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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, January 2, 2007.

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: Pursuant to Clause 1(d) of House Rule XI, I am pleased to transmit a report on the activities of the Committee on the Budget during the 109th Congress.

Sincerely,

JIM NUSSLE,
Chairman.

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Mr. NUSSLE of Iowa, from the Committee on the Budget,
submitted the following:

R E P O R T

JURISDICTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on the Budget was established by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The committee has been responsible for developing and reporting the annual congressional budget resolution, for assembling and reporting any reconciliation legislation required by that resolution, and working on the congressional budget process. In the 105th Congress, its jurisdiction was expanded to include budget process, generally.

The main purpose of the budget resolution is to provide an overall framework and plan for congressional action on spending and revenue legislation. It sets ceilings on total budget authority and outlays and a floor on total revenues. It also allocates spending authority to the appropriations committees and among the various authorizing committees of the House and Senate that have jurisdiction over direct spending programs. The limits and allocations set by the budget resolution are enforced through points of order in the House and Senate.

The budget reconciliation process is used when changes in entitlement or tax law are needed to implement the plan set out in the budget resolution. The process begins with the inclusion of “reconciliation instructions” in the budget resolution. These instructions direct the appropriate authorizing committees to report legislation revising programs under their jurisdiction to change projected spending by specified amounts. They may also direct the tax-writing committees to report legislation revising tax law to change revenues by specified amounts.

In response to reconciliation instructions, the various committees report their legislative recommendations to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee then assembles the legislation into an omnibus legislative package—without making any substantive revisions—for consideration by the House. The Budget Committee not only has jurisdiction over budget resolutions and reconciliation bills, it has legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget.

When the House of Representatives adopted Rules for the 104th Congress (H. Res. 6) on January 5, 1995, the Budget Committee achieved for the first time legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the congressional budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget. In adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress (H. Res. 5) on January 7, 1997, the Budget Committee extended its legislative jurisdiction even further to cover not only the congressional budget process but all budget process in general. The committee's jurisdictional statement, House Rule X, clause 1(d), now reads as follows:

(1) Concurrent resolutions on the budget (as defined in section 3(4) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), other matters required to be referred to the committee under titles III and IV of that Act, and other measures setting forth appropriate levels of budget totals for the United States Government.

(2) Budget process generally.

(3) Establishment, extension, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal budget, including the budgetary treatment of off-budget Federal agencies and measures providing exemption from reduction under any order issued under part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Under subparagraph (d)(1), the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over both budgetary levels and budgetary concepts. And under subparagraph (d)(2), the Budget Committee has primary jurisdiction over the budget process, as well as, secondary jurisdiction over purely procedural aspects of the congressional budget process. Finally under subparagraph (d)(3), the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over the establishment, extension, and enforcement of mandatory and discretionary spending limits, PAYGO requirements, and other special budgetary mechanisms to control spending, the deficit, or the Federal budgets, including the sequestration process.

In addition to its legislative duties, the Budget Committee continues to have responsibilities for oversight and studies. These responsibilities include oversight of the Congressional Budget Office; study of the outlay effects of existing and proposed legislation; study of off-budget entities; study of tax expenditures; and study of proposals to improve and facilitate the congressional budget process.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET CYCLE

The committee began consideration of the congressional budget for fiscal year 2006 on March 9, 2005, with the markup of the Fiscal Year 2006 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, H. Con. Res. 95. Out of 25 amendments offered, only 1 was adopted.

Mr. Bradley offered an amendment to increase spending levels of function 700 to reflect higher funding for discretionary Veterans' programs; and decrease funding in function 150 to reflect lower funding for international aid programs. The amendment offered by Mr. Bradley was agreed to by a voice vote.

The report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 95, House Report 109-17, was filed on March 11, 2005. The Committee on Rules reported a rule (H. Res. 154, H. Rept. 109-19) providing for the consideration of the concurrent budget resolution. The rule provided for a period of debate not to exceed five hours, with four hours of general debate confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour of general debate on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton of New Jersey and Representative Maloney of New York or their designees. After the debate, no further consideration of the budget resolution would be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. The rule provided that after passage of H. Con. Res. 95, it shall be in order to consider in the House, S. Con. Res. 18, to move to strike all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 18, and to insert the provisions of H. Con. Res. 95 as passed by the House.

The rule allowed the consideration of three alternative budgets: the Watt Congressional Black Caucus Substitute; the Hensarling Republican Study Committee Substitute; and the Spratt Democratic Substitute. H. Res. 154 was passed by the House on March 16, 2005.

Under the terms of H. Res. 154, the House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 95 on March 16, 2005. All three alternative budgets made in order were defeated on recorded votes; and the budget resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote (218-214). The House passed bill instructed nine authorizing committees to achieve a reduction in mandatory outlays of approximately \$69 billion over the fiscal year 2006-2010 period and for the Committee on Ways and Means to achieve changes in revenue of \$45 billion over the same period.

On April 4, 2005, the Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. Con. Res. 18 amended. The resolution, with an amendment, was agreed to in the Senate by unanimous consent. The House agreed to a conference with the Senate on the budget resolution. The conference committee met on April 27, 2005. The conferees agreed to a conference report, H. Rept. 109-62. The House agreed to the conference report on April 28, 2005, by a recorded vote (214-211) and the Senate agreed to the conference report that same day by a recorded vote (52-47). Section 201 of the conference report set forth reconciliation instructions for eight committees to slow the growth of mandatory spending in programs within their jurisdiction by instructing the following: the House Committee on Agriculture to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the level of direct spending for that committee by \$173,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2006 and \$3,000,000,000 in outlays for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010; the House Committee on Education and the Workforce to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the level of direct spending for that committee by

\$992,000,000 in outlays for fiscal years 2005 and 2006 and \$12,651,000,000 in outlays for the period of fiscal years 2005 through 2010; the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the level of direct spending for that committee by \$2,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2006 and \$14,734,000,000 in outlays for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010; the House Committee on Financial Services to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the level of direct spending for that committee by \$30,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2006 and \$470,000,000 in outlays for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010; the House Committee on the Judiciary to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the level of direct spending for that committee by \$60,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2006 and \$300,000,000 in outlays for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010; the House Committee on Resources to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the level of direct spending for that committee by \$2,400,000,000 in outlays for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010; the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the level of direct spending for that committee by \$12,000,000 in outlays for fiscal year 2006 and \$103,000,000 in outlays for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010, and the House Committee on Ways and Means to propose changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce the deficit by \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and \$1,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010. The House Committee on Ways and Means was also instructed to report to the House a reconciliation bill not later than September 23, 2005, that consists of changes in laws within its jurisdiction sufficient to reduce revenues by not more than \$11,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and by not more than \$70,000,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2010, as well as report to the House a reconciliation bill not later than September 30, 2005, that consists solely of changes in laws within its jurisdiction to increase the statutory debt limit by \$781,000,000,000. The conference agreement for H. Con. Res. 95 provided for changes in mandatory outlays of approximately \$35 billion; changes in revenues of \$70 billion and a change in the statutory debt limit of \$781 billion over the FY2006–FY2010 period.

Chairman Nussle introduced H.R. 4241, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 on November 7, 2005 which pursuant to H. Con. Res. 95 (congressional budget resolution for fiscal year 2006) provided for submissions to slow the growth in mandatory spending and to achieve deficit reduction by the following House Committees: (1) Agriculture; (2) Education and the Workforce; (3) Energy and Commerce; (4) Financial Services; (5) the Judiciary; (6) Resources; (7) Transportation and Infrastructure; and (8) Ways and Means. On November 18, 2005 by a recorded vote (217–215), the House agreed to H.R. 4241, as amended. The Senate considered the companion reconciliation bill, S. 1932, on November 1, 2, and 3, 2005; finally agreeing to the bill on November 3 by a recorded vote (52–47). The bill became Public Law 109–171 when the President signed the bill on February 8, 2006 providing for mandatory savings of approximately \$39 billion over the fiscal year 2006–2010 period.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET CYCLE

The congressional budget cycle commenced on March 29, 2006, with the markup of the Fiscal Year 2007 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, H. Con. Res. 376. Out of 23 amendments offered, only 3 were adopted. Mr. Bradley offered an amendment to increase spending levels of function 700 to reflect higher funding for discretionary Veterans' programs; and decrease funding in function 150 to reflect lower funding for international aid programs. The amendment offered by Mr. Bradley was agreed to by a voice vote.

Mr. Cooper offered an amendment that expressed the sense of the Congress that the determination of the congressional budget for the United States and the President's budget request should include consideration of the financial report of the U.S. Government. Mr. Cooper's amendment was agreed to.

Mr. McCotter offered an amendment that added a sense of Congress that any revenue increases achieved through recovery of taxes legally owed to the U.S. Treasury, but not actually paid (the so-called "tax gap")—shall be dedicated entirely to reducing the deficit and the accumulated debt, and to financing additional spending.

The report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 376, House Report 109-402, was filed on March 31, 2006. The Committee on Rules reported a rule (H. Res. 766) providing for the consideration of the concurrent budget resolution. The rule provided four hours for general debate, with three hours of general debate confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour of general debate on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton of New Jersey and Representative Maloney of New York or their designees. The House passed H. Res. 766 on April 5, 2006.

The Committee on Rules reported an additional rule (H. Res. 817) which provided that the Manager's amendment printed in Part A of the report of the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109-468) be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The Manager's Amendment provided for a discretionary emergency reserve of \$6.45 billion for natural disasters, taking into account enactment of the pending supplemental and based on a realistic average of emergency designated spending in prior years (excluding highs and lows). The amount represented an increase from the \$4.3 billion estimate in the committee reported resolution, which was based on 10 accounts most commonly associated with emergency spending (e.g. wildland firefighting, FEMA disaster relief, SBA disaster loans, ACOE Flood Control). The adjustment accommodated additional emergency effects in other accounts—such as international relief efforts, Federal Highway Administration emergency relief, and refugee assistance. Emergency appropriations above the reserve would be subject to a Budget Committee vote to raise the applicable limits. The amendment provided a deficit-neutral reserve fund of \$3.1 billion for Labor-HHS, education, and other domestic priorities, should savings be achieved elsewhere. It stipulated that there will be no separate reserve in fiscal year 2007 for avian flu, because the funding will be provided in fis-

cal year 2006. The deadline for submission of reconciliation legislation was rescheduled to June 9, 2006. The amendment also adjusted certain budget levels to be consistent with the changes above. The rule also allowed the consideration of three alternative budgets: the Watt Congressional Black Caucus Substitute; the Hensarling Republican Study Committee Substitute; and the Spratt Democratic Substitute. The House passed H. Res. 817 on May 17, 2006.

The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 376 on May 17, 2006. All three alternative budgets made in order were defeated; and, the budget resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote (218–210). On March 10, 2006, the Senate reported S. Con. Res. 83 without written report. The Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 83 on March 13, 2006 and agreed to the resolution with amendments on March 16, 2006 by a recorded vote (51–49). The House and Senate were not able to agree to a budget resolution for fiscal year 2007. As a result, the Congress never adopted the budget resolution for fiscal year 2007.

On May 18, 2006 the House agreed to H. Res. 818, the rule which provided for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes. Included in H. Res. 818 was a provision that upon passage of the rule, deemed the entire House-passed budget resolution to be in force, governing all spending bills that were brought to the House. In effect, the House adopted a final budget. The Senate established discretionary spending limits by attaching its deeming resolution to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for FY2006 (H.R. 4939), which became law (P.L. 109–234) on June 15, 2006. This meant that congressional budget controls under the Budget Act could be enforced.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

H. Res. 5, the organizing resolution

The organizing resolution (H. Res. 5) adopted by the House on January 4, 2005 at the commencement of the One Hundred Ninth Congress contained provisions related to the congressional budget process. It modified the composition of the Committee on the Budget to permit one Member to be designated by (currently, from) the elected leadership of the majority party and one Member to be designated by (currently, from) the elected leadership of the minority party. The resolution also contained several provisions relating to the enforcement of the Congressional Budget that were continued from the 108th Congress. The first provision provided that references in section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to resolutions shall be construed in the House of Representatives as references to a joint resolution. The second provision provided that section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 apply to manager's amendments made in order and deemed to be original text by operation of a special rule. The third provision provided that the establishment for a Federal office or position a specified or minimum level of compensation to be funded by annual discretionary appropriations shall not be considered as providing new entitlement authority within the meaning of the Congressional Budget

Act of 1974. The resolution stated that provisions of the conference report of S. Con. Res. 95 (budget “deeming” resolution) in the 108th Congress shall have effect in the 109th Congress until a concurrent resolution for FY 2007 is adopted.

On June 14, 2006, the Committee on the Budget considered H.R. 4890 (originally introduced by Rep. Paul Ryan on March 7, 2006), a bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority. The committee ordered the bill reported. On June 16, 2006, Chairman Nussle reported H.R. 4890, as amended, to the House (H. Rept. 109–505, Part I). The Committee on Rules, which had secondary jurisdiction over H.R. 4890, reported the bill to the House on June 19, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–505, Part II). H.R. 4980 was passed in the House by recorded vote (247–172) on June 22, 2006.

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

On May 26, 2005, the House agreed to go to conference with the Senate on the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, H.R. 3. Three Members of the Budget Committee were appointed by the Speaker as representatives of the Budget Committee—Jim Nussle, Mario Diaz-Balart, and John M. Spratt, Jr.—for the consideration of sections 8001–8003 of the House bill and Title III of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference. H.R. 3 (enacted as Public Law 109–59 on August 10, 2005) authorizes appropriations through FY2009 for highway programs out of the Highway Trust Fund, authorizes appropriations for FY2005–FY2009 for highway safety programs, revises requirements for the development and revitalization of U.S. public transportation systems, amends federal transportation law to authorize appropriations for FY2005–FY2009 for motor carrier safety, authorizes appropriations for FY2005–FY2009 for research and amends federal highway law to revise metropolitan planning requirements. It also includes provisions for: hazardous materials transportation; transportation discretionary spending guarantee; rail transportation; miscellaneous provisions and highway reauthorization and excise tax simplification.

BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

Under Chairman Nussle’s leadership, the committee worked diligently to enforce the budget in the 109th Congress. Committee staff monitored all legislation prepared for consideration on the House floor for spending and revenue implications. By working with authorizing and appropriations committee staff, the Rules Committee and House leadership, legislation that would have violated the budget was often amended to avoid conflicts with the budget or dropped from House floor consideration altogether. Chairman Nussle consistently objected to legislation brought before the House that violated the budget.

To further educate Members of Congress and their staff on the budgetary implications of the bills to be considered by Congress, the committee continued the use of “Budget Week.” Budget Week, a majority committee staff report which began in May 2001, reported on the budgetary implications of each bill scheduled for con-

sideration in a given week. A green, yellow, and red flag system enabled Members to quickly identify bills that violated the Budget Act. In the 109th Congress, the committee released 52 “Budget Weeks.”

In addition to “Budget Week,” the committee also produced more in depth reports on appropriations and on other bills with significant budgetary implications. The committee released 38 “Appropriations Updates” and 16 “Economic Updates.”

OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Budget Committee’s oversight responsibilities are determined by both the breadth of the Federal budget and the relatively narrow focus of its legislative jurisdiction. Under clause 1(d)(1) of House Rule X, the primary responsibility of the Budget Committee is the development of a concurrent budget resolution that sets spending and revenue levels in aggregate and across 20 budget functions. These budget functions encompass all Federal programs or activities other than those that are defined as off-budget, such as Social Security and the Postal Service, and those that are considered nonbudgetary, such as the Federal Reserve.

Although the subject matter of the budget is inherently broad, the committee’s formal oversight responsibility focuses on law governing the budget process and the agencies responsible for administering elements of those laws. Under clauses 1(d)(2) and (3) of House Rule X, the major laws falling within its oversight are the Budget and Accounting Act of 1920, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the Emergency Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985. The two agencies with primary responsibility for administering elements of these laws and hence which fall under the committee’s jurisdiction are the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office. In addition to these general oversight responsibilities, the Budget Committee has the special oversight responsibility under clause 3 of House Rule X to study the effect of budget outlays of existing and proposed legislation and to request and evaluate continuing studies of tax expenditures.

The committee met on February 2, 2005, to organize for the 109th Congress. In addition to adopting rules of procedure for the committee, the committee also adopted a written oversight plan. The oversight plan called for the committee to hold hearings in the process of developing the annual concurrent budget resolutions. The committee planned to receive testimony from Members of Congress, Cabinet-level and other Federal officials, State and local officials, and expert witnesses to review the President’s budget submissions and other alternatives to programs and activities. The committee plan called for continuous assessment of the performance of Federal agencies in both administration and service delivery by reviewing performance data in the President’s budget submissions and the relevant reports and audits of the General Accounting Office and the Offices of the Inspectors General. The oversight plan specifically called on the committee to oversee the Office of Management and Budget’s implementation of budget submission, control, execution, and enforcement procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1920, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, and other applicable laws.

The oversight plan also called for the evaluation and study of direct spending and tax incentives policies and monetary policy and its effects on the Federal budget.

In furtherance of the committee oversight plan, the committee held 20 hearings in the 109th Congress. A list of the hearings held and the witnesses questioned can be found under the Committee Publications section of this report.

During the 109th Congress, the committee received three General Accounting Office reports pursuant to requests made by the chairman:

1. February 2005, Health and Human Services' Estimate of Health Care Cost Savings Resulting from the Use of Information Technology, GAO-05-309R.

2. May 2005, Health Information Technology: HHS is Taking Steps to Develop a National Strategy, GAO-05-628.

3. April 2006, Consumer-Directed Health Plans: Small but Growing Enrollment Fueled by Rising Cost of Health Care Coverage, GAO-06-514.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF MEASURES ON WHICH ACTION WAS TAKEN

The following legislative measures were acted on by the Committee on the Budget or contained provisions relating to the congressional budget process.

H. RES. 5

Sponsor—Tom DeLay [TX-22].

Date Introduced—January 4, 2005.

Title—Adopting rules for the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

January 4, 2005—Point of order raised against the content of the measure stating that certain proposals contained in the resolution are not supported by Constitutional authority. The Chair subsequently ruled that the point of order was not recognizable and consideration of the resolution was subject to a decision by the full House.

January 4, 2005—On motion to consider the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 224-192, 1 Present.

January 4, 2005—Considered as privileged matter.

January 4, 2005—On ordering the previous question Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 222-196.

January 4, 2005—Motion to commit with instructions to a select committee composed of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader.

January 4, 2005—The previous question on the motion to commit with instructions was ordered without objection.

January 4, 2005—On motion to commit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 196-219.

January 4, 2005—On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 220-195.

January 4, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

H. CON. RES. 95

Sponsor—Jim Nussle [IA-1].

Title—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

March 11, 2005—The House Committee on The Budget reported an original measure, H. Rept. 109–17, by Mr. Nussle.

March 11, 2005—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 8.

March 15, 2005—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 154 Reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of H.Con. Res. 95 with 5 hours of general debate. After passage of H. Con. Res. 95, it shall be in order to consider in the House S. Con. Res. 18; to move to strike all after the resolving clause of S. Con. Res. 18 and to insert the provisions of H. Con. Res. 95, as passed by the House.

March 16, 2005—Rule H. Res. 154 passed House.

March 16, 2005—Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 154.

March 17, 2005—On motion that the Committee rise Failed by recorded vote: 101–313, 1 Present (Roll no. 86).

March 17, 2005—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

March 17, 2005—On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 218–214 (Roll no. 88).

March 17, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

April 4, 2005—Received in the Senate.

April 4, 2005—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

April 4, 2005—Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. Con. Res. 18 amended.

April 4, 2005—Resolution agreed to in Senate in lieu of S. Con. Res. 18 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

April 4, 2005—Senate insisted on its amendment, asked for a conference, appoints conferees Gregg; Domenici; Grassley; Allard; Conrad; Sarbanes; Murray.

April 5, 2005—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

April 26, 2005—Mr. Nussle asked unanimous consent that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference.

April 26, 2005—On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to without objection.

April 26, 2005—Ms. Herseth moved that the House instruct conferees.

April 26, 2005—The previous question was ordered without objection.

April 26, 2005—On motion that the House instruct conferees Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 348–72 (Roll no. 134).

April 26, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

April 26, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees: Nussle, Ryun (KS), and Spratt.

April 27, 2005—Conference held.

April 28, 2005—Conference report H. Rept. 109–62 filed.

April 28, 2005—Conferees agreed to file conference report.

April 28, 2005—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 248 Reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of the conference report to H. Con. Res. 95.

April 28, 2005—Rule H. Res. 248 passed House.

April 28, 2005—Mr. Nussle brought up conference report H. Rept. 109–62 for consideration under the provisions of H. Res. 248.

April 28, 2005—The previous question was ordered without objection.

April 28, 2005—Motions to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

April 28, 2005—On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 214–211 (Roll no. 149).

April 28, 2005—Conference papers: Senate report and manager's statement and message on House action held at the desk in Senate.

April 28, 2005—Conference report considered in Senate.

April 28, 2005—Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 52–47.

H. CON. RES. 376

Sponsor—Jim Nussle [IA–1].

Title—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

March 31, 2006—The House Committee on the Budget reported an original measure, H. Rept. 109–402, by Mr. Nussle.

March 31, 2006—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 220.

April 5, 2006—Rules Committee resolution H. Res. 766 reported to House. The rule provides for the consideration of H. Con. Res. 376.

April 6, 2006—H. Res. 766 passed House.

April 6, 2006—H. Con. Res. 376 was considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 766.

May 17, 2006—Rules Committee resolution H. Res. 817 reported to House. The rule provides for the consideration of H. Con. Res. 376.

May 17, 2006—H. Res. 817 passed House.

May 17, 2006—The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

May 17, 2006—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

May 17, 2006—The House agreed to the resolution by the yeas and nays: 218–210 (Roll No. 158).

H.J. RES. 68

Sponsor—Jerry Lewis [CA–41].

Date introduced—September 27, 2005.

September 28, 2005—Rules Committee resolution H. Res. 469 reported to House. The rule provides for the consideration of H.J. Res. 68.

September 29, 2005—H. Res. 469 passed House.

September 29, 2005—Motion to recommit with instructions to Appropriations.

September 29, 2005—Point of order conceded and sustained against the motion to recommit with instructions. The provisions of

the instructions in the motion to recommit exceed the scope of the joint resolution.

September 29, 2005—On passage, passed by the yeas and nays: 348–65.

September 30, 2005—Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.

September 30, 2005—Became Public Law No. 109–77.

H.R. 3645

Sponsor—Jerry Lewis [CA–41].

Date introduced—September 2, 2005.

Title—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising from the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, 2005.

September 2, 2005—Considered under previous order of the House.

September 2, 2005—Passed House by voice vote.

September 2, 2005—Passed Senate without amendment by unanimous consent.

September 2, 2005—Became Public Law No. 109–61.

H.R. 3672

Sponsor—Jim McCreery [LA–4].

Date introduced—September 7, 2005.

Title—TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005.

September 8, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 8, 2005—Passed House by voice vote.

September 15, 2005—Passed Senate without amendment by unanimous consent.

September 21, 2005—Became Public Law No. 109–68.

H.R. 3673

Sponsor—Jerry Lewis [CA–41].

Date introduced—September 7, 2005.

Title—Second Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising from the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, 2005.

September 8, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 8, 2005—Passed House by yeas and nays: 410–11.

September 8, 2005—Passed Senate without amendment by yeas and nays: 97–0.

September 8, 2005—Became Public Law No. 109–62.

H.R. 3768

Sponsor—Jim McCreery [LA–4].

Date introduced—September 14, 2005.

Title—Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005.

September 15, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 15, 2005—Passed House by voice vote.

September 15, 2005—Passed Senate with amendment by unanimous consent.

September 21, 2005—House agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment.

September 21, 2005—Senate agreed to amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate by Unanimous Consent.
September 23, 2005—Became Public Law No. 109–73.

H.R. 3863

Sponsor—Bobby Jindal [LA–1].
Date introduced—September 22, 2005.
Title—Natural Disaster Student Aid Fairness Act.
September 27, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.
September 27, 2005—Passed House, amended, by voice vote.
September 30, 2005—Senate agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
October 7, 2005—Became Public Law No. 109–86.

H.R. 4241

Sponsor—Jim Nussle [IA–1].
Date introduced—November 7, 2005.
Title—Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.
November 7, 2005—The House Budget Committee reported an original measure, H.Rept. 109–276.
November 9, 2005—Rules Committee resolution H. Res. 542 reported to House. The rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 4241.
November 17, 2005—Rules Committee resolution H. Res. 560 reported to House. The rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 4241 and a specified amendment is in order, Sec. 3. After passage of H.R. 4241, it shall be in order to consider S. 1932 in the House.
November 17, 2005—H.Res. 560 passed House.
November 18, 2005—Passed House by yeas and neas: 217–215.

S. 1932

Sponsor—Judd Gregg [NH].
Date introduced—October 27, 2005.
Title—Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005.
October 27, 2005—The Senate Budget Committee reported an original measure without written report.
November 3, 2005—Passed Senate with amendments by yeas and neas: 52–47.
November 18, 2005—Mr. Nussle asked unanimous consent to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 4241 as passed by the House.
December 14, 2005—Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House and requested a conference by unanimous consent.
December 15, 2005—Senate appointed conferees. Gregg; Domenici; Grassley; Enzi; Allard; Sessions; Stevens; Shelby; Specter; Chambliss; McConnell; Conrad; Murray; Harkin; Sarbanes; Inouye; Bingaman; Baucus; Kennedy; Leahy.
December 16, 2005—The House insisted on its amendment and agreed to a conference.
December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees for consideration of the Senate bill and House amendment: Nussle, Ryun (KS), Crenshaw, Putnam, Wicker, Hulshof, Ryan (WI), Blunt, DeLay, Spratt, Moore (KS), Neal (MA), DeLauro, Edwards, and Ford.

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on Agriculture for consideration of title I of the Senate bill and title I of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Goodlatte, Lucas, and Peterson (MN).

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of title VII of the Senate bill and title II and subtitle C of title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Boehner, McKeon, and Miller, George.

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on Financial Services for consideration of title II of the Senate bill and title IV of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Oxley, Bachus, and Frank (MA).

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration of title III and title VI of the Senate bill and title III of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Barton (TX), Deal (GA), and Dingell.

December 16, 2005: The Speaker appointed conferees provided that Mr. Ney is appointed in lieu of Mr. Bachus for consideration of subtitles C and D of title II of the Senate bill and subtitle B of title IV of the House amendment.

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of title VIII of the Senate bill and title V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Sensenbrenner, Smith (TX), and Conyers.

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on Resources for consideration of title IV of the Senate bill and title VI of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Pombo, Gibbons, and Rahall.

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of title V and Division A of the Senate bill and title VII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Young (AK), LoBiondo, and Oberstar.

December 16, 2005—The Speaker appointed conferees—from the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of secs. 6039, 6071, and subtitle B of title VI of the Senate bill and title VIII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Thomas, Herger, and Rangel.

December 19, 2005—Conference report H. Rept. 109–362 filed.

December 19, 2005—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 640 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to S. 1932. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived.

The conference report shall be considered as read. Section 2 of House Resolution 619 is amended.

December 19, 2005—Rule H. Res. 640 passed House.

December 19, 2005—Mr. Nussle brought up conference report H. Rept. 109–362 for consideration under the provisions of H. Res. 640. (consideration: CR H12269–12277)

December 19, 2005—On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the yeas and nays: 212—206 (Roll no. 670).

December 21, 2005—Senate concurred in the House amendment with an amendment.

January 31, 2006—Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 653 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of S. 1932. Upon adoption of the resolution, the House shall be deemed to have agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 1932.

February 1, 2006—House agreed to Senate amendment to House amendment pursuant to H. Res. 653.

February 8, 2006—Became Public Law No: 109–171.

H.R. 4890

Sponsor—Paul Ryan [WI–1].

Date introduced—March 7, 2006.

Title—Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006

June 16, 2006—The House Budget Committee reported an original measure, H.Rept. 109–505, Part I.

June 19, 2006—The House Rules Committee reported an original measure, H.Rept. 109–505, Part II.

June 21, 2006—Rules Committee resolution H. Res. 886 reported to House. The rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 4890.

June 22, 2006—H. Res. 886 passed House.

June 22, 2006—Mr. Spratt moved to recommit with instructions to the Budget Committee.

June 22, 2006—Mr. Ryan (WI) raised a point of order against the motion to recommit with instructions. Mr. Ryan stated that the provisions of the motion to recommit were not germane to the bill. Sustained by the Chair.

June 22, 2006—Motion to recommit failed by yeas and neas: 170–249.

June 22, 2006—Passed House by yeas and neas: 247–172.

The following is a complete list of the measures, which were referred to the Committee on the Budget during the 109th Congress.

Bills and Resolutions Referred to the Budget Committee

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Bill Title
H. Con. Res. 214	Hon. Virgil H. Goode Jr. [VA-5].	Revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.
H. Con. Res. 373	Hon. Jeb Hensarling [TX-5].	Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.
H. Con. Res. 446	Hon. Jim Cooper [TN-5]	Requiring consideration of the most recent financial report of the United States Government in the preparation of the budget of the Government.
H.J.Res. 68	Hon. Jerry Lewis [CA-41].	Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.
H.R. 116	Hon. Rush D. Holt [NJ-12].	Social Security and Medicare Lock-box Act of 2005.
H.R. 266	Hon. Ginny Brown-Waite [FL-5].	Social Security Protection Act of 2005.
H.R. 523	Hon. J. Gresham Barrett [SC-3].	Common Sense Spending Act of 2005.
H.R. 653	Hon. Dennis Moore [KS-3].	Social Security Truth in Budgeting Act of 2005.
H.R. 692	Hon. Michael Bilirakis [FL-9].	To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund be excluded from the Federal budget.
H.R. 750	Hon. E. Clay Shaw Jr. [FL-22].	Social Security Guarantee Plus Act of 2005.
H.R. 845	Hon. J. Gresham Barrett [SC-3].	Emergency Spending Control Act of 2005.
H.R. 903	Hon. Jim Cooper [TN-5]	Fiscal Honesty and Accountability Act of 2005.
H.R. 982	Hon. Mark Udall [CO-2]	Expedited Rescissions Act of 2005.
H.R. 1050	Hon. Barbara Lee [CA-9].	A Living Wage, Jobs For All Act.
H.R. 1776	Hon. Paul Ryan [WI-1]	Social Security Personal Savings Guarantee and Prosperity Act of 2005.
H.R. 1955	Hon. Ron Kind [WI-3] ..	Small Employers Health Benefits Program Act of 2005.
H.R. 2290	Hon. Jeb Hensarling [TX-5].	Family Budget Protection Act of 2005.
H.R. 2472	Hon. Robert Wexler [FL-19].	Social Security Forever Act of 2005.
H.R. 2664	Hon. David Dreier [CA-26].	Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act of 2005.
H.R. 2842	Hon. Jeff Flake [AZ-6]	To require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law.
H.R. 2860	Hon. Adam Smith [WA-9].	Honesty in Budgeting Act of 2005.
H.R. 3054	Hon. Jim Saxton [NJ-3]	To amend the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 to require appropriations to cover the estimated subsidy costs of monetary resources provided by the United States Government to the International Monetary Fund, and for other purposes.
H.R. 3645	Hon. Jerry Lewis [CA-41].	Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising From the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, 2005.
H.R. 3672	Hon. Jim McCrery [LA-4].	TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005.
H.R. 3673	Hon. Jerry Lewis [CA-41].	Second Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Meet Immediate Needs Arising From the Consequences of Hurricane Katrina, 2005.
H.R. 3768	Hon. Jim McCrery [LA-4].	Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005.
H.R. 3786	Hon. Richard H. Baker [LA-6].	To modify requirements under the emergency relief program under title 23, United States Code, with respect to projects for repair or reconstruction in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.
H.R. 3809	Hon. Collin C. Peterson [MN-7].	Emergency Food and Farm Disaster Assistance Act of 2005.

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H.R. 3845	Hon. Phil Gingrey [GA-11].	To set at 90 percent the Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) and the enhanced FMAP for medical and child health assistance provided in States highly impacted by Hurricane Katrina and to Katrina Hurricane evacuees in other States during fiscal year 2006 under the Medicaid Program and SCHIP.
H.R. 3863	Hon. Bobby Jindal [LA-1].	Natural Disaster Student Aid Fairness Act.
H.R. 3913	Hon. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr. [NY-29].	Social Security Surplus Protection Act of 2005.
H.R. 3952	Hon. Phil Gingrey [GA-11].	Emergency Health Care Relief Act of 2005.
H.R. 3958	Hon. Charlie Melancon [LA-3].	Louisiana Katrina Reconstruction Act.
H.R. 3966	Hon. Mark Udall [CO-2].	Stimulating Leadership in Cutting Expenditures Act of 2005.
H.R. 4016	Hon. George Miller [CA-7].	Gulf Coast College Revitalization Act.
H.R. 4031	Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart [FL-25].	Nursery and Tropical Fruit Producer Hurricane Relief Act.
H.R. 4139	Hon. Cynthia A. McKinney [GA-4].	To minimize harm to populations impacted by the release of environmental contaminants, hazardous materials or infectious materials in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by providing for a Comprehensive Environmental Sampling and Toxicity Assessment Plan (CESTAP) to assess and monitor air, water, soil and human populations, and for other purposes.
H.R. 4197	Hon. Melvin L. Watt [NC-12].	Hurricane Katrina Recovery, Reclamation, Restoration, Reconstruction and Reunion Act of 2005.
H.R. 4330	Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart [FL-25].	Agriculture Hurricane Recovery Act of 2005.
H.R. 4334	Hon. E. Clay Shaw Jr. [FL-22].	Hurricane Wilma Taxpayer Relief Act of 2005.
H.R. 4420	Hon. Bernard Sanders [VT].	To repeal tax subsidies enacted by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 for oil and gas, to repeal certain other oil and gas subsidies in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and to use the proceeds to carry out the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 and to provide weatherization assistance.
H.R. 4526	Hon. J. Gresham Barrett [SC-3].	Government Waste Reduction Act of 2005.
H.R. 4560	Hon. John J. Duncan Jr. [TN-2].	Clean Water Trust Act of 2005.
H.R. 4600	Hon. Barbara Lee [CA-9].	Poverty Impact Trigger Act of 2005.
H.R. 4699	Hon. Mark Udall [CO-2].	Stimulating Leadership in Cutting Expenditures Act (or SLICE Act) of 2006.
H.R. 4745	Hon. Jerry Lewis [CA-41].	Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program, and for other purposes.
H.R. 4889	Hon. Phil Gingrey [GA-11].	Separate Enrollment and Line Item Veto Act of 2006.
H.R. 4890	Hon. Paul Ryan [WI-1].	Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006.
H.R. 4966	Hon. Alcee L. Hastings [FL-23].	To require the President to include a line item regarding the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board in the budget submitted pursuant to title 31, United States Code, and for other purposes.
H.R. 5000	Hon. Christopher Shays [CT-4].	9/11 Commission Civil Liberties Board Act.
H.R. 5017	Hon. Christopher Shays [CT-4].	Ensuring Implementation of the 9/11 Commission Report Act.
H.R. 5054	Hon. Steven C. LaTourette [OH-14].	Rebuilding America's Infrastructure.
H.R. 5099	Hon. Collin C. Peterson [MN-7].	Emergency Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2006.
H.R. 5205	Hon. Jeff Flake [AZ-6].	Transportation Empowerment Act.
H.R. 5363	Hon. Frank D. Lucas [OK-3].	Natural Disaster Relief Act.

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H.R. 5470	Hon. Louie Gohmert [TX-1].	Zero Baseline Budget Act of 2006.
H.R. 5552	Hon. Frank R. Wolf [VA-10].	SAFE Commission Act.
H.R. 5667	Hon. John M. Spratt Jr. [SC-5].	Deficit Reduction and Effective Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006.
H.R. 5766	Hon. Todd Tiahrt [KS-4].	Government Efficiency Act of 2006.
H.R. 5788	Hon. Jim Cooper [TN-5].	Honest Deficit Recognition Act of 2006.
H.R. 5813	Hon. Mike D. Rogers [AL-3].	Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations Improvement Act of 2006.
H.R. 5816	Hon. Harold E. Ford Jr. [TN-9].	To require budgeting for ongoing military operations.
H.R. 5818	Hon. Jim Kolbe [AZ-8].	Currency Overhaul for an Industrious Nation (COIN) Act.
H.R. 5859	Hon. Patrick T. McHenry [NC-10].	Commission On Reforming Entitlement Spending Act.
H.R. 6024	Hon. Ed Whitfield [KY-1].	Biennial Budgeting Act of 2006.
H.R. 6040	Hon. Ander Crenshaw [FL-4].	Accountable Budgeting Commission Act of 2006.
H.R. 6201	Hon. Brian P. Bilbray [CA-50].	Budget and Transparency Act.
S. 1764	Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison [TX].	A bill to provide for the continued education of students affected by Hurricane Katrina.
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H.R. 5813	Hon. Mike D. Rogers [AL-3].	Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations Improvement Act of 2006.
H.R. 5816	Hon. Harold E. Ford Jr. [TN-9].	To require budgeting for ongoing military operations.
H.R. 5818	Hon. Jim Kolbe [AZ-8].	Currency Overhaul for an Industrious Nation (COIN) Act.
H.R. 5859	Hon. Patrick T. McHenry [NC-10].	Commission On Reforming Entitlement Spending Act.
H.R. 6024	Hon. Ed Whitfield [KY-1].	Biennial Budgeting Act of 2006.
H.R. 6040	Hon. Ander Crenshaw [FL-4].	Accountable Budgeting Commission Act of 2006.
H.R. 6201	Hon. Brian P. Bilbray [CA-50].	Budget and Transparency Act.
S. 1764	Hon. Kay Bailey Hutchison [TX].	A bill to provide for the continued education of students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS

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109-017	H. Con. Res. 95	3/11/2005	Concurrent Resolution on the Budget—Fiscal Year 2006
109-276	H.R. 4241	11/07/2005	Deficit Reduction Act
109-402	H. Con. Res. 376	3/31/2006	Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007
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2/8/2005	109-1	The President's Budget Fiscal Year 2006	Joshua B. Bolten, Director, Office of Management and Budget
2/9/2005	109-2	Social Security: Defining the Problem	John W. Snow, Treasury Secretary; Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., Director, Congressional Budget Office; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.
2/16/2005	109-3	National & Homeland Security: Meeting Our Needs	Frank J. Gaffney, Jr. President, Center for Security Policy; James Jay Carafano, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation; Colonel Randall Larsen, USAF (Ret.), CEO, Homeland Security Associates, LLC.
2/17/2005	109-4	Domestic Entitlements: Meeting the Needs	Gail R. Wilensky, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Project Hope; Ron Haskins, Ph.D., The Brookings Institution; Kent A. Smetters, Ph.D., Associate Professor, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; Judy Feder, Ph.D., Dean of Policy Studies, Georgetown University.
3/2/2005	109-5	The Economic Outlook & Current Fiscal Issues	Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
3/4/2005	109-6	Members' Day Hearing	
6/9/2005	109-7	PBGC's Unfunded Pension Liabilities: Will Taxpayers Have To Pay The Bill?	Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., Director, Congressional Budget Office.
6/22/2005	109-8	Budgeting in the Congress: Reflections on How The Budget Process Functions	Honorable Bill Frenzel, Former House Budget Committee Ranking Member; Allen Schick, Ph.D., Professor, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy; Richard Kogan, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.
7/14/2005	109-9	Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government Fiscal Year 2006	Joshua B. Bolten Director, Office of Management and Budget.
7/20/2005	109-10	Performance-Based Budgeting	Clay S. Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management Office of Management and Budget; Honorable K. Michael Conaway (R-TX); Honorable Henry Cuellar (D-TX).
10/6/2005	109-11	After the Hurricanes: Impact on the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget	Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., Director, Congressional Budget Office
2/8/2006	109-12	The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2007	Joshua B. Bolten, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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2/15/2006	109–14	Domestic Entitlements and the Federal Budget	David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., Former Director, Congressional Budget Office; Isabel V. Sawhill, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution.
2/16/2006	109–15	The President's FY 2007 Discretionary Budget	Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Brian M. Riedl, Fellow in Federal Budgetary Affairs, The Heritage Foundation; Robert Greenstein, Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.
3/1/2006	109–16	Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2007	Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Steven M. Kosiak, Director of Budgets Studies, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.
3/16/2006	109–17	Key Budget Process Reforms	Don Nickles, Former Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Assistant Republican Leader U.S. Senate; William E. "Bill" Frenzel, Former Ranking Member, Committee on the Budget U.S. House of Representatives; Charles W. Stenholm, Former Ranking Member, Committee on Agriculture, U.S. House of Representatives.
5/25/2006	109–18	Line-Item Veto—Perspectives on Applications and Effects	Patrick J. Toomey, President, The Club for Growth; Thomas A. Schatz, President, Citizens Against Government Waste; Edward Lorenzen, Policy Director, The Concord Coalition; James R. Horney, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.
6/8/2006	109–19	Line-Item Veto—Constitutional Issues	Charles J. Cooper, Partner, Cooper & Kirk, PLLC; Viet D. Dinh, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.
9/13/2006	109–20	How Budgetary Choices Affect Work, Saving, and Growth; The Real Purpose of 'Dynamic' Estimating	Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Ph.D., Director, Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; John W. Diamond, Ph.D., Fellow in Tax Policy; James A. Baker, III, Institute for Public Policy; Leonard E. Burman, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Urban Institute.

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