

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 3575  
OFFERED BY MRS. BLACK OF TENNESSEE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Legally Binding Budg-  
3 et Act of 2012”.

**4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5       Section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
6 is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the  
7 following new paragraph:

8           “(4) The term ‘joint resolution on the budget’  
9 means—

10           “(A) a joint resolution setting forth the  
11 budget for the United States Government for a  
12 fiscal year as provided in section 301; and

13           “(B) any other joint resolution revising the  
14 budget for the United States Government for a  
15 fiscal year as described in section 304.”.

**16 SEC. 3. REVISION OF TIMETABLE.**

17       Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
18 (2 U.S.C. 631) is amended to read as follows:

1 “TIMETABLE

2 “SEC. 300. (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by  
 3 subsection (b), the timetable with respect to the congres-  
 4 sional budget process for any Congress (beginning with  
 5 the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress or a subsequent  
 6 Congress, as applicable) is as follows:

<b>“On or before:</b>	<b>Action to be completed:</b>
First Monday in February .....	President submits budget recommendations.
February 15 .....	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
Not later than 6 weeks after budget submission.	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
April 1 .....	Budget Committees report joint resolution on the budget.
April 15 .....	Congress completes action on joint resolution on the budget.
May 15 .....	Appropriation bills may be considered in the House of Representatives.
June 10 .....	House Appropriations Committee reports last appropriation bill.
June 15 .....	Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation.
June 30 .....	House completes action on appropriation bills.
October 1 .....	Fiscal year begins.

7 “(b) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of any first session  
 8 of Congress that begins in any year during which the term  
 9 of a President (except a President who succeeds himself)  
 10 begins, the following dates shall supersede those set forth  
 11 in subsection (a):

<b>“On or before:</b>	<b>Action to be completed:</b>
March 1 .....	President submits budget summary.
First Monday in April .....	President submits budget recommendations.
April 20 .....	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
Not later than 6 weeks after budget submission.	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
May 15 .....	Budget Committees report joint resolution on the budget.

June 1 .....	Congress completes action on joint resolution on the budget.
June 1 .....	Appropriation bills may be considered in the House of Representatives.
July 1 .....	House Appropriations Committee reports last appropriation bill.
July 15 .....	Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation.
July 20 .....	House completes action on appropriation bills.
October 1 .....	Fiscal year begins.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 303 AND CONFORMING**  
2 **AMENDMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Congressional  
4 Budget Act of 1974 is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—”, by strik-  
6 ing “has been agreed to” and inserting “takes ef-  
7 fect”, and by striking subsections (b) and (c); and

8 (2) by striking its section heading and inserting  
9 the following new section heading: “CONSIDERATION  
10 OF BUDGET-RELATED LEGISLATION BEFORE BUDG-  
11 ET BECOMES LAW”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The item relating  
13 to section 303 in the table of contents set forth in section  
14 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Con-  
15 trol Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 303. Consideration of budget-related legislation before budget becomes law.”.

16 **SEC. 5. PERMISSIBLE REVISIONS OF BUDGET RESOLU-**  
17 **TIONS.**

18 Section 304 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
19 is amended to read as follows:

1 “PERMISSIBLE REVISIONS OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

2 “SEC. 304. At any time after the joint resolution on  
3 the budget for a fiscal year has been enacted pursuant  
4 to section 301, and before the end of such fiscal year, the  
5 two Houses and the President may enact a joint resolution  
6 on the budget which revises or reaffirms the joint resolu-  
7 tion on the budget for such fiscal year most recently en-  
8 acted, and for purposes of the enforcement of the Congres-  
9 sional Budget Act of 1974, the chairman of the Budget  
10 Committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate,  
11 as applicable, may adjust levels as needed for the enforce-  
12 ment of the budget resolution.”.

13 **SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON THE CONTENT OF BUDGET RESO-**  
14 **LUTIONS.**

15 Section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17 section:

18 “(e) **LIMITATION ON CONTENTS.**—(1) It shall not be  
19 in order in the House of Representatives or in the Senate  
20 to consider any joint resolution on the budget or any  
21 amendment thereto or conference report thereon that con-  
22 tains any matter referred to in paragraph (2).

23 “(2) Any joint resolution on the budget or any  
24 amendment thereto or conference report thereon that con-  
25 tains any matter not permitted in section 301(a) or (b)

1 shall not be treated in the House of Representatives or  
2 the Senate as a budget resolution under subsection (a) or  
3 (b) or as a conference report on a budget resolution under  
4 subsection (c) of this section.”.

5 **SEC. 7. DEEMING OF BUDGETARY AGGREGATES, ALLOCA-**  
6 **TIONS, AND RECONCILIATION INSTRUCTIONS**  
7 **IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE UPON VETO OF**  
8 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional  
10 Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding after section  
11 315 the following new section:

12 “AUTOMATIC STANDING ORDER UPON VETO OF JOINT  
13 RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

14 “SEC. 316. If the President vetoes a joint resolution  
15 on the budget, the aggregates, allocations, and any other  
16 matters that pertain solely to the Congress set forth in  
17 that joint resolution shall, for all purposes of titles III and  
18 IV, be deemed to operate and be enforceable in the House  
19 of Representatives and the Senate as if the joint resolution  
20 had been enacted.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
22 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget  
23 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-  
24 serting after the item relating to section 315 the following  
25 new item:

“Sec. 316. Automatic standing order upon veto of joint resolution on the budget.”.

1 **SEC. 8. PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.**

2 Section 301(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of  
3 1974 is amended by striking “and” at the end of para-  
4 graph (8), by striking the period and inserting “; and”  
5 at the end of paragraph (9), and by inserting after para-  
6 graph (9) the following new paragraph:

7 “(10) set forth the public debt limit.”.

8 **SEC. 9. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRES-**  
9 **SIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974 TO EFFEC-**  
10 **TUATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDG-**  
11 **ET.**

12 (a) ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRES-  
13 SIONAL BUDGET AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF  
14 1974.—(1)(A) Sections 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 308,  
15 310, 311, 312, 314, 405, and 904 of the Congressional  
16 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621 et seq.) are amended  
17 by striking “concurrent” each place it appears and insert-  
18 ing “joint”.

19 (B)(i) Sections 302(d), 302(g), 308(a)(1)(A), and  
20 310(d)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are  
21 amended by striking “most recently agreed to concurrent  
22 resolution on the budget” each place it occurs and insert-  
23 ing “most recently enacted joint resolution on the budg-  
24 et”.

1 (ii) The section heading of section 301 of such Act  
2 is amended by striking “ANNUAL ADOPTION OF CONCUR-  
3 RENT RESOLUTION” and inserting “JOINT RESOLUTIONS”;  
4 and

5 (C) Sections 302, 303, 304, 310, and 311 of the Con-  
6 gressional Budget Act of 1974 are amended by striking  
7 “agreed to” each place it appears and by inserting “en-  
8 acted”.

9 (2) The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of  
10 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act  
11 of 1974 is amended—

12 (A) in the item relating to section 301, by strik-  
13 ing “Annual adoption of concurrent resolution” and  
14 inserting “Joint resolutions”; and

15 (B) by striking “concurrent” and inserting  
16 “joint” in the item relating to section 305.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 310  
18 REGARDING RECONCILIATION DIRECTIVES.—(1) The side  
19 heading of section 310(a) of the Congressional Budget Act  
20 of 1974 is amended by inserting “JOINT EXPLANATORY  
21 STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING CONFERENCE REPORT ON”  
22 before “JOINT”.

23 (2) Section 310(a) of the Congressional Budget Act  
24 of 1974 is amended by striking “A” and inserting “The

1 joint explanatory statement accompanying the conference  
2 report on a”.

3 (3) The first sentence of section 310(b) of the Con-  
4 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by striking “If”  
5 and inserting “If the joint explanatory statement accom-  
6 panying the conference report on”.

7 (4) Section 310(c)(1) of the Congressional Budget  
8 Act of 1974 is amended by inserting “the joint explana-  
9 tory statement accompanying the conference report on”  
10 after “pursuant to”.

11 **SEC. 10. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF**  
12 **REPRESENTATIVES TO EFFECTUATE JOINT**  
13 **BUDGET RESOLUTIONS.**

14 Clauses 1(d)(1), 4(a)(4), 4(b)(2), 4(f)(1)(A), and  
15 4(f)(2) of rule X, clause 10 of rule XVIII, clause 10 of  
16 rule XX, and clauses 7 and 10 of rule XXI of the Rules  
17 of the House of Representatives are amended by striking  
18 “concurrent” each place it appears and inserting “joint”.

19 **SEC. 11. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE BALANCED**  
20 **BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL**  
21 **ACT OF 1985.**

22 Section 258C(b)(1) of the Balanced Budget and  
23 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.



1 907d(b)(1)) is amended by striking “concurrent” and in-  
2 serting “joint”.

