

or new entitlement authority¹⁵⁶ for such fiscal year shall not be enrolled until the Congress has completed action on any reconciliation bill or reconciliation resolution¹⁵⁷ or both required by such concurrent resolution to be reported in accordance with section 310(b);¹⁵⁸

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(4) set forth such other matters, and require such other procedures, relating to the budget, as may be appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act;¹⁵⁹

¹⁵⁶ Section 3(9) (*see supra* p. 18) defines "entitlement authority" to mean that authority described in section 401(c)(2)(C) (*see infra* p. 252). For a discussion of language that ensures that authority will not constitute entitlement authority, *see infra* note 652.

¹⁵⁷ Section 310(b) defines "reconciliation resolution." *See infra* pp. 163-166.

¹⁵⁸ *See infra* pp. 163-166. Sections 310(b) and 301(b)(3) empower reconciliation provisions in a budget resolution to direct the development of a reconciliation resolution. Such a reconciliation resolution could direct the Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate to revise certain bills on which enrollment has been delayed pursuant to section 301(b)(3). Congress has not included this reconciliation resolution procedure in any budget resolution.

¹⁵⁹ Some refer to this paragraph as the "elastic clause." Section 2 sets forth the purposes of this Act as:

- (1) to assure effective congressional control over the budgetary process;
- (2) to provide for congressional determination each year of the appropriate level of Federal revenues and expenditures;
- (3) to provide a system of impoundment control;
- (4) to establish national budget priorities; and
- (5) to provide for the furnishing of information by the executive branch in a manner that will assist the Congress in discharging its duties.

See supra p. 10.

Process Changes in Budget Resolutions

The Constitution preserves to each House of Congress the power to change the rules governing its procedure. Article I, which sets forth the powers of the legislative branch,
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