

The book was found

Introduction To The Federal Budget Process



Introduction to the Federal Budget Process

Bill Heniff Jr., Coordinator
Analyst on Congress and the Legislative Process

Megan Suzanne Lynch
Analyst on Congress and the Legislative Process

Jessica Tollestrup
Analyst on Congress and the Legislative Process

December 3, 2012

Congressional Research Service
7-5700
www.crs.gov
98-721

CRS Report for Congress
Prepared for Members and Committees of Congress



Synopsis

Budgeting for the federal government is an enormously complex process. It entails dozens of subprocesses, countless rules and procedures, the efforts of tens of thousands of staff persons in the executive and legislative branches, millions of work hours each year, and the active participation of the President and congressional leaders, as well as other members of Congress and executive officials. The enforcement of budgetary decisions involves a complex web of procedures that encompasses both congressional and executive actions. In the last four decades or so, these procedures have been rooted principally in two statutes—the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. The 1974 act established a congressional budget process in which budget policies are enforced by Congress during the consideration of individual measures. The 1985 act embodies additional statutory enforcement procedures, substantially modified in 1990 and 1997, that have been used by the executive to enforce budget policies after the end of a congressional session. The 1997 iteration of these enforcement procedures were set aside in the latter years of their existence and effectively expired toward the end of the 107th Congress. Efforts to renew them in the 108th through 110th Congresses were not successful. In the 111th Congress, the pay-as-you-go procedures affecting direct spending and revenue legislation were restored in a modified version by the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. More recently, in the 112th Congress, statutory limits on discretionary spending and a new automatic process to reduce spending were established by the Budget Control Act of 2011. The President's budget is required by law to be submitted to Congress early in the legislative session. While the budget is only a request to Congress, the power to formulate and submit the budget is a vital tool in the President's direction of the executive branch and of national policy. The President's proposals often influence congressional revenue and spending decisions, though the extent of the influence varies from year to year and depends more on political and fiscal conditions than on the legal status of the budget. The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 establishes the congressional budget process as the means by which Congress coordinates the various budget-related actions (such as the consideration of appropriations and revenue measures) taken by it during the course of the year. The process is centered on an annual concurrent resolution on the budget that sets aggregate budget policies and functional spending priorities for at least the next five fiscal years. Because a concurrent resolution is not a law—it cannot be signed or vetoed by the President—the budget resolution does not have statutory effect; no money can be raised or spent pursuant to it. Revenue and spending amounts set in the budget resolution establish the basis for the enforcement of congressional budget policies through

points of order. Congress implements budget resolution policies through action on individual revenue and debt- limit measures, annual appropriations acts, and direct spending legislation. In some years, Congress considers reconciliation legislation pursuant to reconciliation instructions in the budget resolution. Reconciliation legislation is used mainly to bring existing revenue and direct spending laws into conformity with budget resolution policies. Initially, reconciliation was a major tool for deficit reduction; in later years, reconciliation was used mainly to reduce revenues.

Book Information

File Size: 307 KB

Print Length: 36 pages

Simultaneous Device Usage: Unlimited

Publisher: Congressional Research Service (December 3, 2012)

Publication Date: December 3, 2012

Sold by: Amazon Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B00B0GUCOM

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #465,228 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #24

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Business & Money > Accounting > Governmental #60

in Kindle Store > Kindle Short Reads > One hour (33-43 pages) > Politics & Social Sciences

#63 in Books > Business & Money > Accounting > Governmental

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Introduction to the Federal Budget Process Ten Steps to a Federal Job: Navigating the Federal Job System, Writing Federal Resumes, KSAs and Cover Letters with a Mission The Federal Budget: Politics, Policy, Process Federal Resume Guidebook 6th Ed,: Writing the Successful Outline Format Federal Resume Getting Started in Federal Contracting: A Guide Through the Federal Procurement Maze, Fifth Edition The Federal Courts and The Federal System (University Casebook Series) Iowa Rules of Court Federal 2013 (Iowa Rules of Court. State and Federal) WPA Guide to Florida : The

Federal Writers' Project Guide to 1930s Florida, Written and Compiled by the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration for the State of Florida Red Ink: Inside the High-Stakes Politics of the Federal Budget Minimalist Budget : Practical Ways to Save Money, Spend Less, Save Time and Declutter Your Life to Live More Practical, Well Balanced and Non-Materialistic ... Mindset, Budget Planning Book 1) Dump Dinners: Top 50 Dump Dinners Meals On A Budget-Eat Good And Cheap On A Super Tight Budget Wedding Planning on a Budget: The Ultimate Wedding Planner and Wedding Organizer to Help Plan Your Dream Wedding on a Budget: Weddings by Sam Siv, Book 24 Bridal Bargains, 8th Edition: Secrets to throwing a fantastic wedding on a realistic budget (Bridal Bargains: Secrets to Throwing a Fantastic Wedding on a Realistic Budget) Bridal Bargains, 9th Edition: Secrets to Throwing a Fantastic Wedding on a Realistic Budget (Bridal Bargains: Secrets to Throwing a Fantastic Wedding on a Realistic Budget) Wedding Planning on a Budget: The Ultimate Wedding Planner and Wedding Organizer: To Help Plan Your Dream Wedding on a Budget (Weddings by Sam Siv) (Volume 24) Paris Travel Guide - Paris Travel: The Ultimate Guide to Travel to Paris on a Cheap Budget: (Honeymoon in Paris, Paris Travel Guide, Travel on a Budget, Save Money) Prepping On A Budget: Begin Prepping, Start your first Stockpile and Prepare for When SHTF on a Minimalist Budget (Prepper Essentials Book 2) Appendix, Budget Of The United States Government, Fiscal Year 2016 (Budget of the United States Government, Appendix) Budget Survival Guns: How To Build A Basic Defensive Arsenal On A Budget - Discover A Must Have Guns For Your Survival Arsenal Sydney on a low budget: Tips and hacks to optimize a shoestring budget

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)