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SUBTITLE A—AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET  
AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974

**SEC. 10101. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.**

[2 USC 622.](#)

Section 3(9) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended to read as follows:

“(9) The term ‘entitlement authority’ means—

“(A) the authority to make payments (including loans and grants), the budget authority for which is not provided for in advance by appropriation Acts, to any person or government if, under the provisions of the law containing that authority, the United States is obligated to make such payments to persons or governments who meet the requirements established by that law; and

“(B) the food stamp program.”.

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF MANAGERS  
(H. CONF. REPT. 105-217)**

*2. Amendments to section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act*

HOUSE BILL (SECTION 11101)

Amends Section 3 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (‘Budget Act’) to include entitlement authority as defined under current law in section 401(c)(2)(C) of the Budget Act and the Food Stamp program (which is technically not an entitlement). This change is taken in concert with the discontinuation of separate allocations of new entitlement authority in section 11106. As a consequence of these changes, entitlement authority will be allocated as new budget authority and will be subject to the points under the Budget Act that apply to new budget authority.

SENATE AMENDMENT

No provision.

CONFERENCE AGREEMENT (SECTION 10101)

The Conference agreement reflects the House bill with modifications. The Conference agreement defines the term ‘entitlement authority’ in section 3 of the Budget Act and adds the food stamp program to that definition.

It is the intent of the conferees that legislation providing new entitlement authority as defined in section 401(c)(2)(C) is also a form of new budget authority as set forth in Section 3(2). In the House, legislation providing new entitlement authority will also be considered as new budget authority and subject to the same Budget

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Act requirements that apply to new budget authority. In the Senate, this provision merely conforms to current practice.

*[Joint Explanatory Statement on the Committee of Conference on the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; (Conference Report), Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, 105th Congress, 1st Session, Washington D.C. 1997.]*