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# H. R. 804

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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## A BILL

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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 “Smarter Than Seques-  
5 ter Defense Spending Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress can keep the faith with those who have sac-  
8 rificed for our Nation, avoid cuts that harm our strategic

1 posture, and still achieve spending reduction by imple-  
2 menting targeted reforms instead of allowing haphazard  
3 spending cuts to happen through sequestration.

4 **SEC. 3. CANCELLATION OF 251A SEQUESTER AND IMPLE-**  
5 **MENTATION OF REDUCED SPENDING PLAN**  
6 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 Section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emer-  
8 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by adding  
9 at the end the following:

10 “(12) Notwithstanding the requirements of this  
11 section, an order by the President to carry out a se-  
12 questration under paragraphs (7) or (8) with respect  
13 to the revised security category shall have no force  
14 or effect.

15 “(13) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
16 law, the Department of Defense shall formulate and  
17 implement a plan to reduce spending over the 10-  
18 year period beginning on the date of enactment of  
19 this Act. Such plan shall include a reduction in  
20 spending—

21 “(A) of not less than \$100,000,000,000 by  
22 adopting ‘sea swap’ policies relating to rotating  
23 crew for cruisers, destroyers, and amphibious  
24 ships;

1           “(B) of not less than \$53,000,000,000 by  
2 replacing the current 88,000 military personnel  
3 who perform clearly commercial-type activities  
4 at military bases with 62,000 local civilian con-  
5 tractors instead, and reducing end strengths to  
6 reflect such replacement;

7           “(C) of not less than \$52,500,000,000 by  
8 transferring 65,000 members of the Armed  
9 Forces serving on active duty to the National  
10 Guard and Reserve, respectively, and modifying  
11 the end strengths to reflect such transfer;

12           “(D) of not less than \$52,000,000,000 by  
13 reducing total planned spending on ‘Other Pro-  
14 curement’ by the Army, Navy, and Air Force;

15           “(E) of not less than \$36,700,000,000 by  
16 reducing the number of Department of Defense  
17 civilian employee positions by 100,000 through  
18 retirement and voluntary attrition;

19           “(F) of not less than \$20,000,000,000 by  
20 removing all Brigade Combat Teams and tac-  
21 tical aircraft assets, as well as the personnel  
22 maintaining and supporting them, from Euro-  
23 pean deployment;

24           “(G) of not less than \$15,000,000,000 by  
25 reducing spending on contractor augmentees;

1           “(H) of not less than \$9,000,000,000 by  
2 reducing planned spending on experimental fuel  
3 procurement;

4           “(I) of not less than \$7,100,000,000 by  
5 consolidating the management of the Army and  
6 Air Force Exchange Service, the Navy Ex-  
7 change Service Command, and the Marine  
8 Corps exchanges and creating efficiencies to  
9 provide savings;

10          “(J) of not less than \$7,000,000,000 by  
11 postponing procurement of the Ground Combat  
12 Vehicle by the Army until at least 2023;

13          “(K) of not less than \$4,600,000,000 by  
14 establishing a unified medical command;

15          “(L) of not less than \$3,000,000,000 by  
16 delaying refurbishment of the Abrams tank for  
17 at least 3 years;

18          “(M) of not less than \$1,800,000,000 by  
19 reducing annual spending on all military bands  
20 to \$200,000,000 for 10 years;

21          “(N) of not less than \$800,000,000 by re-  
22 ducing the total number of general officers and  
23 flag officers; and

24          “(O) of not less than \$150,000,000,000  
25 through annual reductions in spending initiated

1 by the Department of Defense through reducing  
2 programs and activities which do not contribute  
3 significantly to military capability.”.

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