
limit³⁰¹ to become effective during a fiscal year;

§ 303(a)(4) (4) new entitlement authority³⁰² to become effective during a fiscal year;

§ 303(a)(5) (5)³⁰³ in the Senate only, new spending authority (as defined in section 401(c)(2)³⁰⁴) for a fiscal year; or

§ 303(a)(6) (6)³⁰⁵ in the Senate only, outlays,³⁰⁶

³⁰¹ The public debt limit is set at 31 U.S.C. § 3101 (Supp. III 1991), amended by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-66, § 13411, 107 Stat. 312 (1993).

³⁰² Section 303(a) prohibits legislation that would create entitlement authority that would become effective before Congress has agreed to a budget resolution for the appropriate fiscal year, and such legislation would not fall within an exception un section 303(b). 129 CONG. REC. S9826, S9845, S9852 (1983); Senate Precedent PRL19830713-004 (July 13, 1983) (LEGIS, Rules database). In other words, an entitlement that begins in a year beyond the budget resolution violates section 303(a). 130 CONG. REC. S7070-71, S7102-12, S7175, S7181 (1984); Senate Precedent PRL19840613-002 (June 13, 1984) (LEGIS, Rules database); see also 132 CONG. REC. S16,419-20, S16,611-13 (1986); Senate Precedent PRL19861016-002 (Oct. 16, 1986) (LEGIS, Rules database) (precedent headnote states that a point of order would lie against a conference report if that conference report contained entitlements to become effective in years beyond the resolution; point of order waived).

Entitlements begin in the year payments are made, not when benefits vest. 130 CONG. REC. S7107 (1984); Senate Precedent PRL19840613-002 (June 13, 1984) (LEGIS, Rules database) (inquiry of Sen. Armstrong).

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.

³⁰³ Section 13205(a)(3) of the Budget Enforcement Act amended this paragraph to read as it does now. See *infra* p. 720. Section 13205(a)(1) of the Budget Enforcement Act repealed what used to be paragraph (5). See *infra* p. 720. Before enactment of the Budget Enforcement Act, paragraph (5) read as follows: "(5) new credit authority for a fiscal year." Effective for fiscal year 1992 and after, title V addresses credit (see *infra* pp. 273-298), and the provision of what was credit authority has become the provision of either budget authority or entitlement authority.

³⁰⁴ See *infra* pp. 251-254.

³⁰⁵ Section 13205(a)(3) of the Budget Enforcement Act added this paragraph. See *infra* p. 720.