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

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Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committees on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged

A BILL

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

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—

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

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

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

12 (4) allows insufficient time for agencies and
13 State and local governments to plan for the imple-
14 mentation of programs.

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

16 (1) to establish a process through which the
17 Federal budget will be adopted for a two-year
18 period;

19 (2) to improve congressional control over the
20 Federal budget process;

21 (3) to streamline the requirements of the budg-
22 et process in order to promote better accountability
23 to the public;

1 (4) to improve the legislative and budgetary
2 processes by providing additional time for congres-
3 sional oversight and other vital legislative activities;

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

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

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

9 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
10 (2 U.S.C. 631) is amended to read as follows:

11 "TIMETABLE

12 "SEC. 300. The timetable with respect to the Con-
13 gressional budget process for any Congress (beginning
14 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:

“First Session—Continued

May 15 Congressional Budget Office submits report
to Budget Committees.
The last day of the session Congress completes action on bills and resolu-
tions 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—

1 (A) by striking “February 15 of each
2 year” and inserting “February 15 of each odd-
3 numbered calendar year”;

4 (B) by striking “the fiscal year commenc-
5 ing” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bien-
6 nium commencing”;

7 (C) by striking “such fiscal year” the first
8 place it appears and inserting “such biennium”;
9 and

10 (D) by striking “such fiscal year” the sec-
11 ond place it appears and inserting “each fiscal
12 year in such biennium”.

13 (2) Section 202(f) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
14 602(f)) is further amended—

15 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “The Di-
16 rector shall from time to time” and inserting
17 “On May 15 of each even numbered year and
18 at such other times as he or she deems appro-
19 priate, the Director shall”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (3)—

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

23 (ii) by striking “each year” and in-
24 serting “each even-numbered calendar
25 year”,

1 (iii) by striking “the fiscal year end-
2 ing September 30 of that calendar year” in
3 clause (A) and inserting “either fiscal year
4 in the biennium beginning October 1 of the
5 preceding calendar year”,

6 (iv) by striking “the fiscal year ending
7 September 30 of that calendar year” in
8 clause (B) and inserting “either fiscal year
9 of such biennium”, and

10 (v) by striking “fiscal year beginning
11 October 1 of that calendar year” and in-
12 serting “succeeding biennium”.

13 (d) BIENNIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE
14 BUDGET.—

15 (1) Section 301(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
16 632(a)) is amended—

17 (A) by striking “April 15 of each year”
18 and inserting “April 15 of each odd-numbered
19 year”;

20 (B) by striking “the fiscal year beginning
21 on October 1 of such year” the first place it ap-
22 pears and inserting “biennium beginning on Oc-
23 tober 1 of such year”;

24 (C) by striking “the fiscal year beginning
25 on October 1 of such year” the second place it

1 appears and inserting “each fiscal year in such
2 period; and

3 (D) by striking “each of the two ensuing
4 fiscal years” and inserting “each fiscal year in
5 the succeeding biennium”.

6 (2) Section 301(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
7 632(b)) is amended—

8 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
9 by inserting “for a biennium” after “concurrent
10 resolution on the budget”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “for such
12 fiscal year” and inserting “for either fiscal year
13 in such biennium”.

14 (3) Section 301(d) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
15 632(d)) is amended by striking “February 25 of
16 each year” and inserting “February 25 of each odd-
17 numbered year”.

18 (4) Section 301(e) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
19 632(e)) is amended—

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

22 (B) by inserting between the second and
23 third sentences the following new sentence: “On
24 or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year
25 the Committee on the Budget of each House

1 shall report to its House the concurrent resolu-
2 tion on the budget referred to in subsection (a)
3 for the biennium beginning on October 1 of
4 that year.”; and

5 (C) in paragraph (6)—

6 (i) by striking “five” and inserting
7 “four”,

8 (ii) by striking “such fiscal year” and
9 inserting “the first fiscal year of such bien-
10 nium,”, and

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

13 (5) Section 301(f) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
14 632(f)) is amended by striking “fiscal year” each
15 place it appears and inserting “biennium”.

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

19 (7) The table of contents set forth in section
20 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment
21 Control Act of 1974 is amended by striking “An-
22 nual” in the item relating to section 301 and insert-
23 ing “Biennial”.

24 (e) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS.—

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

3 (A) by inserting “for a biennium” after
4 “budget” the first place it appears in each such
5 paragraph; and

6 (B) by inserting “for each fiscal year in
7 such biennium” after “estimated allocation”
8 each place it appears.

9 (2) Section 302(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
10 633(c)) is amended—

11 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” each
12 place it appears and inserting “for either fiscal
13 year in a biennium”; and

14 (B) by striking “for such fiscal year” each
15 place it appears and inserting “for such bien-
16 nium”.

17 (3) Section 302(f)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
18 633(f)(1)) is amended—

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

21 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” each
22 place it appears in the matter preceding sub-
23 paragraph (A) and inserting “a fiscal year in
24 such biennium”; and

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

3 (i) by striking “for a fiscal year” and
4 inserting “for a biennium”, and

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

7 (f) SECTION 303 POINT OF ORDER.—

8 (1) Section 303(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
9 634(a)) is amended by striking “fiscal year” each
10 place it appears and inserting “biennium”.

11 (2) Section 303(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
12 634(b)) is amended—

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

15 (B) in the matter following paragraph (2)
16 by striking “any calendar year” and inserting
17 “any odd-numbered calendar year”.

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

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

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

24 (3) by inserting before the period “for such
25 biennium”.

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

4 (1) striking “the concurrent” and inserting “a
5 concurrent”; and

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

8 (i) REPORT AND SUMMARIES OF CONGRESSIONAL
9 BUDGET ACTIONS.—

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

13 (i) in the matter preceding subparagraph
14 (A) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
15 ennium”,

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

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

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

22 (2) Section 308(b)(1) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
23 639(b)(1)) is amended—

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

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

3 (C) by striking “the fiscal year preceding
4 such fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year
5 in the biennium preceding such biennium”.

6 (3) Section 308(c) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
7 639(c)) is amended—

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

10 (B) by striking “fiscal year” each place it
11 appears in the manner preceding paragraph (1)
12 and inserting “biennium”; and

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

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

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

20 (2) by striking “annual” and inserting “regu-
21 lar”; and

22 (3) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
23 ennium”.

24 (k) RECONCILIATION PROCESS.—

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

3 (A) by striking “any fiscal year” in the
4 matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting
5 “any biennium”;

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

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

11 (2) Section 310(e) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
12 641(e)) is amended—

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

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(3) It shall not be in order in the Senate or
18 the House of Representatives to consider any rec-
19 onciliation bill or resolution or any amendment
20 thereto or any conference report thereon which
21 changes any provision of law other than provisions
22 of law which—

23 “(A) provide new budget authority or
24 spending authority described in section
25 401(c)(2);

1 “(B) relate to revenues; or

2 “(C) specify the amount of the statutory
3 limit on the public debt.”.

4 (3) Section 310(f) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
5 641(f)) is amended—

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

8 (B) by striking “fiscal year beginning on
9 October 1 of the calendar year to which the ad-
10 journment resolution pertains” and inserting
11 “biennium beginning on October 1 of such cal-
12 endar year”, and

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

15 (l) SECTION 311 POINT OF ORDER.—

16 (1) Section 311(a) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
17 642(a)) is amended—

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

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

23 (C) by inserting “for such fiscal year”
24 after “outlays”;

1 (D) by striking “concurrent resolution on
2 the budget for such fiscal year” and inserting
3 “concurrent resolution on the budget for the bi-
4 ennium in which such fiscal year occurs”;

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

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

9 (2) Section 311(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
10 642(b)) is amended—

11 (A) by striking “such fiscal year” the first
12 place it appears and inserting “a biennium”;
13 and

14 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” the sec-
15 ond place it appears and inserting “either fiscal
16 year in such biennium”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 “(3) ‘biennium’ has the meaning given to such
17 term in paragraph (11) of section 3 of the Congres-
18 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
19 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11))”.

20 (b) BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO THE
21 CONGRESS.—

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

1 “(a) On or before the first Monday after January 3
2 of each odd-numbered year, beginning with the One Hun-
3 dred Fourth Congress, the President shall transmit to the
4 Congress, the budget for the biennium beginning on Octo-
5 ber 1 of such calendar year. The budget transmitted under
6 this subsection shall include a budget message and sum-
7 mary and supporting information. The President shall in-
8 clude in each budget the following:”.

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

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

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

3 (A) by striking “the fiscal year” in sub-
4 paragraph (A) and inserting “each fiscal year
5 in the biennium”; and

6 (B) by striking “4 fiscal years after that
7 year” in subparagraph (B) and inserting “2 fis-
8 cal years immediately following the second fiscal
9 year in such biennium”.

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

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

18 (8) Section 1105(a)(16) of title 31, United
19 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal
20 year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bien-
21 nium”.

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

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

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

6 (C) by striking “fiscal year before the fis-
7 cal year” and inserting “biennium before the bi-
8 ennium”.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and
21 inserting “each of the 2 most recently com-
22 pleted fiscal years”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (3) by striking “that year” and inserting “that
15 period”.

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

20 (f) CAPITAL INVESTMENT ANALYSIS.—Section
21 1105(e) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by
22 striking “ensuing fiscal year” and inserting “biennium to
23 which such budget relates”.

24 (g) SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ESTIMATES AND
25 CHANGES.—

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

3 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
4 by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bien-
5 nium”;

6 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “that fis-
7 cal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in
8 such biennium”;

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

12 (D) by striking “future fiscal years” in
13 paragraph (3) and inserting “the 2 fiscal years
14 following the biennium for which the budget is
15 submitted”; and

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

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

21 (h) CURRENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ESTI-
22 MATES.—

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

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

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

8 (2) Section 1109(b) of title 31, United States
9 Code, is amended by striking “March 1 of each
10 year” and inserting “February 25 of each odd-num-
11 bered year”.

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

15 (1) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-
16 ennium (beginning on or after October 1, 1995)”,
17 and

18 (2) by striking “year before the year in which
19 the fiscal year begins” and inserting “second cal-
20 endar year preceding the calendar year in which the
21 biennium begins”.

22 (j) BUDGET INFORMATION ON CONSULTING SERV-
23 ICES.—Section 1114 of title 31, United States Code, is
24 amended—

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

4 (2) by striking “each year” each place it ap-
5 pears.

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

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

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

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

15 “(b) All Acts making regular appropriations for the
16 support of the Government shall be enacted for a biennium
17 and shall specify the amount of appropriations provided
18 for each fiscal year in such period.

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

1 **SEC. 7. ASSISTANCE BY FEDERAL AGENCIES TO STANDING**
2 **COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE**
3 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

4 (a) INFORMATION REGARDING AGENCY APPROPRIA-
5 TIONS REQUESTS.—To assist each standing committee of
6 the Senate and the House of Representatives in carrying
7 out its responsibilities, the head of each Federal agency
8 which administers the laws or parts of laws under the ju-
9 risdiction of such committee shall provide to such commit-
10 tee such studies, information, analyses, reports, and as-
11 sistance as may be requested by the chairman and ranking
12 minority member of the committee.

13 (b) INFORMATION REGARDING AGENCY PROGRAM
14 ADMINISTRATION.—

15 (1) FURNISHING INFORMATION.—To assist
16 each standing committee of the Senate and the
17 House of Representatives in carrying out its respon-
18 sibilities, the head of any agency shall furnish with-
19 out charge to such committee computer tapes or
20 disks, together with explanatory documentation, con-
21 taining information received, compiled, or main-
22 tained by the agency as part of the operation or ad-
23 ministration of a program, or specifically compiled
24 pursuant to a request in support of a review of a
25 program, as may be requested by the chairman and
26 ranking minority member of such committee.

1 (2) MINIMIZING REQUESTS.—The Committee
2 on House Administration of the House of Represent-
3 atives and the Committee on Rules and Administra-
4 tion of the Senate shall prescribe rules and regula-
5 tions for their respective Houses which will minimize
6 duplication of requests under paragraph (1) of this
7 subsection.

8 (c) SUMMARIES BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—With-
9 in thirty days after the receipt of a request from a chair-
10 man and ranking minority member of a standing commit-
11 tee having jurisdiction over a program being reviewed and
12 studied by such committee under this section, the Comp-
13 troller General of the United States shall furnish to such
14 committee summaries of any audits or reviews of such pro-
15 gram which the Comptroller General has completed during
16 the preceding six years.

17 (d) CONGRESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Consistent with
18 their duties and functions under law, the Comptroller Gen-
19 eral of the United States, the Director of the Congres-
20 sional Budget Office, the Director of the Office of Tech-
21 nology Assessment, and the Director of the Congressional
22 Research Service shall furnish to each standing committee
23 of the Senate or the House of Representatives such infor-
24 mation, studies, analyses, and reports as the chairman and
25 ranking minority member may request to assist the com-

1 mittee in conducting reviews and studies of programs
2 under this section.

3 (e) SECRET AND CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PRO-
4 TECTED.—This section does not require the public disclo-
5 sure of matters that are specifically authorized under cri-
6 teria established by an Executive order to be kept secret
7 in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and
8 are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive
9 order, or which are otherwise specifically protected by law.
10 This section does not require any committee of the Senate
11 to disclose publicly information the disclosure of which is
12 governed by Senate Resolution 400, Ninety-fourth Con-
13 gress, or any other rule of the Senate.

14 **SEC. 8. AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF HOUSE OF REP-**
15 **RESENTATIVES.**

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

19 (b) Clause 4(a)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House
20 of Representatives is amended by striking “such fiscal
21 year” and inserting “the biennium in which such fiscal
22 year begins”.

23 (c) Clause 4(b)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House
24 of Representatives is amended by striking “concurrent
25 resolution on the budget for each fiscal year” and insert-

1 ing “concurrent resolution on the budget required under
2 section 301(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
3 for each biennium”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (h) Clause 4(a) of rule XI of the Rules of the House
21 of Representatives is amended by striking “fiscal year if
22 reported after September 15 preceding the beginning of
23 such fiscal year” and inserting “biennium if reported after
24 August 1 of the year in which such biennium begins”.

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

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

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

9 (b) FISCAL YEAR 1995.—Notwithstanding subsection
10 (a), the provisions of—

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

12 (2) title 31, United States Code,

13 (as such provisions were in effect on the day before the
14 effective date of this Act) shall apply to the fiscal year
15 beginning on October 1, 1994.

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

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