
Budget; Offsetting Collections *under* Collections; Proprietary Receipts from the Public *under* Offsetting Receipts *under* Collections; Committee Allocation.)

Economy Act

A common reference to section 1535 of title 31 of the *United States Code* that provides general authority for one agency or unit thereof to obtain goods and services from another agency or unit. Payment may be made in advance or upon the provision of the goods and services ordered.

Emergency

A term that usually modifies “appropriation,” “legislation,” or “supplemental.” Under procedures typically prescribed in concurrent resolutions on the budget, the House or the Senate, or their respective committees of jurisdiction, may designate proposed appropriations or other legislation as “emergency legislation” and thereby exempt any new budget authority, outlays, or receipts resulting from such legislation from specified enforcement provisions in the Congressional Budget Act, the concurrent resolution itself, or both. (*See also* Appropriations *under* Forms of Budget Authority *under* Budget Authority.)

Acts appropriating funds for national or international emergencies such as natural disasters or urgent national security events are typically designated “emergency supplemental.” (*See also* Supplemental Appropriation.)

Entitlement Authority

Authority to make payments (including loans and grants) for which budget authority is not provided in advance by appropriation acts to any person or government if, under the provisions of the law containing such authority, the U.S. government is legally required to make the payments to persons or governments that meet the requirements established by law (2 U.S.C. § 622(9)).

Under the Budget Enforcement Act (BEA), new entitlement authority was defined as direct spending and was subject to the pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) provisions. (*See also* Appropriated Entitlement; Authorizing Legislation; Backdoor Authority/Backdoor Spending; Budget Enforcement Act; Mandatory; Pay-as-You-Go.)