

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Van Hollen, Pascrell, McDermott, Jeffries, Pocan,  
Huffman, and Blumenauer

**Truth in Budgeting Regarding Affordable Care Act Savings**

1. At the end of Title V, add the following:

“Truth in Budgeting Requirement Regarding Affordable Care Act Savings

(a) Whereas---

(1) the supporting document for this concurrent resolution, “The Path to Prosperity: Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution,” released by the Chairman of the House Committee on the Budget on April 1, 2014, states on page 12 that the budget will “Repeal of all of Obamacare,” and the Republican Party in the House of Representatives has stated on numerous occasions that it is their policy to repeal the Affordable Care Act in full;

(2) page 55 of the supporting document calls for repealing the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion and the Act's Exchange subsidies, and the aggregates and Function 550 levels in the budget resolution itself assume a spending reduction of \$2.066 trillion consistent with repeal of these provisions,

(3) the aggregates and revenue levels in this concurrent resolution are equal to the revenue levels projected to occur under current law, which includes the revenues generated by the Affordable Care Act;

(4) the aggregates and Function 570 levels in the budget resolution reflect an assumption that the Affordable Care Act's policies that save money in Medicare by reducing waste and promoting efficient, high-quality care are retained;

(5) if this concurrent resolution reflected the full cost of repealing the Affordable Care Act's revenue increases and Medicare savings, the deficits displayed for the period of fiscal years 2015-2024 would increase by around \$2 trillion, and the resolution would reflect a deficit of several hundred billion dollars in 2024 instead of a small surplus;

(6) the supporting document states on page 56 that “This budget assumes full repeal of all of the new health-care law's tax increases as part of comprehensive tax reform” – even though the chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, upon the release of a comprehensive tax reform plan on February 26, 2014, announced that the

plan ‘generally leaves ObamaCare policies untouched and for a later debate on health care,’; and

(7) a \$2 trillion inconsistency between the aggregates and levels assumed in the budget resolution and the policies that those aggregates and levels purport to represent undermines transparency in budgeting;

(b) it shall not be in order in the House of Representatives to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report to repeal the entire Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148 and Title I and Subtitle B of Title II of P.L. 111-152) if the House, during the same Congress, has agreed to a concurrent resolution on the budget that assumes the Affordable Care Act’s current-law revenue increases or Medicare outlay reductions in its allocations, aggregates, and levels.”

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution creates a point of order against House consideration of legislation to completely repeal the Affordable Care Act if the House has approved a concurrent resolution on the budget that relies on the revenue increases and Medicare savings from the Affordable Care Act to achieve balance.