

Control Act of 1974, the level of outlays⁹³⁶ and the deficit⁹³⁷ for a fiscal year shall be determined on the basis of estimates made by the Committee on the Budget⁹³⁸ of the House of Representatives or the Senate, as the case may be.⁹³⁹

The conference report describes the section:

7. Prohibition Against Counting Certain Actions
as Savings

Current Law

Under current practice, the deficit for a fiscal year can be reduced by transferring certain actions by the Federal Government between that fiscal year and another fiscal year, even if the deficit for the other fiscal year is increased as a result.

⁹³⁶ Section 3(1) of the Congressional Budget Act defines "outlays." See *supra* p. 10.

⁹³⁷ Section 3(6) of the Congressional Budget Act defines "deficit" (see *supra* pp. 13-20) and section 257(4) of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings (see *supra* p. 520) adopts the definition of section 3(6).

⁹³⁸ This section reflects the normal scorekeeping convention that Congress turns to its Budget Committees to assess the costs of legislation. See also section 301(i)(2)(C), *supra* p. 92; section 302(g), *supra* p. 105; section 310(d)(4), *supra* p. 190; section 311(c), *supra* p. 210; and section 273 of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, *supra* p. 556.

⁹³⁹ H.J. Res. 324, 100th Cong., 1st Sess. (July 31, 1987) (as received in the House with Senate amendments).