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Sponsor: [Rep. Bergland, Bob \[R-MN-7\]](#) (Introduced 04/04/1973)

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Introduced in House (04/04/1973)

Budget Control Act - Title I: Ceiling on Fiscal Year 1974 Expenditures - Expenditure Control Act - States that the net lending during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, under the budget of the United States Government shall not exceed \$255,300,000,000. Provides that if the estimates or revenues which will be received in the Treasury during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, exceed \$255,300,000,000, such limitation shall be increased by an amount equal to such excess.

Directs the President to propose reservations from expenditure and net lending of such amounts as may be necessary to keep expenditures and net lending during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, within the limitation specified in this Act. Provides that the President shall propose reservations of expenditures under this Act by one or more special messages to the Congress and that any proposed reservation shall become effective on the date on which a concurrent resolution approving such reservation is agreed to by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Prescribes procedures for the consideration of such concurrent resolution.

Title II: Requirement of Congressional Approval of Impoundment - Provides that whenever the President impounds any funds appropriated or otherwise obligated for a specific purpose or project, or approves the impounding of such funds by any officer or employee of the United States, he shall, within ten days thereafter, transmit to the Senate and the House of Representatives a special message announcing the impoundment of such funds. Requires the President to cease the impounding of funds set forth in each special message within sixty days of continuous session after the message is received by the Congress unless the specific impoundment shall have been ratified by the Congress by passage of a resolution.

93^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6600

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 1973

Mr. BERGLAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To establish a ceiling on expenditures for the fiscal year 1974 and to provide procedures for congressional approval of action taken by the President to keep expenditures within the ceiling.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Budget Control Act
4 of 1973".

5 SEC. 2. The following provisions of this Act may be
6 cited as the "Expenditure Control Act of 1973".

1 TITLE I—CEILING ON FISCAL YEAR 1974

2 EXPENDITURES

3 PART A—ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEILING

4 SEC. 101. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
5 expenditures and net lending during the fiscal year ending
6 June 30, 1974, under the budget of the United States Gov-
7 ernment shall not exceed \$268,000,000,000.

8 (b) If the estimates of revenues which will be received
9 in the Treasury during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974,
10 as made from time to time, exceed \$255,300,000,000, the
11 limitation specified in subsection (a) shall be increased by
12 an amount equal to such excess.

13 SEC. 102. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any
14 other law, the President shall, in accordance with this sec-
15 tion, propose reservations from expenditure and net lending,
16 from appropriations or other obligational authority otherwise
17 made available, of such amounts as may be necessary to keep
18 expenditures and net lending during the fiscal year ending
19 June 30, 1974, within the limitation specified in section
20 101.

21 (b) In carrying out the provisions of subsection (a),
22 the President shall propose reservations of amounts propor-
23 tionately from appropriations or other obligational authority
24 available for all programs and activities of the Government
25 (other than expenditures for interest, veterans' benefits and

1 services, payments from social insurance trust funds, public
2 assistance maintenance grants, Medicaid, social service grants
3 under title IV of the Social Security Act, food stamps, mili-
4 tary retirement pay, and judicial salaries).

5 (c) The President shall propose reservations of expendi-
6 tures under this section by one or more special messages to
7 the Congress. Each special message shall be transmitted to
8 the House of Representatives and the Senate on the same
9 day, and shall be delivered to the Clerk of the House of
10 Representatives if the House is not in session, and to the
11 Secretary of the Senate if the Senate is not in session. Each
12 such message shall be printed as a document of each House.

13 (d) Any proposed reservation of expenditures shall be-
14 come effective on the date on which a concurrent resolution
15 approving such reservation is agreed to by the Senate and
16 the House of Representatives pursuant to title II of this Act.

17 SEC. 103. In the administration of any program as to
18 which—

19 (1) the amount of expenditures is limited pursuant
20 to this Act, and

21 (2) the allocation, grant, apportionment, or other
22 distribution of funds among recipients is required to be
23 determined by application of a formula involving the
24 amount appropriated or otherwise made available for
25 distribution,

1 the amount available for expenditure (after the application of
2 this Act) shall be substituted for the amount appropriated or
3 otherwise made available in the application of the formula.

4 PART B—CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED
5 RESERVATIONS OF EXPENDITURES

6 SEC. 111. The following sections of this title are enacted
7 by the Congress—

8 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the
9 Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively,
10 and as such they shall be considered as part of the rules
11 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
12 respect to the procedure to be followed in such House in
13 the case of resolutions (as defined in section 202) ; and
14 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the extent
15 that they are inconsistent therewith; and

16 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional right
17 of either House to change such rules (so far as relating
18 to the procedure in such House) at any time, in the same
19 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any
20 other rule of such House.

21 SEC. 112. As used in this title, the term “resolution”
22 means only a concurrent resolution of the two Houses of
23 Congress, the matter after the resolving clause of which is as
24 follows (the blank spaces being appropriately filled) : “That
25 the Congress approves the reservations of expenditures set

1 forth in the special message of the President to the Congress
2 dated ————, 19— (House Document ————,
3 Senate Document ————).”

4 SEC. 113. A resolution with respect to a special message
5 shall be referred to a committee (and all resolutions with
6 respect to the same message shall be referred to the same
7 committee) by the President of the Senate or the Speaker
8 of the House of Representatives, as the case may be.

9 SEC. 114. (a) If the committee to which has been re-
10 ferred a resolution with respect to a special message has not
11 reported it before the expiration of ten calendar days after
12 its introduction (or, in the case of a resolution received from
13 the other House, ten calendar days after its receipt), it shall
14 then (but not before) be in order to move either to discharge
15 the committee from further consideration of such resolution,
16 or to discharge the committee from further consideration of
17 any other resolution with respect to such message which has
18 been referred to the committee.

19 (b) Such motion may be made only by a person favoring
20 the resolution, shall be highly privileged (except that it may
21 not be made after the committee has reported a resolution
22 with respect to the same special message), and debate there-
23 on shall be limited to not to exceed one hour, to be equally
24 divided between those favoring and those opposing the
25 resolution. No amendment to such motion shall be in order,

1 and it shall not be in order to move to reconsider the vote by
2 which such motion is agreed to or disagreed to.

3 (c) If the motion to discharge is agreed to or disagreed
4 to, such motion may not be renewed, nor may another
5 motion to discharge the committee be made with respect to
6 any other resolution with respect to the same special message.

7 SEC. 115. (a) When the committee has reported, or
8 has been discharged from further consideration of, a resolu-
9 tion with respect to a special message, it shall at any time
10 thereafter be in order (even though a previous motion to
11 the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed
12 to the consideration of such resolution. Such motion shall be
13 highly privileged and shall not be debatable. No amendment
14 to such motion shall be in order and it shall not be in order
15 to move to reconsider the vote by which such motion is
16 agreed to or disagreed to.

17 (b) Debate on the resolution shall be limited to not to
18 exceed ten hours, which shall be equally divided between
19 those favoring and those opposing the resolution. A motion
20 further to limit debate shall not be debatable. No amendment
21 to, or motion to recommit, the resolution shall be in order,
22 and it shall not be in order to move to reconsider the vote by
23 which the resolution is agreed to or disagreed to.

24 SEC. 116. (a) All motions to postpone, made with re-
25 spect to the discharge from committee, or the consideration of,

1 a resolution with respect to a special message, and all mo-
 2 tions to proceed to the consideration of other business, shall
 3 be decided without debate.

4 (b) All appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating
 5 to the application of the rules of the Senate or the House
 6 of Representatives, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
 7 lating to a resolution with respect to a special message shall
 8 be decided without debate.

9 SEC. 117. If, prior to the passage by one House of a res-
 10 olution of that House with respect to a special message, such
 11 House receives from the other House a resolution with re-
 12 spect to the same message, then—

13 (1) If no resolution of the first House with respect
 14 to such message has been referred to committee, no
 15 other resolution with respect to the same message may
 16 be reported or (despite the provisions of section 204
 17 (a)) be made the subject of a motion to discharge.

18 (2) If a resolution of the first House with respect
 19 to such message has been referred to committee—

20 (A) the procedure with respect to that or
 21 other resolutions of such House with respect to such
 22 message which have been referred to committee
 23 shall be the same as if no resolution from the other
 24 House with respect to such message had been re-
 25 ceived; but

(B) on any vote on final passage of a resolution of the first House with respect to such message the resolution from the other House with respect to such message shall be automatically substituted for the resolution of the first House.

TITLE II—REQUIREMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF IMPOUNDMENTS

SEC. 201. (a) Except as provided in subsection (g), whenever the President impounds any funds appropriated or otherwise obligated for a specific purpose or project, or approves the impounding of such funds by any officer or employee of the United States, he shall, within ten days thereafter, transmit to the Senate and the House of Representatives a special message specifying—

(1) the amount of the funds impounded;

(2) the date on which the funds were ordered to be impounded;

(3) the date the funds were impounded;

(4) any account, department, or establishment of the Government to which such impounded funds would have been available for obligation except for such impoundment;

(5) the period of time during which the funds are to be impounded;

(6) the reasons for the impoundment;

1 (7) to the maximum extent practicable, the esti-
2 mated fiscal, economic, and budgetary effect of the
3 impoundment.

4 (b) Each special message submitted pursuant to sub-
5 section (a) shall be transmitted to the House of Representa-
6 tives and the Senate on the same day, and shall be delivered
7 to the Clerk of the House of Representatives if the House is
8 not in session, and to the Secretary of the Senate if the
9 Senate is not in session. Each such message shall be printed
10 as a document for each House.

11 (c) A copy of each special message submitted pursuant
12 to subsection (a) shall be transmitted to the Comptroller
13 General of the United States on the same day as it is trans-
14 mitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives.

15 (d) If any information contained in a special message
16 submitted pursuant to subsection (a) is subsequently revised,
17 the President shall transmit promptly to the Congress and
18 the Comptroller General a supplementary message stating
19 and explaining each such revision.

20 (e) Any special or supplementary message transmitted
21 pursuant to this section shall be printed in the first issue of
22 the Federal Register published after that special or supple-
23 mental message is so transmitted.

24 (f) The President shall publish in the Federal Register
25 each month a list of funds impounded as of the first calendar

1 day of that month. Each list shall be published no later than
2 the tenth calendar day of the month and shall contain the
3 information required to be submitted by special message
4 pursuant to subsection (a).

5 (g) The provisions of this title shall not apply to any
6 reservation of expenditures which the President proposes to
7 the Congress pursuant to the provisions of section 102 of this
8 Act.

9 SEC. 202. The President shall cease the impounding
10 of funds set forth in each special message within sixty calen-
11 dar days of continuous session after the message is received
12 by the Congress unless the specific impoundment shall have
13 been ratified by the Congress by passage of a resolution in
14 accordance with the procedure set out in section 304 of this
15 title.

16 SEC. 203. For purposes of this title, the impounding
17 of funds includes—

18 (1) withholding or delaying the expenditure or ob-
19 ligation of funds (whether by establishing reserves or
20 otherwise) appropriated or otherwise obligated for proj-
21 ects or activities, and the termination of authorized proj-
22 ects or activities for which appropriations have been
23 made, and

24 (2) any type of executive action which effectively

1 precludes the obligation or expenditure of the appro-
2 priated funds.

3 SEC. 204. The following subsections of this section are
4 enacted by the Congress:

5 (a) (1) As an exercise of the rulemaking power of the
6 Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, and
7 as such they shall be deemed a part of the rules of each
8 House, respectively, but applicable only with respect to the
9 procedure to be followed in that House in the case of resolu-
10 tions described by this section; and they shall supersede other
11 rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith;
12 and

13 (2) With full recognition of the constitutional right of
14 either House to change the rules (so far as relating to the
15 procedure of that House) at any time, in the same manner,
16 and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of
17 that House.

18 (b) (1) For purposes of this section, the term "resolu-
19 tion" means only a concurrent resolution of the Senate or
20 House of Representatives, as the case may be, which is intro-
21 duced and acted upon by both Houses before the end of the
22 first period of sixty calendar days of continuous session of the
23 Congress after the date on which the President's message
24 is received by that House.

1 (2) The matter after the resolving clause of each reso-
2 lution shall read as follows: "That the Senate (House of
3 Representatives) approves the impounding of funds as set
4 forth in the special message of the President dated
5 _____, Senate (House) Document Numbered
6 _____".

7 (3) For purposes of this subsection, the continuity of a
8 session is broken only by an adjournment of the Congress
9 sine die, and the days on which either House is not in ses-
10 sion because of an adjournment of more than three days to a
11 day certain shall be excluded in the computation of the sixty-
12 day period.

13 (c) (1) A resolution introduced with respect to a spe-
14 cial message shall not be referred to a committee and shall
15 be privileged business for immediate consideration. It shall
16 at any time be in order (even though a previous motion to
17 the same effect has been disagreed to) move to proceed to
18 the consideration of the resolution. Such motion shall be
19 highly privileged and not debatable. An amendment to the
20 motion shall not be in order, and it shall not be in order to
21 move to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to
22 or disagreed to.

23 (2) If the motion to proceed to the consideration of a
24 resolution is agreed to, debate on the resolution shall be lim-
25 ited to ten hours, which shall be divided equally between

1 those favoring and those opposing the resolution. An amend-
2 ment to the resolution shall not be in order. It shall not be in
3 order to move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution
4 is agreed to or disagreed to, and it shall not be in order to
5 move to consider any other resolution introduced with respect
6 to the same special message.

7 (3) Motions to postpone, made with respect to the con-
8 sideration of a resolution, and motions to proceed to the con-
9 sideration of other business, shall be decided without debate.

10 (4) Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to
11 the application of the rules of the Senate or the House of
12 Representatives, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
13 lating to a resolution shall be decided without debate.

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