

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require agencies submit zero-based budgets.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced
the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee
on _____

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. ZERO-BASED BUDGETS.**

4 (a) DEFINITION.—In this Act:

5 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
6 meaning given the term in section 551 of title 5,
7 United States Code.

8 (2) ZERO-BASED BUDGET.—The term “zero-
9 based budget” means a systematic budget analysis
10 in support of decision making in which managers—

1 (A) examine current objectives, operations,
2 and costs;

3 (B) consider alternative ways of carrying
4 out their program or activity; and

5 (C) rank different programs or activities
6 by order of importance to the organization.

7 (b) ZERO-BASED BUDGETS.—Every sixth year, each
8 agency shall submit to the Director of the Office of Man-
9 agement and Budget and the Committee on the Budget
10 of the Senate and the Committee on the Budget of the
11 House of Representatives a zero-based budget for the next
12 fiscal year and each of the 4 ensuing fiscal years.

13 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—In addition to the zero-
14 based budget required under subsection (b), each agency,
15 except the Department of Defense and the National Nu-
16 clear Security Administration shall submit recommenda-
17 tions for which programs Congress should cut or reduce
18 appropriations in an amount that equals not less than a
19 2 percent reduction from the previous year appropriation
20 in discretionary spending.