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**Pay-as-You-Go (PAYGO)**

A budgetary enforcement mechanism originally set forth in the Budget Enforcement Act (BEA), which effectively expired at the end of fiscal year 2002. Under this mechanism, proposed changes in, or new permanent, law were expected to be deficit neutral in the aggregate in the fiscal year of enactment or in a period of years. PAYGO was intended to control growth in direct spending and tax legislation. The Senate, in the concurrent resolution on the budget, has established an internal rule enforcing a requirement that direct spending or receipts legislation under consideration in the Senate be deficit neutral over certain periods of time. This Senate PAYGO rule is enforced by points of order. (*See also* Point of Order; Sequestration.)

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**Performance Budgeting**

Generally understood to refer to the infusion of performance information into the resource allocation process used to develop budget proposals or to execute an agreed-upon budget. Also known as results-based budgeting. (*See* Government Performance and Results Act.)

**Agency Mission Statement**

Defines the basic purpose, major functions, and operations of the agency. (*See* Strategic Plan *under* Performance Budgeting.)

**Outcome Measure**

An assessment of the result, effect, or consequence that will occur from carrying out a program or activity compared to its intended purpose.

**Output Goal**

A description of the level of activity or effort that will be produced or provided over a period or by a specified date, including a description of the characteristics and