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# H. R. 252

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California (for himself, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. LATURNER, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. HUIZENGA, and Mr. GROTHMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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

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## A BILL

To create a point of order against spending that will increase inflation unless inflation is not greater than 4.5 percent, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Inflation Prevention  
5 Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST SPENDING THAT WILL**  
2 **INCREASE INFLATION UNTIL INFLATION IS**  
3 **NOT GREATER THAN 4.5 PERCENT.**

4 (a) POINT OF ORDER IN THE SENATE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the Senate, it shall not be  
6 in order to consider a provision in a bill, joint resolu-  
7 tion, motion, amendment, amendment between the  
8 Houses, or conference report that provides new  
9 budget authority and that is estimated to result in  
10 an increase in the Consumer Price Index for All  
11 Urban Consumers, as published by the Bureau of  
12 Labor Statistics, unless the annualized rate of in-  
13 crease in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
14 Consumers most recently published by the Bureau of  
15 Labor Statistics is not more than 4.5 percent.

16 (2) POINT OF ORDER SUSTAINED.—If a point  
17 of order is made by a Senator against a provision  
18 described in paragraph (1), and the point of order  
19 is sustained by the Chair, that provision shall be  
20 stricken from the measure and may not be offered  
21 as an amendment from the floor.

22 (3) FORM OF THE POINT OF ORDER.—A point  
23 of order under subsection (a)(1) may be raised by a  
24 Senator as provided in section 313(e) of the Con-  
25 gressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 644(e)).

1           (4) CONFERENCE REPORTS.—When the Senate  
2 is considering a conference report on, or an amend-  
3 ment between the Houses in relation to, a bill or  
4 joint resolution, upon a point of order being made  
5 by any Senator pursuant to subsection (a)(1), and  
6 such point of order being sustained, such material  
7 contained in such conference report or House  
8 amendment shall be stricken, and the Senate shall  
9 proceed to consider the question of whether the Sen-  
10 ate shall recede from its amendment and concur  
11 with a further amendment, or concur in the House  
12 amendment with a further amendment, as the case  
13 may be, which further amendment shall consist of  
14 only that portion of the conference report or House  
15 amendment, as the case may be, not so stricken.  
16 Any such motion in the Senate shall be debatable.  
17 In any case in which such point of order is sustained  
18 against a conference report (or Senate amendment  
19 derived from such conference report by operation of  
20 this paragraph), no further amendment shall be in  
21 order.

22           (5) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—In  
23 the Senate, this subsection may be waived or sus-  
24 pended only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of  
25 the Members, duly chose and sworn. An affirmative

1 vote of three-fifths of Members of the Senate, duly  
2 chosen and sworn shall be required to sustain an ap-  
3 peal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order  
4 raised under this subsection.

5 (b) POINT OF ORDER IN THE HOUSE OF REP-  
6 RESENTATIVES.—In the House of Representatives, it shall  
7 not be in order to consider a bill, joint resolution, motion,  
8 amendment, amendment between the Houses, or con-  
9 ference report that provides new budget authority and  
10 that is estimated to result in an increase in the Consumer  
11 Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the  
12 Bureau of Labor Statistics, unless the annualized rate of  
13 increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-  
14 sumers most recently published by the Bureau of Labor  
15 Statistics is not more than 4.5 percent.

16 (c) DETERMINATION OF EFFECT ON INFLATION.—

17 (1) PROVISION OF ESTIMATES.—Upon request  
18 by a Member of Congress, the Congressional Budget  
19 Office shall prepare an estimate of the effect on the  
20 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of  
21 the provisions in a bill, joint resolution, motion,  
22 amendment, amendment between the Houses, or  
23 conference report that provide new budget authority.

24 (2) IN GENERAL.—The estimated amount of  
25 the increase in the Consumer Price Index for All

1 Urban Consumers, if any, for purposes of this sec-  
2 tion shall be determined based on estimates pre-  
3 pared by the Congressional Budget Office.

4 **SEC. 3. CBO NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Congressional Budget Office  
6 shall notify Congress if the annualized rate of increase in  
7 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers is  
8 greater than 4.5 percent.

9 (b) SUBMISSION.—The Congressional Budget Office  
10 may submit the certification required under subsection (a)  
11 as part of another report required to be submitted to Con-  
12 gress.

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