

§ 257(b)(2)(A)

(2) EXCEPTIONS. — (A) No program with estimated current-year¹⁶⁴⁶ outlays¹⁶⁴⁷ greater than \$50 million shall be assumed to expire in the budget year¹⁶⁴⁸ or out-years.¹⁶⁴⁹

§ 257(b)(2)(B)

(B) The increase for veterans' compensation for a fiscal year is assumed to be the same as that required by law for veterans' pensions unless otherwise provided by law enacted in that session.

§ 257(b)(2)(C)

(C) Excise taxes dedicated to a trust fund, if expiring, are assumed to be extended at current¹⁶⁵⁰ rates.

§ 257(b)(3)

(3) HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND. — Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the receipts and disbursements of the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund shall

¹⁶⁴⁵(...continued)

Why does it not increase the deficit? Because there are a couple of tax provisions that will expire in 1995 and 1996 that we extend. It is an absurd position. But that is an absurd position that is not caused by the distinguished chairman of this committee nor caused by the Joint Tax Committee but is caused by the Senate and the Congress as a whole when we passed the 1990 Budget [Enforcement] Act that had this provision in it.

138 CONG. REC. S12,260 (daily ed. Aug. 11, 1992). Although Senator Bradley validly criticizes this paragraph, he misplaced its origin. Gramm-Rudman-Hollings contained a similar provision in its original form in 1985. See Gramm-Rudman-Hollings § 251(a)(6)(C), 99 Stat. at 1067. The Budget Enforcement Act merely restated that provision (with minor modifications) in its 1990 amendments to Gramm-Rudman-Hollings.

¹⁶⁴⁶ Section 250(c)(13) defines "current year." *See supra* p. 446.

¹⁶⁴⁷ Section 250(c)(1) (*see supra* p. 440) defines "outlays" at least in part by reference to the definition of section 3(1) of the Congressional Budget Act. *See supra* p. 11.

¹⁶⁴⁸ Section 250(c)(12) defines "budget year." *See supra* p. 446.

¹⁶⁴⁹ Section 250(c)(14) defines "outyear." *See supra* p. 446.

¹⁶⁵⁰ Section 250(c)(9) defines "current." *See supra* p. 445.