

§ 623. Continuing study of additional budget reform proposals

(a) The Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall study on a continuing basis proposals designed to improve and facilitate methods of congressional budgetmaking. The proposals to be studied shall include, but are not limited to, proposals for—

(1) improving the information base required for determining the effectiveness of new programs by such means as pilot testing, survey research, and other experimental and analytical techniques;

(2) improving analytical and systematic evaluation of the effectiveness of existing programs;

(3) establishing maximum and minimum time limitations for program authorization; and

(4) developing techniques of human resource accounting and other means of providing non-economic as well as economic evaluation measures.

(b) The Committee on the Budget of each House shall, from time to time, report to its House the results of the study carried on by it under subsection (a), together with its recommendations.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude studies to improve the budgetary process by any other committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate or any joint committee of the Congress.

(Pub. L. 93-344, title VII, § 703, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 326.)

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SUBCHAPTER I—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS

§ 631. Timetable

The timetable with respect to the congressional budget process for any fiscal year is as follows:

On or before:	Action to be completed:
First Monday in February.	President submits his budget.
February 15	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
Not later than 6 weeks after President submits budget.	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
April 1	Senate Budget Committee reports concurrent resolution on the budget.
April 15	Congress completes action on concurrent resolution on the budget.
May 15	Annual appropriation bills may be considered in the House.

On or before:

June 10

June 15

June 30

October 1

Action to be completed:

House Appropriations Committee reports last annual appropriation bill.

Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation.

House completes action on annual appropriation bills.

Fiscal year begins.

(Pub. L. 93-344, title III, § 300, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 306; Pub. L. 99-177, title II, § 201(b), Dec. 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 1040; Pub. L. 101-508, title XIII, § 13112(a)(4), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-608; Pub. L. 105-33, title X, § 10104(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 679.)

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AMENDMENTS

1997—Pub. L. 105-33 substituted “Not later than 6 weeks after President submits budget” for “February 25”.

1990—Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “First Monday in February” for “First Monday after January 3”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-177 amended section generally. Prior to the amendment the timetable was on or before: November 10—President submits current services budget; 15th day after Congress meets—President submits his budget; March 15—Committees and joint committees submit reports to Budget Committees; April 1—Congressional Budget Office submits reports to Budget Committees; April 15—Budget Committees report first concurrent resolution on the budget to their Houses; May 15—Committees report bills and resolutions authorizing new budget authority; May 15—Congress completes action on first concurrent resolution on the budget; 7th day after Labor Day—Congress completes action on bills and resolutions providing new budget authority and new spending authority; September 15—Congress completes action on second required concurrent resolution on the budget; September 25—Congress completes action on reconciliation bill or resolution, or both, implementing second required concurrent resolution; October 1—Fiscal year begins.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-177 effective Dec. 12, 1985, and applicable with respect to fiscal years beginning after Sept. 30, 1985, see section 275(a)(1) of Pub. L. 99-177, formerly set out as an Effective and Termination Dates note under section 900 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 112-25, title I, § 104(a), Aug. 2, 2011, 125 Stat. 246.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter applicable with respect to the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1976, and succeeding fiscal years, except as section 906 of Pub. L. 93-344, formerly set out as a note under section 632 of this title, makes provision for possible application of this section to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, see section 905(c) of Pub. L. 93-344, formerly set out as an Effective Date note under section 621 of this title.

SENATE BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

Pub. L. 112-25, title I, § 106, Aug. 2, 2011, 125 Stat. 247, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) For the purpose of enforcing the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 [see Short Title note set out under section 621 of this title] through April 15, 2012, including section 300 of that Act [2 U.S.C. 631], and enforcing budgetary points of order in prior concurrent resolutions on the budget, the allocations, aggregates, and levels set in subsection (b)(1) shall apply in the Senate in the same manner as for a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2012 with appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 and 2013 through 2021.

“(2) For the purpose of enforcing the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 after April 15, 2012, including section 300 of that Act, and enforcing budgetary points of order in prior concurrent resolutions on the budget, the allocations, aggregates, and levels set in subsection (b)(2) shall apply in the Senate in the same manner as for a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013 with appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2012 and 2014 through 2022.

“(b) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS, AGGREGATES, AND LEVELS.—

“(1) As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this section [Aug. 2, 2011], the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall file—

“(A) for the Committee on Appropriations, committee allocations for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 consistent with the discretionary spending limits set forth in this Act [see Short Title of 2011 Amendment note set out under section 900 of this title] for the purpose of enforcing section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 [2 U.S.C. 633];

“(B) for all committees other than the Committee on Appropriations, committee allocations for fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2012 through 2016, and 2012 through 2021 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2011 baseline adjusted to account for the budgetary effects of this Act and legislation enacted prior to this Act but not included in the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2011 baseline, for the purpose of enforcing section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

“(C) aggregate spending levels for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 and aggregate revenue levels for fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2012 through 2016, 2012 through 2021 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2011 baseline adjusted to account for the budgetary effects of this Act and legislation enacted prior to this Act but not included in the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2011 baseline, and the discretionary spending limits set forth in this Act for the purpose of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 [2 U.S.C. 642]; and

“(D) levels of Social Security revenues and outlays for fiscal years 2011, 2012, 2012 through 2016, and 2012 through 2021 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2011 baseline adjusted to account for the budgetary effects of this Act and legislation enacted prior to this Act but not included in the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2011 baseline, for the purpose of enforcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

“(2) Not later than April 15, 2012, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall file—

“(A) for the Committee on Appropriations, committee allocations for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 consistent with the discretionary spending limits set forth in this Act for the purpose of enforcing section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

“(B) for all committees other than the Committee on Appropriations, committee allocations for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2013 through 2017, and 2013 through 2022 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2012 baseline for the purpose of enforcing section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

“(C) aggregate spending levels for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 and aggregate revenue levels for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2013–2017, and 2013–2022 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2012

baseline and the discretionary spending limits set forth in this Act for the purpose of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

“(D) levels of Social Security revenues and outlays for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, 2013–2017, and 2013–2022 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2012 baseline budget for the purpose of enforcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 [2 U.S.C. 633, 642].

“(c) SENATE PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD.—

“(1) Effective on the date of enactment of this section [Aug. 2, 2011], for the purpose of enforcing section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget shall reduce any balances of direct spending and revenues for any fiscal year to 0 (zero).

“(2) Not later than April 15, 2012, for the purpose of enforcing section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget shall reduce any balances of direct spending and revenues for any fiscal year to 0 (zero).

“(3) Upon resetting the Senate paygo scorecard pursuant to paragraph (2), the Chairman shall publish a notification of such action in the Congressional Record.

“(d) FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS.—

“(1) The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise any allocations, aggregates, or levels set pursuant to this section to account for any subsequent adjustments to discretionary spending limits made pursuant to this Act.

“(2) With respect to any allocations, aggregates, or levels set or adjustments made pursuant to this section, sections 412 through 414 of S. Con. Res. 13 (111th Congress) shall remain in effect.

“(e) EXPIRATION.—

“(1) Subsections (a)(1), (b)(1), and (c)(1) shall expire if a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2012 is agreed to by the Senate and House of Representatives pursuant to section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 [2 U.S.C. 632].

“(2) Subsections (a)(2), (b)(2), and (c)(2) shall expire if a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013 is agreed to by the Senate and House of Representatives pursuant to section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.”

§ 632. Annual adoption of concurrent resolution on the budget

(a) Content of concurrent resolution on the budget

On or before April 15 of each year, the Congress shall complete action on a concurrent resolution on the budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of such year. The concurrent resolution shall set forth appropriate levels for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of such year and for at least each of the 4 ensuing fiscal years for the following—

(1) totals of new budget authority and outlays;

(2) total Federal revenues and the amount, if any, by which the aggregate level of Federal revenues should be increased or decreased by bills and resolutions to be reported by the appropriate committees;

(3) the surplus or deficit in the budget;

(4) new budget authority and outlays for each major functional category, based on allocations of the total levels set forth pursuant to paragraph (1);

(5) the public debt;

(6) for purposes of Senate enforcement under this subchapter, outlays of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program es-