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112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To reduce the budget of the Department of Defense to the level provided for fiscal year 2008 and to freeze the budget at such level through fiscal year 2016.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Defense and Deficit  
5 Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Under H. Res. 38, the Chair of the Com-  
2           mittee on the Budget shall include in the Congres-  
3           sional Record an allocation for the remainder of fis-  
4           cal year 2011 that assumes nonsecurity spending at  
5           fiscal year 2008 levels.

6           (2) Reductions in defense spending should be  
7           included in any effort to reduce Federal outlays and  
8           reduce the national deficit.

9           (3) In fiscal year 2010, defense spending com-  
10          prised 58 percent of discretionary spending.

11          (4) If defense spending continued at fiscal year  
12          2010 levels for the next 5 years, it would total  
13          \$3,600,000,000,000.

14          (5) Reducing defense spending to fiscal year  
15          2008 levels would save approximately  
16          \$182,000,000,000 over 5 years compared to current  
17          levels.

18          (6) In January 2011 Secretary of Defense  
19          Gates stated that the Administration is seeking  
20          \$78,000,000,000 in cuts to the defense budget over  
21          the next five years on top of \$100,000,000,000 in  
22          efficiencies. This savings should be used to decrease  
23          the deficit.

24          (7) President Obama has pledged to begin  
25          drawing down forces in Afghanistan in July 2011

1 with a goal of full withdrawal in 2014. With a de-  
2 crease in troops abroad, our defense spending should  
3 decrease.

4 (8) In a CBS News Poll from January 2011,  
5 over 50 percent of Americans questioned would re-  
6 duce defense spending to decrease the Federal def-  
7 icit.

8 (9) The United States currently spends more  
9 on its military and defense than the next 19 biggest  
10 spending nations combined.

11 (10) Making reasonable reductions to the de-  
12 fense budget can help to solve the Nation's long-  
13 term fiscal problems.

14 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION AND FREEZE IN BUDGET OF DEPART-**  
15 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

16 (a) REDUCTION AND FREEZE.—The aggregate  
17 amount of funds appropriated or otherwise made available  
18 for military functions administered by the Department of  
19 Defense (other than the functions excluded by subsection  
20 (b)) for a fiscal year may not exceed—

21 (1) in the case of fiscal year 2011, the aggre-  
22 gate amount of funds appropriated or otherwise  
23 made available for military functions administered  
24 by the Department of Defense (other than the func-

1 tions excluded by subsection (b)) for fiscal year  
2 2008; and

3 (2) in the case of fiscal years 2012 through  
4 2016, the aggregate amount of funds appropriated  
5 or otherwise made available for such functions for  
6 the previous fiscal year.

7 (b) EXCLUSION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL PAY AND  
8 BENEFITS.—In determining the aggregate amount of  
9 funds appropriated or otherwise made available for mili-  
10 tary functions administered by the Department of Defense  
11 for fiscal year 2008 or any subsequent fiscal year for pur-  
12 poses of subsection (a), there shall be excluded all amounts  
13 appropriated or otherwise made available in general and  
14 supplemental appropriations Acts for—

15 (1) military personnel, reserve personnel, and  
16 National Guard personnel accounts of the Depart-  
17 ment of Defense, generally title I of the annual De-  
18 partment of Defense appropriations Act;

19 (2) the Defense Health Program; and

20 (3) drug interdiction and counter-drug activities  
21 of the Department of Defense, but only to the extent  
22 the amounts were transferred to personnel accounts  
23 referred to in paragraph (1).

1           (c) USE OF SAVINGS.—All funds saved by the imple-  
2           mentation of this section shall be used for deficit reduc-  
3           tion.