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## Responsible Spending And Accountability Act

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The bill would provide government funding for the entirety of Fiscal Year 2016 at spending levels that comply with the Budget Resolution adopted by both the House and the Senate as well as with the Budget Control Act caps passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. Importantly, this would provide full funding for our national security.

Additionally, the bill would prohibit taxpayer funding for abortion providers, end the harvesting of fetal tissue for profit, protect all infants who are born alive, defund Obamacare, defund President Obama's illegal amnesty actions, and prohibit the President from lifting sanctions on Iran.

According to [CRS](#), "omnibus appropriations acts have sometimes been used as vehicles to address substantive legislative concerns. Over the past two decades, there are some instances of the incorporation of significant legislative provisions within omnibus appropriations acts." As one example from just last year, the FY 2015 CROmnibus included the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014.

### SECTION BY SECTION - SUMMARY:

#### SHORT TITLE:

Responsible Spending and Accountability Act

#### APPROPRIATIONS ITEMS:

The bill includes provisions common in omnibus appropriations bills, including allowing the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee to print an Explanatory Statement in the Congressional Record.

#### ACROSS THE BOARD ADJUSTMENTS:

The bill includes very small across-the-board adjustments to the non-security and security spending made available by the appropriations bill. This is necessary due to differences in estimates by the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

According to [OMB's estimates](#) of the 12 appropriations bills, spending would be \$1.789 billion (or .36 %) above the \$493.491 billion non-security cap and \$3 million (or .00057 %) above the \$523.091 billion cap. Adjustments are necessary to avoid an across-the-board sequestration in January because a sequestration order is based on the OMB's estimates. The bill specifically exempts OCO/GWOT and disaster funding from the adjustment. The bill further requires the OMB to report to Congress on the

reductions made. According to [CRS](#), similar, small, across-the-board cuts have been included in several recent omnibus appropriations bills.

### **THE HOUSE'S APPROPRIATIONS BILLS:**

The RSAA incorporates the six appropriations bills passed by the House in their entirety, including all amendments that were adopted during House floor consideration. This includes over 180 amendments from over 100 different Members of Congress. The six bills that have not passed by the House, but were marked up and reported by the Appropriations Committee, are also incorporated.

The twelve bills include:

- H.R. 3049, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, as reported
- H.R. 2578, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, as engrossed in the House
- H.R. 2685, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016, as engrossed in the House
- H.R. 2028, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, as engrossed in the House
- H.R. 2995, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016, as reported
- H.R. 3128, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016, as reported
- H.R. 2822, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, as reported
- H.R. 3020, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, as reported
- H.R. 2250, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016, as engrossed in the House
- H.R. 2029, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, as engrossed in the House
- H.R. 2772, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016, as reported
- H.R. 2577, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016, as engrossed in the House

### **PROTECTING LIFE, PROHIBITING TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION PROVIDERS AND ENDING THE HARVESTING FETAL TISSUE FOR PROFIT:**

*Defunding Abortion Providers:* The bill includes the text of H.R.3197, the Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015, which would prohibit any federal funds for any entity that performs abortions. There is an exception for rape, incest, and the health of the mother as well as for hospitals. Any funds that would normally be available to an abortion provider would remain available to entities that do not provide abortions.

*Banning Sale of Fetal Tissue:* The bill includes the text of H.R. 3429, the Prohibiting the Life-Ending Industry of Fetal Organ Exchange Act (PRO LIFE Act), which would prohibit the transfer of fetal tissue in exchange for valuable consideration, including payments associated with the transportation, implantation, processing, preservation, quality control, or storage of human fetal tissue. This provision would close the loophole used by Planned Parenthood to profit off the sale of the organs of aborted babies.

*Born-Alive Infant Protection:* The bill includes the text of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would ensure that infants born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion will be afforded the same standard of care as any other child born alive. This legislation would make the failure to provide standard medical care to children born alive following an abortion a federal crime and would apply stronger penalties in cases where action is taken to kill a child that is born alive. This legislation also provides for a civil right of action against the abortion provider, for mothers of children who survive an abortion.

### **DEFUNDING OBAMACARE:**

The bill includes the text of the Defund Obamacare Act, which would prohibit all mandatory and discretionary funding to implement Obamacare.

### **DEFUNDING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ILLEGAL AMNESTY:**

The bill would fully defund President Obama's illegal amnesty actions. The bill includes the text of the Aderholt/Mulvaney/Barletta, the Blackburn, and the DeSantis/Roby amendments that were included in the original house-passed FY 2015 Homeland Security bill.

This would:

- Prohibit any funds to implement, administer, enforce, or carry out the four Morton Memos issued in 2011 and 2012 and the 11 executive actions taken in November 2104.
- Prohibit any funds to implement to consider or adjudicate any new, renewal, or previously denied application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on or after January 9, 2015.
- Prohibit any funds to implement to implement, administer, enforce, or carry out any policy relating to the apprehension, detention, or removal of aliens that does not treat aliens convicted of domestic violence, sexual abuse, child molestation, or child exploitation as within the highest priorities for immigration enforcement.

According to [CBO](#), these provisions would reduce spending by \$14.9 billion and revenues by \$22.3 billion.

### **IRAN SANCTIONS:**

The bill includes the text of H.R. 3460, which would suspend until 2017 the authority of the President to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of sanctions on Iran as a part of a nuclear agreement.