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**SEC. 10103. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 202.**

[2 USC 602.](#)

(a) ASSISTANCE TO BUDGET COMMITTEES.—The first sentence of [section 202\(a\)](#) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by inserting “primary” before “duty”.

(b) ELIMINATION OF EXECUTED PROVISION.—[Section 202](#) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by striking subsection (e) and by redesignating subsections (f), (g), and (h) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respectively.

(c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The first sentence of section 202(e)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (as redesignated) is amended by—

(1) striking “and” before “(B)”; and

(2) inserting before the period the following: “, and (C) a statement of the levels of budget authority and outlays for each program assumed to be extended in the baseline, as provided in [section 257\(b\)\(2\)\(A\)](#) and for excise taxes assumed to be extended under [section 257\(b\)\(2\)\(C\)](#) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985”.

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

*4. Amendments to section 202 of the Congressional Budget Act*

HOUSE BILL (SECTION 11103)

Amends Section 202(a) of the Budget Act to clarify that the ‘primary’ duty of the Congressional Budget Office is to assist the House and Senate Budget Committees. This section also eliminates an obsolete provision relating to the transfer of the functions of the Joint Committee on Reductions of Federal Expenditures to the Congressional Budget Office.

SENATE AMENDMENT (SECTION 1602)

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

CONFERENCE AGREEMENT (SECTION 10103)

The Conference agreement reflects the House bill with a modification. The conferees recognize that CBO’s responsibilities have expanded considerably, particularly with the enactment of the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995. In addition to scoring reported legislation and providing spending and revenue projections, CBO also provides assistance to committees and individual members upon request. The intent of this language is to clarify that CBO’s primary duty is to assist the Budget Committees in its duties to the

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Congress to develop, implement, and enforce the budget resolution and address other budgetary matters.

The Conference agreement also requires CBO to include in its report the estimated budgetary impact associated with assuming the extension of mandatory programs that exceed \$50 million and excise taxes dedicated to trust funds for the baseline as required by section 257 of GRH.

*[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.]*