROM BUDGET PRONOUNCEMENTS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any official statement issued by
11 the Office of Management and Budget, the Congressional
12 Budget Office, or any other agency or instrumentality of
13 the Federal Government of surplus or deficit totals of the
14 budget of the United States Government as submitted by
15 the President or of the surplus or deficit totals of the con-
16 gressional budget, and any description of, or reference to,
17 such totals in any official publication or material issued
18 by either of such offices or any other such agency or in-
19 strumentality, shall exclude—

20 (1) the outlays and receipts of the old-age, sur-
21 vivors, and disability insurance program under title
22 II of the Social Security Act (including the Federal
23 Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and
24 the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund) and

1 the related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code
2 of 1986, and

3 (2) the outlays and receipts of the hospital in-
4 surance program under part A of title XVIII of the
5 Social Security Act (including the Federal Hospital
6 Insurance Trust Fund) and the related provisions of
7 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

8 (b) SEPARATE SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET DOCU-
9 MENTS.—The excluded outlays and receipts of the old-age,
10 survivors, and disability insurance program under title II
11 of the Social Security Act shall be submitted in separate
12 social security budget documents.

13 (c) SEPARATE MEDICARE BUDGET DOCUMENTS.—
14 The excluded outlays and receipts of the hospital insur-
15 ance program under part A of title XVIII of the Social
16 Security Act shall be submitted in separate medicare
17 budget documents.

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