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To provide for a two-year Federal budget cycle, and for other purposes.

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Mr. REGULA introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the
Committees on Government Operations and Rules

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Biennial Budget Act
5 of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds and declares
8 that the present annual Federal budgeting process—

9 (1) allows insufficient time for the fulfillment
10 by the Congress of its legislative and oversight re-
11 sponsibilities;

1 (2) allows insufficient time for the review and
2 consideration by the Congress of authorizing legisla-
3 tion, budget resolutions, and appropriation bills and
4 resolutions and other spending measures;

5 (3) allows insufficient time for the evaluation of
6 costly and complicated Federal programs, and there-
7 by contributes to the unrestrained growth of the
8 Federal budget; and

9 (4) allows insufficient time for agencies and
10 State and local governments to plan for the imple-
11 mentation of programs.

12 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act—

13 (1) to establish a process through which the
14 Federal budget will be adopted for a two-year
15 period;

16 (2) to improve congressional control over the
17 Federal budget process;

18 (3) to streamline the requirements of the budg-
19 et process in order to promote better accountability
20 to the public;

21 (4) to improve the legislative and budgetary
22 processes by providing additional time for congres-
23 sional oversight and other vital legislative activities;

24 (5) to provide stability and coherence for recipi-
25 ents of Federal funds; and

1 (6) to implement other improvements in the
 2 Federal budget process.

3 **SEC. 3. REVISION OF TIMETABLE.**

4 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
 5 (2 U.S.C. 631) is amended to read as follows:

6 "TIMETABLE

7 "SEC. 300. The timetable with respect to the Con-
 8 gressional budget process for any Congress (beginning
 9 with the One Hundred Fourth Congress) is as follows:

"First Session

"On or before:	Action to be completed:
First Monday after January 3 .	President submits budget recommendations.
February 15	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
February 25	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
March 31	Senate Budget Committee reports concurrent resolution on the biennial budget.
April 15	Congress completes action on concurrent resolution on the biennial budget.
May 15	Biennial appropriation bills may be considered in the House.
June 10	House Appropriations Committee reports last biennial appropriation bill.
September 30	Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation.
September 30	Congress completes action on biennial appropriation bills.
October 1	Biennium begins.

"Second Session

"On or before:	Action to be completed:
May 15	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
The last day of the session	Congress completes action on bills and resolutions authorizing a new budget authority for the succeeding biennium."

1 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET**
2 **AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974.**

3 (a) DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.—Section 2(2) of the
4 Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
5 1974 (2 U.S.C. 621(2)) is amended by striking “each
6 year” and inserting “biennially”.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—

8 (1) Section 3(4) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 622(4))
9 is amended by striking “fiscal year” each place it
10 appears and inserting “biennium”.

11 (2) Section 3 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 622) is fur-
12 ther amended by adding at the end the following
13 new paragraph:

14 “(11) The term ‘biennium’ means the period of
15 2 consecutive fiscal years beginning on October 1 of
16 any odd-numbered year.”.

17 (c) DUTIES OF CBO.—

18 (1) Section 202(f)(1) of the Congressional
19 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602(f)(1)) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (A) by striking “February 15 of each
22 year” and inserting “February 15 of each odd-
23 numbered calendar year”;

24 (B) by striking “the fiscal year commenc-
25 ing” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bien-
26 nium commencing”.

1 (C) by striking “such fiscal year” the first
2 place it appears and inserting “such biennium”;
3 and

4 (D) by striking “such fiscal year” the sec-
5 ond place it appears and inserting “each fiscal
6 year in such biennium”.

7 (2) Section 202(f) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
8 602(f)) is further amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “The Di-
10 rector shall from time to time” and inserting
11 “On May 15 of each even numbered year and
12 at such other times as he or she deems appro-
13 priate, the Director shall”.

14 (B) in paragraph (3)—

15 (i) by striking “January 15” and in-
16 serting “February 15”,

17 (ii) by striking “each year” and in-
18 serting “each even-numbered calendar
19 year”,

20 (iii) by striking “the fiscal year end-
21 ing September 30 of that calendar year” in
22 clause (A) and inserting “either fiscal year
23 in the biennium beginning October 1 of the
24 preceding calendar year”,

1 (iv) by striking “the fiscal year ending
2 September 30 of that calendar year” in
3 clause (B) and inserting “either fiscal year
4 of such biennium”, and

5 (v) by striking “fiscal year beginning
6 October 1 of that calendar year” and in-
7 serting “succeeding biennium”.

8 (d) BIENNIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE
9 BUDGET.—

10 (1) Section 301(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
11 632(a)) is amended—

12 (A) by striking “April 15 of each year”
13 and inserting “April 15 of each odd-numbered
14 year”;

15 (B) by striking “the fiscal year beginning
16 on October 1 of such year” the first place it ap-
17 pears and inserting “biennium beginning on Oc-
18 tober 1 of such year”;

19 (C) by striking “the fiscal year beginning
20 on October 1 of such year” the second place it
21 appears and inserting “each fiscal year in such
22 period; and

23 (D) by striking “each of the two ensuing
24 fiscal years” and inserting “each fiscal year in
25 the succeeding biennium”.

1 (2) Section 301(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
2 632(b)) is amended—

3 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
4 by inserting “for a biennium” after “concurrent
5 resolution on the budget”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “for such
7 fiscal year” and inserting “for either fiscal year
8 in such biennium”.

9 (3) Section 301(d) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
10 632(d)) is amended by striking “February 25 of
11 each year” and inserting “February 25 of each odd-
12 numbered year”.

13 (4) Section 301(e) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
14 632(e)) is amended—

15 (A) in the first sentence by striking “fiscal
16 year” and inserting “biennium”;

17 (B) by inserting between the second and
18 third sentences the following new sentence: “On
19 or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year
20 the Committee on the Budget of each House
21 shall report to its House the concurrent resolu-
22 tion on the budget referred to in subsection (a)
23 for the biennium beginning on October 1 of
24 that year.”; and

25 (C) in paragraph (6)—

1 (i) by striking “five” and inserting
2 “four”,

3 (ii) by striking “such fiscal year” and
4 inserting “the first fiscal year of such bien-
5 nium,”, and

6 (iii) by striking “such period” and in-
7 serting “such four-fiscal-year period”.

8 (5) Section 301(f) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
9 632(f)) is amended by striking “fiscal year” each
10 place it appears and inserting “biennium”.

11 (6) The section heading of section 301 of such
12 Act is amended by striking “**ANNUAL**” and insert-
13 ing “**BIENNIAL**”.

14 (7) The table of contents set forth in section
15 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment
16 Control Act of 1974 is amended by striking “An-
17 nual” in the item relating to section 301 and insert-
18 ing “Biennial”.

19 (e) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS.—

20 (1) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 302(a) of
21 such Act (2 U.S.C. 633(a)) are amended—

22 (A) by inserting “for a biennium” after
23 “budget” the first place it appears in each such
24 paragraph; and

1 (B) by inserting “for each fiscal year in
2 such biennium” after “estimated allocation”
3 each place it appears.

4 (2) Section 302(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
5 633(c)) is amended—

6 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” each
7 place it appears and inserting “for either fiscal
8 year in a biennium”; and

9 (B) by striking “for such fiscal year” each
10 place it appears and inserting “for such bien-
11 nium”.

12 (3) Section 302(f)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
13 633(f)(1)) is amended—

14 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” and in-
15 serting “for a biennium”, and

16 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” each
17 place it appears in the matter preceding sub-
18 paragraph (A) and inserting “a fiscal year in
19 such biennium”.

20 (C) Section 302(f)(2) of such Act is
21 amended—

22 (i) by striking “for a fiscal year” and
23 inserting “for a biennium”, and

24 (ii) by striking “for such fiscal year”
25 and inserting “for a biennium”.

1 (f) SECTION 303 POINT OF ORDER.—

2 (1) Section 303(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
3 634(a)) is amended by striking “fiscal year” each
4 place it appears and inserting “biennium”.

5 (2) Section 303(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
6 634(b)) is amended—

7 (A) by striking “fiscal year” each place it
8 appears and inserting “biennium”; and

9 (B) in the matter following paragraph (2)
10 by striking “any calendar year” and inserting
11 “any odd-numbered calendar year”.

12 (g) PERMISSIBLE REVISIONS OF CONCURRENT RES-
13 OLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET.—Section 304 of such Act (2
14 U.S.C. 635) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “fiscal year” the first two places
16 it appears and inserting “biennium”;

17 (2) by striking “for such fiscal year”; and

18 (3) by inserting before the period “for such
19 biennium”.

20 (h) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET
21 RESOLUTIONS.—Section 305(b)(3) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
22 636(b)(3)) is amended—

23 (1) striking “the concurrent” and inserting “a
24 concurrent”; and

1 (2) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
2 ennium”.

3 (i) REPORT AND SUMMARIES OF CONGRESSIONAL
4 BUDGET ACTIONS.—

5 (1)(A) Section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional
6 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 639(a)(1)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subparagraph
9 (A) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
10 ennium”,

11 (ii) in subparagraph (a) by striking “fiscal
12 year” and inserting “biennium”, and

13 (iii) in subparagraph (C) by striking “such
14 fiscal year” and inserting “such biennium”.

15 (B) Section 308(a)(2) of such Act is amended
16 by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “biennium”.

17 (2) Section 308(b)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
18 639(b)(1)) is amended—

19 (A) by striking “fiscal year” the first place
20 it appears and inserting “biennium”;

21 (B) by inserting “for such biennium” after
22 “concurrent resolution on the budget”; and

23 (C) by striking “the fiscal year preceding
24 such fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year
25 in the biennium preceding such biennium”.

1 (3) Section 308(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
2 639(c)) is amended—

3 (A) by striking “Five” in the subsection
4 heading and inserting “Four”;

5 (B) by striking “fiscal year” each place it
6 appears in the manner preceding paragraph (1)
7 and inserting “biennium”; and

8 (C) by striking “5 fiscal years” and insert-
9 ing “4 fiscal years”.

10 (j) COMPLETION OF ACTION ON REGULAR APPRO-
11 PRIATION BILLS.—Section 309 of such Act (2 U.S.C.
12 640) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “of any odd-numbered calendar
14 year” after “July”;

15 (2) by striking “annual” and inserting “regu-
16 lar”; and

17 (3) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
18 ennium”.

19 (k) RECONCILIATION PROCESS.—

20 (1) Section 310(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
21 641(a)) is amended—

22 (A) by striking “any fiscal year” in the
23 matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting
24 “any biennium”;

1 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “such fis-
2 cal year” each place it appears and inserting
3 “each fiscal year in such biennium”; and

4 (C) in paragraph (2) by inserting “for each
5 fiscal year in such biennium” after “revenues”.

6 (2) Section 310(e) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
7 641(e)) is amended—

8 (A) by striking “20 hours” in paragraph
9 (2) and inserting “100 hours”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(3) It shall not be in order in the Senate or
13 the House of Representatives to consider any rec-
14 onciliation bill or resolution or any amendment
15 thereto or any conference report thereon which
16 changes any provision of law other than provisions
17 of law which—

18 “(A) provide new budget authority or
19 spending authority described in section
20 401(c)(2);

21 “(B) relate to revenues; or

22 “(C) specify the amount of the statutory
23 limit on the public debt.”.

24 (3) Section 310(f) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
25 641(f)) is amended—

1 (A) by inserting “of any odd-numbered cal-
2 endar year” after “July”,

3 (B) by striking “fiscal year beginning on
4 October 1 of the calendar year to which the ad-
5 journment resolution pertains” and inserting
6 “biennium beginning on October 1 of such cal-
7 endar year”, and

8 (C) by striking “for such fiscal year” and
9 inserting “for such biennium”.

10 (I) SECTION 311 POINT OF ORDER.—

11 (1) Section 311(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
12 642(a)) is amended—

13 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” and in-
14 serting “for a biennium”;

15 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” the first,
16 second, and third places it appears and insert-
17 ing “a fiscal year in such biennium”;

18 (C) by inserting “for such fiscal year”
19 after “outlays”;

20 (D) by striking “concurrent resolution on
21 the budget for such fiscal year” and inserting
22 “concurrent resolution on the budget for the bi-
23 ennium in which such fiscal year occurs”;

24 (E) by inserting “for such fiscal year”
25 after “revenues” the first place it appears; and

1 (F) by inserting “for such fiscal year”
2 after “set forth” the second place it appears.

3 (2) Section 311(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
4 642(b)) is amended—

5 (A) by striking “such fiscal year” the first
6 place it appears and inserting “a biennium”;
7 and

8 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” the sec-
9 ond place it appears and inserting “either fiscal
10 year in such biennium”.

11 (m) BILLS PROVIDING NEW SPENDING AUTHOR-
12 ITY.—Section 401(b)(2) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 651(b)(2))
13 is amended by striking “for such fiscal year” the second
14 place it appears and inserting “for the biennium in which
15 such fiscal year occurs”.

16 (n) ANALYSIS BY CBO.—Section 403(a) of the Con-
17 gressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 653(a)) is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “the fiscal year” in paragraph
20 (1) and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”;

21 (2) by striking “4 fiscal years following such
22 year” in paragraph (1) and inserting “each fiscal
23 year in the succeeding biennium”;

1 (3) by striking “the fiscal year” in paragraph
2 (2) and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”;
3 and

4 (4) by striking “four fiscal years following such
5 fiscal year” in paragraph (2) and inserting “each
6 fiscal year in the succeeding biennium”.

7 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1101 of title 31, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
10 ing new paragraph:

11 “(3) ‘biennium’ has the meaning given to such
12 term in paragraph (11) of section 3 of the Congres-
13 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
14 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11))”.

15 (b) BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO THE
16 CONGRESS.—

17 (1) So much of section 1105(a) of title 31,
18 United States Code, as precedes paragraph (1) is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 “(a) On or before the first Monday after January 3
21 of each odd-numbered year, beginning with the One Hun-
22 dred Fourth Congress, the President shall transmit to the
23 Congress, the budget for the biennium beginning on Octo-
24 ber 1 of such calendar year. The budget transmitted under
25 this subsection shall include a budget message and sum-

1 mary and supporting information. The President shall in-
2 clude in each budget the following:”.

3 (2) Section 1105(a)(5) of title 31, United
4 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year
5 for which the budget is submitted and the 4 fiscal
6 years after that year” and inserting “each fiscal
7 year in the biennium for which the budget is submit-
8 ted and in the succeeding biennium”.

9 (3) Section 1105(a)(6) of title 31, United
10 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year
11 for which the budget is submitted and the 4 fiscal
12 years after that year” and inserting “each fiscal
13 year in the biennium for which the budget is submit-
14 ted and in the succeeding biennium”.

15 (4) Section 1105(a)(9)(C) of title 31, United
16 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal
17 year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bien-
18 nium”.

19 (5) Section 1105(a)(12) of title 31, United
20 States Code, is amended—

21 (A) by striking “the fiscal year” in sub-
22 paragraph (A) and inserting “each fiscal year
23 in the biennium”; and

24 (B) by striking “4 fiscal years after that
25 year” in subparagraph (B) and inserting “2 fis-

1 cal years immediately following the second fiscal
2 year in such biennium”.

3 (6) Section 1105(a)(13) of title 31, United
4 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal
5 year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bien-
6 nium”.

7 (7) Section 1105(a)(14) of title 31, United
8 States Code, is amended by striking “that year” and
9 inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium for which
10 the budget is submitted”.

11 (8) Section 1105(a)(16) of title 31, United
12 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal
13 year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bien-
14 nium”.

15 (9) Section 1105(a)(17) of title 31, United
16 States Code, is amended—

17 (A) by striking “the fiscal year following
18 the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year
19 in the biennium following the biennium”;

20 (B) by striking “that following fiscal year”
21 and inserting “each such fiscal year”; and

22 (C) by striking “fiscal year before the fis-
23 cal year” and inserting “biennium before the bi-
24 ennium”.

1 (10) Section 1105(a)(18) of title 31, United
2 States Code, is amended—

3 (A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and
4 inserting “each of the 2 most recently com-
5 pleted fiscal years”;

6 (B) by striking “for that year” and insert-
7 ing “with respect to that fiscal year”; and

8 (C) by striking “in that year” and insert-
9 ing “in that fiscal year”.

10 (11) Section 1105(a)(19) of title 31, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and
13 inserting “each of the 2 most recently com-
14 pleted fiscal years”;

15 (B) by striking “for that year” and insert-
16 ing “with respect to that fiscal year”; and

17 (C) by striking “in that year” each place
18 it appears and inserting “in that fiscal year”.

19 (c) ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF LEGISLATIVE
20 AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES.—Section 1105(b) of title 31,
21 United States Code, is amended by striking “each year”
22 and inserting “each even-numbered year”.

23 (d) RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEET ESTIMATED DE-
24 FICIENCIES.—Section 1105(c) of title 31, United States
25 Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “fiscal year for” each place it
2 appears and inserting “biennium for”;

3 (2) by inserting “or current biennium, as the
4 case may be,” after “current fiscal year”; and

5 (3) by striking “that year” and inserting “that
6 period”.

7 (e) STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN
8 CHANGES.—Section 1105(d) of title 31, United States
9 Code, is amended by striking “fiscal year” and inserting
10 “biennium”.

11 (f) CAPITAL INVESTMENT ANALYSIS.—Section
12 1105(e) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by
13 striking “ensuing fiscal year” and inserting “biennium to
14 which such budget relates”.

15 (g) SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ESTIMATES AND
16 CHANGES.—

17 (1) Section 1106(a) of title 31, United States
18 Code, is amended—

19 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
20 by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bien-
21 niium”;

22 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “that fis-
23 cal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in
24 such biennium”;

1 (C) in paragraph (2) by striking “4 fiscal
2 years following the fiscal year” and inserting “2
3 fiscal years following the biennium”;

4 (D) by striking “future fiscal years” in
5 paragraph (3) and inserting “the 2 fiscal years
6 following the biennium for which the budget is
7 submitted”; and

8 (E) by striking “fiscal year” in paragraph
9 (3) and inserting “biennium”.

10 (2) Section 1106(b) of title 31, United States
11 Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year” and
12 inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

13 (h) CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ESTI-
14 MATES.—

15 (1) Section 1109(a) of title 31, United States
16 Code, is amended—

17 (A) by striking “On or before the first
18 Monday after January 3 of each year (on or be-
19 fore February 5 in 1994)” and inserting “At
20 the same time the budget required by section
21 1105 is submitted for a biennium”; and

22 (B) by striking “the following fiscal year”
23 and inserting “each fiscal year of such period”.

24 (2) Section 1109(b) of title 31, United States
25 Code, is amended by striking “March 1 of each

1 year” and inserting “February 25 of each odd-num-
2 bered year”.

3 (i) YEAR-AHEAD REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZING LEG-
4 ISLATION.—Section 1110 of title 31, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
7 ennium (beginning on or after October 1, 1995)”,
8 and

9 (2) by striking “year before the year in which
10 the fiscal year begins” and inserting “second cal-
11 endar year preceding the calendar year in which the
12 biennium begins”.

13 (j) BUDGET INFORMATION ON CONSULTING SERV-
14 ICES.—Section 1114 of title 31, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) by striking “The” each place it appears and
17 inserting “For each biennium beginning with the bi-
18 ennium beginning on October 1, 1995, the”; and

19 (2) by striking “each year” each place it ap-
20 pears.

21 **SEC. 6. TITLE AND STYLE OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTS.**

22 Section 105 of title 1, United States Code, is amend-
23 ed to read as follows:

1 **“§ 105. Title and style of appropriation Acts**

2 “(a) The style and title of all Acts making appropria-
3 tions for the support of the Government shall be as fol-
4 lows: ‘An Act making appropriations (here insert the ob-
5 ject) for the biennium ending September 30 (here insert
6 the odd-numbered calendar year).’.

7 “(b) All Acts making regular appropriations for the
8 support of the Government shall be enacted for a biennium
9 and shall specify the amount of appropriations provided
10 for each fiscal year in such period.

11 “(c) For purposes of this section, the term ‘biennium’
12 has the same meaning as in section 3(11) of the Congres-
13 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2
14 U.S.C. 622(11)).’.

15 **SEC. 7. ASSISTANCE BY FEDERAL AGENCIES TO STANDING**
16 **COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE**
17 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

18 (a) INFORMATION REGARDING AGENCY APPROPRIA-
19 TIONS REQUESTS.—To assist each standing committee of
20 the Senate and the House of Representatives in carrying
21 out its responsibilities, the head of each Federal agency
22 which administers the laws or parts of laws under the ju-
23 risdiction of such committee shall provide to such commit-
24 tee such studies, information, analyses, reports, and as-
25 sistance as may be requested by the chairman and ranking
26 minority member of the committee.

1 (b) INFORMATION REGARDING AGENCY PROGRAM
2 ADMINISTRATION.—

3 (1) FURNISHING INFORMATION.—To assist
4 each standing committee of the Senate and the
5 House of Representatives in carrying out its respon-
6 sibilities, the head of any agency shall furnish with-
7 out charge to such committee computer tapes or
8 disks, together with explanatory documentation, con-
9 taining information received, compiled, or main-
10 tained by the agency as part of the operation or ad-
11 ministration of a program, or specifically compiled
12 pursuant to a request in support of a review of a
13 program, as may be requested by the chairman and
14 ranking minority member of such committee.

15 (2) MINIMIZING REQUESTS.—The Committee
16 on House Administration of the House of Represent-
17 atives and the Committee on Rules and Administra-
18 tion of the Senate shall prescribe rules and regula-
19 tions for their respective Houses which will minimize
20 duplication of requests under paragraph (1) of this
21 subsection.

22 (c) SUMMARIES BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—With-
23 in thirty days after the receipt of a request from a chair-
24 man and ranking minority member of a standing commit-
25 tee having jurisdiction over a program being reviewed and

1 studied by such committee under this section, the Comp-
2 troller General of the United States shall furnish to such
3 committee summaries of any audits or reviews of such pro-
4 gram which the Comptroller General has completed during
5 the preceding six years.

6 (d) CONGRESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Consistent with
7 their duties and functions under law, the Comptroller Gen-
8 eral of the United States, the Director of the Congres-
9 sional Budget Office, the Director of the Office of Tech-
10 nology Assessment, and the Director of the Congressional
11 Research Service shall furnish to each standing committee
12 of the Senate or the House of Representatives such infor-
13 mation, studies, analyses, and reports as the chairman and
14 ranking minority member may request to assist the com-
15 mittee in conducting reviews and studies of programs
16 under this section.

17 (e) SECRET AND CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PRO-
18 TECTED.—This section does not require the public disclo-
19 sure of matters that are specifically authorized under cri-
20 teria established by an Executive order to be kept secret
21 in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and
22 are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive
23 order, or which are otherwise specifically protected by law.
24 This section does not require any committee of the Senate
25 to disclose publicly information the disclosure of which is

1 governed by Senate Resolution 400, Ninety-fourth Con-
2 gress, or any other rule of the Senate.

3 **SEC. 8. AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF HOUSE OF REP-**
4 **RESENTATIVES.**

5 (a) Clause 4(a)(1)(A) of rule X of the Rules of the
6 House of Representatives is amended by inserting “odd-
7 numbered” after “each”.

8 (b) Clause 4(a)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House
9 of Representatives is amended by striking “such fiscal
10 year” and inserting “the biennium in which such fiscal
11 year begins”.

12 (c) Clause 4(b)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House
13 of Representatives is amended by striking “concurrent
14 resolution on the budget for each fiscal year” and insert-
15 ing “concurrent resolution on the budget required under
16 section 301(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
17 for each biennium”.

18 (d) Clause 4(f) of rule X of the Rules of the House
19 of Representatives is amended by striking “annually” each
20 place it appears and inserting “biennially”.

21 (e) Clause 4(g) of rule X of the Rules of the House
22 of Representatives is amended—

23 (1) by striking “March 15 of each year” and in-
24 serting “March 15 of each odd-numbered year”;

1 (2) by striking “fiscal year” the first place it
2 appears and inserting “biennium”; and

3 (3) by striking “that fiscal year” and inserting
4 “each fiscal year in such ensuing biennium”.

5 (f) Clause 4(h) of rule X of the Rules of the House
6 of Representatives is amended by striking “fiscal year”
7 and inserting “biennium”.

8 (g) Subdivision (C) of clause 2(l)(1) of rule XI of the
9 Rules of the House of Representatives is repealed.

10 (h) Clause 4(a) of rule XI of the Rules of the House
11 of Representatives is amended by striking “fiscal year if
12 reported after September 15 preceding the beginning of
13 such fiscal year” and inserting “biennium if reported after
14 August 1 of the year in which such biennium begins”.

15 (i) Clause 2 of rule XLIX of the Rules of the House
16 of Representatives is amended by striking “fiscal year”
17 and inserting “biennium”.

18 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
20 (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
21 become effective January 1, 1995, and shall apply to
22 bienniums beginning after September 30, 1995.

23 (b) FISCAL YEAR 1995.—Notwithstanding subsection
24 (a), the provisions of—

25 (1) the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and

1 (2) title 31, United States Code,
2 (as such provisions were in effect on the day before the
3 effective date of this Act) shall apply to the fiscal year
4 beginning on October 1, 1994.

5 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
6 term “biennium” shall have the meaning given to such
7 term in section 3(11) of the Congressional Budget and
8 Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11)),
9 as added by section 3(b)(2) of this Act.

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