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SEC. 10119. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 904.

(a) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 904(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by striking “(except section 905)” and by striking “V, and VI (except section 601(a))” and inserting “and V”.

[2 USC 621 note.](#)

(b) WAIVERS.—Section 904(c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

“(c) WAIVERS.—

“(1) PERMANENT.—Sections 305(b)(2), 305(c)(4), 306, 310(d)(2), 313, 904(c), and 904(d) of this Act may be waived

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or suspended in the Senate only by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

“(2) TEMPORARY.—Sections 301(i), 302(c), 302(f), 310(g), 311(a), 312(b), and 312(c) of this Act and sections 258(a)(4)(C), 258A(b)(3)(C)(I), 258B(f)(1), 258B(h)(1), 258(h)(3), 258C(a)(5), and 258C(b)(1) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.”.

(c) APPEALS.—Section 904(d) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

[2 USC 621 note.](#)

“(d) APPEALS.—

“(1) PROCEDURE.—Appeals in the Senate from the decisions of the Chair relating to any provision of title III or IV or section 1017 shall, except as otherwise provided therein, be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the mover and the manager of the resolution, concurrent resolution, reconciliation bill, or rescission bill, as the case may be.

“(2) PERMANENT.—An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under sections 305(b)(2), 305(c)(4), 306, 310(d)(2), 313, 904(c), and 904(d) of this Act.

“(3) TEMPORARY.—An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under sections 301(i), 302(c), 302(f), 310(g), 311(a), 312(b), and 312(c) of this Act and sections 258(a)(4)(C), 258A(b)(3)(C)(I), 258B(f)(1), 258B(h)(1), 258(h)(3), 258C(a)(5), and 258C(b)(1) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.”.

(d) EXPIRATION OF SUPERMAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following:

(e) EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN SUPERMAJORITY VOTING REQUIREMENTS.—Subsections (c)(2) and (d)(3) shall expire on September 30, 2002.”.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF MANAGERS
(H. CONF. REPT. 105-217)**

20. Amendments to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act

HOUSE BILL (SECTION 11117)

The House bill contains technical corrections regarding waivers and appeals. It redrafts the section so as to make it possible to differentiate between those points of order which are subject to supermajority discipline and those that are not. It adds a new subsection “(e)” to indicate which waiver and appeal provisions expire at the end of 2002. This has previously been applicable in the Senate by virtue of a provision of the 1996 Budget Resolution. This amendment thus codifies the current Senate rules regarding the sunset date for these points of order. Generally for those points of order which relate to budget levels, the supermajority requirements sunset in 2002. With respect to the other points of order which relate to the substantive effect of language (germaneness, the Byrd Rule, Budget Committee jurisdiction etc.), the supermajority requirements are permanent.

SENATE AMENDMENT (SECTION 1614)

The language in the Senate Amendment is identical to the House Bill.

CONFERENCE AGREEMENT (SECTION 10119)

The Conference agreement reflects the House bill with technical modifications.

[Joint Explanatory Statement on the Committee of Conference on the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; (Conference Report), Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, 105th Congress, 1st Session, Washington D.C. 1997.]