

§ 301(b)(2)

(2) include reconciliation directives described in section 310;¹⁵³¹⁵³(...continued)

and the goal of balancing the Federal budget; report to the Congress on the degree of progress being made, the programs and policies being used, and any obstacles to achieving such goals and timetables; and, if necessary, propose corrective economic measures toward achievement of such goals and timetables: *Provided*, That beginning with the second Report and in any subsequent Reports, if the President finds it necessary, the President may recommend modification of the timetable or timetables for the achievement of the goals provided for in subsection (b) and the annual numerical goals to make them consistent with the modified timetable or timetables, and the Congress may take such action as it deems appropriate consistent with title III of the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978 [15 U.S.C. § 3131 et seq.].

15 U.S.C. § 1022a(d) (1988).

Section 3(d) of the Employment Act of 1946 (to which section 4(b)(1) of that Act refers) states :

(d) Rate of Unemployment.

For the purposes of the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978 [15 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq.], the percentage rate of unemployment [i]s a percentage of the civilian labor force as set forth by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Department of Labor as computed under the procedures in effect as of the date of enactment of this Act.

15 U.S.C. § 1022(d) (1988). The enactment date to which section 3(d) refers is October 27, 1978.

¹⁵³ See *infra* pp 158-177. Section 310 sets forth the reconciliation process in the context of Congress's annual cycle of concurrent resolutions on the budget. See *supra* pp. 158-177. For other budget process legislation dealing with reconciliation, see section 300, *supra* p. 47 (budget timetable, including that for reconciliation); section 301(b)(3), *infra* p. 59 (empowering budget resolutions to include a provision providing for delayed enrollment of legislation pending completion of reconciliation); section 305, *infra* pp. 120-142 (procedures for budget resolutions and reconciliation bills); section 313, *infra* pp. 198-228 (the Byrd Rule prohibiting extraneous matter in reconciliation); section 604, *infra* pp. 325-327 (providing an optional reconciliation process in the House of Representatives to make up the net losses created by tax-cutting legislation); section 904(c) & (d), *infra* pp. 361-368 (supermajority requirements for points of order and appeals, including those for reconciliation); Gramm-Rudman-Hollings section 258C, *infra* pp. 658-662 (providing a special Gramm-Rudman-Hollings reconciliation process to achieve savings in lieu of an impending sequester); section 5 of Executive Order 12857, *infra* pp. 826-827 (reconciliation (continued...))