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new budget authority and outlays will be scored with the subsequent appropriation. If an appropriation is contingent on enactment of a subsequent authorization, new budget authority and outlays will be scored with the appropriation. If an appropriation is contingent on the fulfillment of some action by the Executive branch or some other event normally estimated, new budget authority will be scored with the appropriation and outlays will be estimated based on the best information about when (or if) the contingency will be met. Non-lawmaking contingencies within the control of the Congress are not scoreable events.

#### *10. Absorption*

Appropriations bills or reports should contain language that clearly specifies the extent to which funds for pay raises are either provided or absorbed within the levels appropriated in the bill, or remain to be provided.

#### *11. Scoring purchases, lease-purchases and leases*

*General Rule.* — When a bill provides the authority for an agency to enter into a contract for the purchase, lease-purchase, or lease of a capital asset, budget authority will be scored in the year in which the budget authority is first made available in the amount of the government's total estimated legal obligations.

Outlays for a purchase or for a lease-purchase in which the Federal government assumes substantial risk — for example, through an explicit government guarantee of third-party financing — will be spread across the period during which the contractor constructs, manufactures, or purchases the asset. Outlays for a lease, or for a lease-purchase in which the private sector retains substantial risk, will be spread across the lease period. In all cases, the total amount of outlays scored over time against a bill will equal the amount of budget authority scored against that bill.

*Implementation of the Rule.* — Contracts under existing authority will not be rescored. Purchases and lease-purchases will be scored on the basis of this rule starting in [Fiscal Year] 1991. Multi-year leases will be scored consistent with current practice, rather than this rule, in [Fiscal Year] 1991.

*Further details.* — See "Addendum: Details on scoring purchases, lease-purchases, and leases".

#### *12. Write-offs of uncashed checks, unredeemed food stamps, and similar instruments*

Exceptional write-offs of uncashed checks, unredeemed food stamps, and similar instruments (i.e., write-offs of cumulative balances that have build

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