activity to protect life and property and bringing about orderly termination of government functions are hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with the provisions of that Act.¹⁸³⁵

The statement of managers accompanying the conference report on the Budget Enforcement Act explains section 13401 generally:

IV. RESTORATION OF FUNDS SEQUESTERED

Current law

Under current law, an initial sequestration order, issued August 25, withholds budgetary resources at the sequestered levels effective October 1. A final sequestration order, issued October 15, permanently cancels budgetary resources, effective that date, and supersedes the initial sequestration order. After their issuance, initial and final sequestration orders can be rescinded and sequestered funds restored only upon the enactment of a law specifically directing those actions. The sequester for fiscal year 1991 was suspended temporarily by four continuing appropriations measures enacted in October: H.J. Res. 655 (P.L. 101-403), H.J. Res. 666 (P.L. 101-412), H.J. Res. 677 (P.L. 101-444), and H.J. Res. 681 (P.L. 101-461).

House bill

The House bill rescinds both the initial and final sequestration order for fiscal year 1991, reverses any action taken to implement the orders, and restores any sequestered budgetary resources.

Senate amendment

The Senate amendment proposes identical language.

Conference agreement

The conference agreement incorporates the House and Senate language rescinding the fiscal year 1991 sequester and restoring sequestered amounts.

H.R. CONF. REP. No. 101-964, 101st Cong., 2d Sess. 1157 (1990), reprinted in 1990 U.S.C.C.A.N. 2017, 2862.

Contrast with this treatment the only limited restoration of funds sequestered in fiscal year 1990. Section 11002 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 provides:

SEC. 11002. RESTORATION OF FUNDS SEQUESTERED.

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