

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To establish a biennial Federal budget process.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—112th Cong., 1st Sess.**

(no.) \_\_\_\_\_

(title) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. SNOWE

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **TITLE \_\_—BIENNIAL BUDGETING**

3 **SEC. \_\_01. GOVERNMENT PLANS ON A BIENNIAL BASIS.**

4 (a) STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 306 of title 5,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “September  
7 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 2011”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) by striking “five years forward” and  
10 inserting “6 years forward”;

11 (B) by striking “at least every three years”  
12 and inserting “at least every 4 years”; and

1 (C) by striking beginning with “, except  
2 that” through “four years”; and

3 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting a comma  
4 after “section” the second place it appears and add-  
5 ing “including a strategic plan submitted by Sep-  
6 tember 30, 2011 meeting the requirements of sub-  
7 section (a)”.

8 (b) BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO CON-  
9 GRESS.—Paragraph (28) of section 1105(a) of title 31,  
10 United States Code, is amended by striking “beginning  
11 with fiscal year 1999, a” and inserting “beginning with  
12 fiscal year 2010, a biennial”.

13 (c) PERFORMANCE PLANS.—Section 1115 of title 31,  
14 United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in the matter before paragraph (1)—

17 (i) by striking “section 1105(a)(29)”  
18 and inserting “section 1105(a)(28)”; and

19 (ii) by striking “an annual” and in-  
20 serting “a biennial”;

21 (B) in paragraph (1) by inserting after  
22 “program activity” the following: “for both  
23 years 1 and 2 of the biennial plan”;

24 (C) in paragraph (5) by striking “and”  
25 after the semicolon,

1 (D) in paragraph (6) by striking the period  
2 and inserting a semicolon; and inserting “and”  
3 after the inserted semicolon; and

4 (E) by adding after paragraph (6) the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(7) cover a 2-year period beginning with the  
7 first fiscal year of the next biennial budget cycle.”;

8 (2) in subsection (d) by striking “annual” and  
9 inserting “biennial”; and

10 (3) in paragraph (6) of subsection (f) by strik-  
11 ing “annual” and inserting “biennial”.

12 (d) MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND FLEXI-  
13 BILITY.—Section 9703 of title 31, United States Code, re-  
14 lating to managerial accountability, is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in the first sentence by striking “an-  
17 nual”; and

18 (B) by striking “section 1105(a)(29)” and  
19 inserting “section 1105(a)(28)”;

20 (2) in subsection (e)—

21 (A) in the first sentence by striking “one  
22 or” before “years”;

23 (B) in the second sentence by striking “a  
24 subsequent year” and inserting “a subsequent  
25 2-year period”; and

1 (C) in the third sentence by striking  
2 “three” and inserting “4”.

3 (e) PILOT PROJECTS FOR PERFORMANCE BUDG-  
4 ETING.—Section 1119 of title 31, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1) of subsection (d), by strik-  
7 ing “annual” and inserting “biennial”; and

8 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “annual” and  
9 inserting “biennial”.

10 (f) STRATEGIC PLANS.—Section 2802 of title 39,  
11 United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) is subsection (a), by striking “September  
13 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 2011”;

14 (2) by striking “five years forward” and insert-  
15 ing “6 years forward”;

16 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “at least every  
17 three years” and inserting “at least every 4 years”;  
18 and

19 (4) in subsection (c), by inserting a comma  
20 after “section” the second place it appears and in-  
21 serting “including a strategic plan submitted by  
22 September 30, 2011 meeting the requirements of  
23 subsection (a)”.

24 (g) PERFORMANCE PLANS.—Section 2803(a) of title  
25 39, United States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in the matter before paragraph (1), by  
2 striking “an annual” and inserting “a biennial”;

3           (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting after “pro-  
4 gram activity” the following: “for both years 1 and  
5 2 of the biennial plan”;

6           (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” after  
7 the semicolon;

8           (4) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and  
9 inserting “; and”; and

10          (5) by adding after paragraph (6) the following:

11          “(7) cover a 2-year period beginning with the  
12 first fiscal year of the next biennial budget cycle.”.

13          (h) COMMITTEE VIEWS OF PLANS AND REPORTS.—  
14 Section 301(d) of the Congressional Budget Act (2 U.S.C.  
15 632(d)) is amended by adding at the end “Each committee  
16 of the Senate or the House of Representatives shall review  
17 the strategic plans, performance plans, and performance  
18 reports, required under section 306 of title 5, United  
19 States Code, and sections 1115 and 1116 of title 31,  
20 United States Code, of all agencies under the jurisdiction  
21 of the committee. Each committee may provide its views  
22 on such plans or reports to the Committee on the Budget  
23 of the applicable House.”.

24          (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall take effect on March 1, 2012.

3           (2) AGENCY ACTIONS.—Effective on and after  
4 the date of enactment of this Act, each agency shall  
5 take such actions as necessary to prepare and sub-  
6 mit any plan or report in accordance with the  
7 amendments made by this Act.

8 **SEC. 02. BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Congressional  
10 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended  
11 by adding at the end the following:

12       “CONSIDERATION OF BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

13       “SEC. 317. It shall not be in order in the House of  
14 Representatives or the Senate in any odd-numbered year  
15 to consider any regular bill providing new budget authority  
16 or a limitation on obligations under the jurisdiction of any  
17 of the subcommittees of the Committees on Appropria-  
18 tions for only the first fiscal year of a biennium, unless  
19 the program, project, or activity for which the new budget  
20 authority or obligation limitation is provided will require  
21 no additional authority beyond 1 year and will be com-  
22 pleted or terminated after the amount provided has been  
23 expended.”.

24           (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The  
25 table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congres-  
26 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is

1 amended by adding after the item relating to section 316  
2 the following new item:

“Sec. 317. Consideration of biennial appropriations bills.”.

3 **SEC. \_\_03. REPORT ON TWO-YEAR FISCAL PERIOD.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and  
6 Budget shall—

7 (1) determine the impact and feasibility of  
8 changing the definition of a fiscal year and the  
9 budget process based on that definition to a 2-year  
10 fiscal period with a biennial budget process based on  
11 the 2-year period; and

12 (2) report the findings of the study to the Com-  
13 mittees on the Budget of the House of Representa-  
14 tives and the Senate.

15 **SEC. \_\_04. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 Except as provided in section \_\_03, this title and the  
17 amendments made by this title shall take effect on Janu-  
18 ary 1, 2012, and shall apply to budget resolutions and  
19 appropriations for the biennium beginning with fiscal year  
20 2013.