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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, from the Committee on the Budget,  
submitted the following

### R E P O R T

#### JURISDICTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 established the Committee on the Budget. The Committee has been responsible for developing and reporting the annual congressional budget resolution, for assembling and reporting any reconciliation legislation required by that resolution, and for working on the congressional budget process.

The budget resolution provides an overall framework and plan for action on spending, revenue, and debt limit legislation. It sets ceilings on total budget authority and outlays and a floor on total revenues. It also allocates spending authority to the appropriations committees and among the various authorizing committees that have jurisdiction over direct spending programs. The limits and allocations set by the budget resolution are enforced through points of order.

The budget may also include the optional reconciliation process, which directs appropriate authorizing committees to revise programs under their jurisdiction in order to adjust either projected spending or revenues by specified amounts. If more than one committee receives reconciliation instructions, the Budget Committee is responsible for assembling the reports submitted by the various

committees for consideration on the House floor. The budget reconciliation process is used when changes in entitlement or tax law are needed to implement the plan set out in the budget resolution: to reconcile actual spending and revenue in law with the guidelines set out in the resolution.

In response to reconciliation instructions, the various committees report their legislative recommendations to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee then assembles the legislation into an omnibus legislative package without making any substantive revisions for consideration by the House. The Budget Committee not only has jurisdiction over budget resolutions and reconciliation bills, it has legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget.

When the House of Representatives adopted Rules for the 104th Congress (H. Res. 6) on January 5, 1995, the Budget Committee achieved for the first time legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the congressional budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget. In adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress (H. Res. 5) on January 7, 1997, the House extended the Budget Committee's legislative jurisdiction to cover not only the congressional budget process but the budget process in general. The committee's jurisdictional statement, House Rule X, clause 1(d), now reads as follows:

(1) Concurrent resolutions on the budget (as defined in section 3(4) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), other matters required to be referred to the committee under titles III and IV of that Act, and other measures setting forth appropriate levels of budget totals for the United States Government.

(2) Budget process generally.

(3) Establishment, extension, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal budget, including the budgetary treatment of off-budget Federal agencies and measures providing exemption from reduction under any order issued under part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Under the above subparagraph (1), the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over both budgetary levels and budgetary concepts. Under subparagraph (2), the Budget Committee has primary jurisdiction over the budget process, as well as secondary jurisdiction over purely procedural aspects of the congressional budget process. Finally under subparagraph (3), the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over the establishment, extension, and enforcement of mandatory and discretionary spending limits, pay-go requirements, and other special budgetary mechanisms to control spending, the deficit, or the Federal budgets, including the sequestration process.

In addition to its legislative duties, the Budget Committee continues to have responsibilities for oversight and studies. These responsibilities include oversight of the Congressional Budget Office; study of the outlay effects of existing and proposed legislation; study of off-budget entities; study of tax expenditures; and study of proposals to improve and facilitate the congressional budget process.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

## FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET RESOLUTION

During the 111th Congress, the House adopted House Resolution 1493, setting forth some of the requirements of a budget resolution for fiscal year 2011. In the absence of a conference report on the budget for that fiscal year, it allowed for the enforcement of certain points of order under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The House adopted the resolution on July 1, 2010, setting the allocation of new discretionary budget authority and outlays to the Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2011.

On January 5, 2011, the House adopted House Resolution 5 to provide interim budget levels until the adoption of the FY2012 concurrent resolution on the budget. On February 8, 2011, pursuant to section 3(d) of House Resolution 5 (112th Congress), the resolution adopting the rules for the One Hundred and Twelfth Congress, Chairman Ryan submitted for printing in the Congressional Record the 302(a) allocation for fiscal year 2011 to the Committee on Appropriations.

This interim 302(a) allocation was used to enforce section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Bills or amendments causing spending to exceed the level triggers a point of order under section 302(f) of the Act. It prohibits the consideration of legislation inconsistent with the budgetary levels set forth in the budget resolution and the accompanying report.

This submission also included language related to Advance Appropriations as required by House Resolution 5 (112th Congress).

On February 11, 2011, pursuant to section 3(d) of House Resolution 5 (112th Congress), Chairman Ryan submitted for printing in the Congressional Record budget aggregates and allocations for fiscal year 2011. This submission included an allocation and aggregates of budget authority, outlays, and revenue for fiscal year 2011 and the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

These interim levels were used to enforce sections 302(f), 303(a) and 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Sections 302(f) and 311(a) prohibit the consideration of legislation inconsistent with the budgetary levels set forth in the budget resolution and the accompanying report. Section 303(a) prohibits the consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or changing revenue until Congress adopts a budget resolution for a fiscal year.

For House authorizing committees, the interim allocations and aggregates were set for fiscal year 2011 and the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2015, at the levels included in the Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2011 to 2021 published by the Congressional Budget Office (the CBO baseline). They reflect legislation enacted through the end of the 111th Congress.

The aggregates serve as a ceiling on spending and a floor for revenue levels. These levels served as the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2011, a year for which Congress did not adopt a budget resolution. The levels and enforcement procedures remain in effect unless superseded by the adoption of a concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012.

## FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTION

The fiscal year 2012 budget cycle commenced on April 6, 2011, with the markup of the fiscal year 2012 concurrent resolution on the budget, House Concurrent Resolution 34 (112th Congress). The report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 34 (112th Congress), House Report 112-058, was filed on April 11, 2011.

The Committee on Rules reported a rule (House Resolution 223) providing for the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 34 (112th Congress). The rule provided for 4 hours of general debate: three hours controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, equally divided; and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Joint Economic Committee.

The Resolution specified certain amendments in order and waived all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution.

After the adoption of House Resolution 223, floor debate on House Concurrent Resolution 34 proceeded on April 14 and 15, 2011. The Committee of the Whole passed House Resolution 223 on April 14, 2011.

The Committee of the Whole proceeded with four hours of general debate on the resolution and then proceeded to full substitute amendments:

- Cleaver substitute amendment No. 1, the amendment was defeated. (Black Caucus Substitute)
- Grijalva substitute amendment No. 3, the amendment was defeated. (Progressive Caucus Substitute)
- Garrett substitute amendment No. 4, the amendment was defeated. (Republican Study Committee Substitute)
- Van Hollen substitute amendment No. 5, the amendment was defeated. (Democratic Substitute).

## OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

*H. Res. 5, Adopting Rules for the 112th Congress*

The organizing resolution (H. Res. 5) adopted by the House on January 5, 2011 at the commencement of the 112th Congress contained several provisions related to the congressional budget process. H. Res. 5 replaced the Pay-As-You-Go [PAYGO] requirements with a Cut-As-You-Go [CUTGO] requirement. CUTGO prohibits consideration of legislation if it has the net effect of increasing mandatory spending within a five- or ten-year budget window.

The next provision requires the inclusion in the CUTGO evaluation of legislation of the entire text of a separate House passed measure or measures added as new matter to such legislation pursuant to special order of the House.

Further, H. Res. 5 excludes from such evaluation any provision expressly designated as an emergency for the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (but not any amendment so designated, which is subjected to the evaluation).

A third provision repealed Rule XXVIII of the Rules of the House, which provided for an automatic engrossment and transmittal to the Senate of a joint resolution changing the public debt limit, upon the adoption of a congressional budget resolution. Rule

XXVIII allowed for the House to avoid a separate vote on public debt limit legislation.

Next, the resolution authorizes the chair of the Budget Committee to provide authoritative guidance concerning the impact of a legislative proposal on the levels of new budget authority, outlays, direct spending, new entitlement authority, and revenues codified as clause 4 of House Rule XXIX.

The resolution also amended the budget enforcement process, making it out of order in the House to consider general appropriations legislation that (1) provides spending authority beyond what is actually derived from receipts deposited in the Highway Trust Fund (excluding any transfers that have already occurred from the General Fund of the Treasury); or (2) spends those receipts for any purpose other than authorized activities for the highway or mass transit categories. Furthermore, H. Res. 5 makes it out of order to consider a budget resolution, amendment, or conference report containing reconciliation directives that specify changes in law that would cause an increase in net direct spending.

Additionally, H. Res. 5 specifies separate orders relating to the treatment of legislation in view of certain budget requirements of these Rules, including orders concerning: (1) emergencies; (2) contingency operations directly related to the global war on terrorism; (3) a deficit-neutral revenue reserve; (4) limitations on advance appropriations and long-term spending (with specified exemptions); (5) spending reduction amendments in appropriations bills; and (6) budget enforcement with respect to discretionary administrative expenses of the Social Security Administration and of the Postal Services.

Finally, House Resolution 5 (112th Congress) required the Chair of the Committee on the Budget to submit for printing in the Congressional Record budget aggregates and allocations contemplated by section 301 (Content of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget) for 2011, and 2011 through 2015.

Publication of these aggregates and allocations will be considered to be the adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2011. This provision is intended to give the Chair of the Committee on the Budget authority to set aggregates and allocations to complete the unfinished fiscal year 2011 budget resolution cycle, taking into account the latest CBO baseline, including its 5-year projections.

*H. Res. 6, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 5, 2011 and elected Mr. Ryan of Wisconsin as Chairman of the Committee on the Budget.

*H. Res. 7, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 5, 2011 and elected Mr. Van Hollen as the Ranking Member of the Committee on the Budget.

*H. Res. 37, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 25, 2011 and elected Mr. Garrett, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Akin, Mr. Cole, Mr. Price of Georgia, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Stutzman, Mr. Lankford, Mrs. Black, Mr. Ribble, Mr. Flores, Mr. Mulvaney, Mr. Huelskamp, Mr. Young of Indiana, Mr. Amash, and Mr. Rokita to the Committee on the Budget.

*H. Res. 52, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 25, 2011 and elected Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Yarmuth, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Honda, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Moore, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Tonko, and Ms. Bass of California to the Committee on the Budget.

*H. Res. 53, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on January 25, 2011 and elected Mr. Chaffetz, to rank immediately after Mr. McClintock; and Mr. Guinta to the Committee on the Budget.

*H. Res. 78, Electing Members to Certain Standing Committees of the House of Representatives*

This resolution was agreed to on February 9, 2011 and elected Mr. Woodall to the Committee on the Budget.

BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

In the first quarter of the 112th Congress, the staff of the Committee on the Budget monitored all legislation prepared for consideration on the House floor for spending and revenue implications. By working with committee staff, the Rules Committee and House leadership, legislation that would have violated the budget was often modified to avoid conflicts with the budget or dropped from House floor consideration altogether. The Committee provided ongoing oversight of the Office of Management and Budget's implementation of budget submission, control, execution and enforcement procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 and the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

Pursuant to House Resolution 5 (112th Congress), Chairman Ryan provided authoritative guidance concerning the impact of a legislative proposition on the levels of new budget authority, outlays, direct spending, new entitlement authority, and revenues.

Additionally, the Committee monitored reclassifications of budget accounts, re-estimates of the subsidies of credit programs, consistency in cost estimates for direct spending and tax bills, compliance with the relevant laws, in the development of budget projections and changes in spend-out rates for discretionary programs.

The Committee worked with the Committee on Appropriations and the authorizing committees to ensure that spending and tax legislation did not breach the appropriate levels in the budget reso-



lution as required under sections 302(f) and 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 or violate any budget provisions contained in the Rules of the House of Representatives.

#### ECONOMIC POLICY

The Committee is studying, and will continue to study, how economic policies affect the Federal budget. Among other hearings in the first quarter, the Committee received testimony from the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, to review economic conditions, fiscal conditions, and monetary policy.

#### OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The primary responsibility of the Budget Committee is the development of a concurrent budget resolution that sets spending and revenue levels in aggregate and across 21 budget functions. These budget functions encompass all Federal programs or activities. Certain programs are considered off-budget, such as Social Security and the Postal Service, and some are considered non-budgetary, such as the Federal Reserve.

The subject matter of the budget is inherently broad, but the Committee's formal oversight responsibility focuses on law governing the budget process and the agencies responsible for administering elements of those laws. Under clauses 1(d)(2) and (3) of House Rule X, the major laws falling within its oversight are the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, and the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. The two agencies with primary responsibility for administering elements of these laws and hence which fall under the Committee's jurisdiction are the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

In addition to these general oversight responsibilities, the Budget Committee has the special oversight responsibility under clause 3(c) of House rule X to study the effect of budget outlays of existing and proposed legislation and to request and evaluate continuing studies of tax expenditures.

The House Budget Committee met on January 26, 2011 to organize for the 112th Congress. In addition to adopting rules of procedure, the Committee also adopted a written oversight plan. The Committee held hearings in the process of developing the annual concurrent budget resolution. Additionally, the Committee received testimony from Members of Congress, Cabinet level and other Federal officials, State and local officials, and expert witnesses to review the budget and economic outlook, the President's budget submissions and other budget and economic matters.

The Committee oversight plan calls for continuous assessment of the performance of Federal agencies in both the administration and service delivery by reviewing performance data in the President's budget submissions and the relevant reports and audits of the Government Accountability Office and the Offices of the Inspectors General.

The oversight plan specifically calls on the Committee to study the budgetary effect of existing law and proposed legislation, as well as government regulation on government spending and to explore ways of reducing waste, fraud, and abuse in government

agencies. Furthermore, the Committee drew on the authorizing Committees' Views and Estimates on the President's budget, which are submitted to the Committee pursuant to section 301(d) of the Congressional Budget Act, to coordinate its oversight activities with other committees.

The House Budget Committee also plans to continue to review the budgetary treatment of assistance to, and ongoing operations of: Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). Moreover, the Committee plan calls for continued oversight of the Office of Management and Budget's implementation of budget submission, control, execution, and enforcement procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and other applicable laws. The oversight plan also calls for the evaluation and study of direct spending and tax policies.

In furtherance of the Committee oversight plan, the Committee held 18 hearings in the First Session of the 112th Congress. A list of the hearings held and the witnesses questioned can be found under the Committee Hearings section of this report. Furthermore, the Committee received one report from the Government Accountability Office; six responses to the Chairman's inquiries from the Congressional Budget Office; and one report from the Office of Personnel Management.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF MEASURES ON WHICH ACTION WAS TAKEN

The following legislative measures were acted on by the Committee on the Budget or contained provisions relating to the congressional budget process.

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Date	Title
H. Res. 5 (112th Congress).	Eric Cantor [VA-7] .....	Introduced—January 5, 2011.	Adopting rules for the One Hundred Twelfth Congress.
		January 5, 2011 .....	Considered as privileged matter.
		January 5, 2011 .....	Ms. Norton moved to refer the resolution to a select committee of five members, to be appointed by the Speaker, not more than three of whom shall be from the same political party, with instructions to report back the same until it has conducted a full and complete study of, and made a determination on, the constitutionality of the provision that would be eliminated from the Rules that granted voting rights in the Committee of the Whole to the Delegates.
		January 5, 2011 .....	Mr. Cantor moved to table the motion to refer.
		January 5, 2011 .....	On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 238–191.
H.R. 10 .....	Geoff Davis [KY-4] .....	Introduced—January 20, 2011.	Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011.

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Date	Title
		January 20, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		November 10, 2011 .....	Reported (Amended) by the Committee on the Judiciary.
		November 18, 2011 .....	Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Rules.
		December 7, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 241–184.
		December 8, 2011 .....	Referred to Senate committee: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
H.R. 662 .....	John L. Mica [FL–7] .....	Introduced—February 11, 2011.	Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011.
		February 11, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		February 28, 2011 .....	Referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Budget for a period ending not later than Feb. 28, 2011 for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(d), rule X.
		March 2, 2011 .....	On Passage, Passed by recorded vote: 421–4.
		March 2, 2011 .....	Received in the Senate.
		March 3, 2011 .....	Passed Senate without amendment by voice vote.
		March 3, 2011 .....	Presented to the President.
		March 4, 2011 .....	Signed by President and became Public Law No.: 112–5.
H.R. 1 .....	Harold Rogers [KY–5] .....	Introduced—February 11, 2011.	Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011.
		February 11, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget.
		February 19, 2011 .....	On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 235–189
		February 28, 2011 .....	Received in the Senate.
		March 9, 2011 .....	Pursuant to the order of 3/8/2011, not having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, the bill failed of passage by Yea-Nay Vote. 44–56.
S. 365 .....	Tom Harkin [IA] .....	Introduced—February 16, 2011.	Budget Control Act of 2011.
		February 16, 2011 .....	Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Harkin. Without written report.
		February 17, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
		August 1, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed with amendment by recorded vote: 269–161.

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Date	Title
		August 2, 2011 .....	Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate agreed in the House amendment to the bill by Yea-Nay Vote. 74–26.
		August 2, 2011 .....	Presented to President. Signed by President, and became Public Law No. 112–025.
H.J. Res. 44 .....	Harold Rogers [KY–5] .....	Introduced—February 28, 2011.	Further Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011.
		February 28, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		March 1, 2011 .....	On passage Passed by recorded vote: 335–91.
		March 2, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 91–9.
		March 2, 2011 .....	Presented to President, Signed by President, and became Public Law No. 112–004.
H. Res. 126 .....	Paul Ryan [WI–1] .....	Introduced—February 28, 2011.	Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on the Budget in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress.
		February 28, 2011 .....	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
H.R. 1194 .....	Jim McDermott [WA–7] .....	Introduced—March 17, 2011.	To renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs.
		March 17, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		May 31, 2011 .....	On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill: Agreed to by voice vote.
		June 6, 2011 .....	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
H.R. 1249 .....	Lamar Smith [TX–21] .....	Introduced—March 30, 2011.	America Invents Act.
		March 30, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		June 23, 2011 .....	On passage, Passed by recorded vote: 304–117.
		June 27, 2011 .....	Received in the Senate.
		September 9, 2011 .....	Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 89–9.
		September 12, 2011 .....	Presented to President.
		September 16, 2011 .....	Signed by President and became Public Law No. 112–29.
H.R. 1255 .....	Steve Womack [AR–3] .....	Introduced—March 30, 2011.	General Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011.

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Date	Title
		March 30, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		April 1, 2011 .....	On passage Passed by recorded vote: 221–202.
H. Con. Res. 34	Paul Ryan [WI–1] .....	April 4, 2011 .....	Received in the Senate.
		Introduced—April 4, 2011	Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021.
		April 11, 2011 .....	The House Committee on The Budget reported an original measure, H. Rept. 112–58, by Mr. Ryan (WI).
		April 15, 2011 .....	On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 235–193.
		April 4, 2011 .....	Received in the Senate.
		May 25, 2011 .....	Motion to proceed to consideration of measure rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 40–57.
H.R. 1363 .....	Harold Rogers [KY–5] .....	Introduced—April 4, 2011	Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011.
		April 4, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		April 7, 2011 .....	On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 247–181.
		April 8, 2011 .....	Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
		April 9, 2011 .....	House agreed to Senate amendment 348–70.
		April 9, 2011 .....	Presented to President, Signed by President, and became Public Law No.: 112–8.
H.R. 1473 .....	Harold Rogers [KY–5] .....	Introduced—April 11, 2011.	Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011.
		April 11, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		April 14, 2011 .....	On Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 260–167.
		April 14, 2011 .....	Received in the Senate, Read twice, considered, Read a third time, and passed without amendment by Yea-Nay. 81–91.
		April 15, 2011 .....	Presented to the President, signed by President, and became Public Law No.: 112–10.
H. Res. 287 .....	Tom Reed [NY–29] .....	Introduced—May 31, 2011	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.
		May 31, 2011 .....	The House Committee on Rules reported an original measure, H. Rept. 112–95, by Mr. Reed.
		June 1, 2011 .....	On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 231–187.

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Date	Title
H.R. 2560 .....	Jason Chaffetz [UT-3] .....	Introduced—July 15, 2011	Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011.
		July 15, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		July 19, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 234-190.
		July 22, 2011 .....	Senate floor actions: Motion to table the motion to proceed to the bill agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51-46.
H.R. 2608 .....	Sam Graves [MO-6] .....	Introduced—July 21, 2011	Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012.
		July 21, 2011 .....	Introduced in House.
		July 26, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
		July 28, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. 9/21/2011 Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House agree with an amendment to the Senate amendment Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 195-230 (Roll No. 719).
		September 23, 2011 .....	Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House agree with an amendment to the Agreed to by recorded vote: 219-203 (Roll no. 727).
		September 26, 2011 .....	Resolving differences—Senate actions: Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment (SA 665) Yea-Nay Vote. 79-12. Record Vote Number: 153.
		October 4, 2011 .....	Resolving differences—House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 352-66 (Roll no. 745).
		October 4, 2011 .....	Presented to President. 10/5/2011 Signed by President. 10/5/2011 Became Public Law No. 112-036.
H.R. 2693 .....	David Dreier [CA-26] .....	Introduced—July 28, 2011	Budget Control Act of 2011.
		July 28, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		July 30, 2011 .....	Failed of passage/not agreed to in House. On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by recorded vote (2/3 required): 173-246.
		August 1, 2011 .....	Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
H.R. 2883 .....	Geoff Davis [KY-4] .....	Introduced—September 12, 2011.	Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act.

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		September 12, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		September 19, 2011 .....	Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 112–210, Part I.
		September 21, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 395–25.
		September 22, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, Read twice, considered, Read the third time, and passed without amendment by Voice Vote.
		September 27, 2011 .....	Presented to the President.
		September 30, 2011 .....	Signed by the President and became Public Law No. 112–034.
H.J. RES. 79 .....	Harold Rogers [KY–5] .....	Introduced—September 14, 2011..	Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2012.
		September 14, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		September 15, 2011 .....	Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 399 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 79 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered Read. Bill is closed to amendments. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted.
H.R. 2943 .....	Geoff Davis [KY–4] .....	Introduced—September 15, 2011.	Short-Term TANF Extension Act.
		September 15, 2011 .....	Introduced in House.
		September 21, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Agreed to by voice vote.
		September 23, 2011 .....	Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
		September 27, 2011 .....	Presented to President.
		September 30, 2011 .....	Signed by the President and became Public Law No. 112–035.
H.R. 3521 .....	Paul Ryan [WI–1] .....	Introduced—November 30, 2011.	Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011.
		November 30, 2011 .....	Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
		December 15, 2011 .....	Marked-up and reported out of Committee with a final vote of 23–13. One technical amendment was adopted by voice vote.

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Title
H.R. 1	Hon. Harold Rogers [KY-5]	Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011.
H.R. 87	Hon. Michele Bachmann [MN-6]	Repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
H.R. 105	Hon. Dan Burton [IN-5]	Empowering Patients First Act.
H.R. 114	Hon. David Dreier [CA-26]	Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act of 2011.
H.R. 186	Hon. Joe Wilson [SC-2]	Expand the eligibility for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation.
H.R. 188	Hon. Rob Woodall, [GA-7]	Government Spending Responsibility Act.
H.R. 196	Hon. Loretta Sanchez [CA-47]	Simplifying The Ambiguous Law, Keeping Everyone Reliably Safe Act of 2011.
H.R. 296	Hon. Don Young [AK]	Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act.
H.R. 368	Hon. Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. [GA-4].	Removal Clarification Act of 2011.
H.R. 373	Hon. Virginia Foxx [NC-5]	Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2011.
H.R. 385	Hon. Barbara Lee [CA-9]	Poverty Impact Trigger Act of 2011.
H.R. 386	Hon. Dan Lungren [CA-3]	Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011.
H.R. 398	Hon. Zoe Lofgren [CA-16]	To Amend the Immigration and Nationality Act.
H.R. 408	Hon. Jim Jordan [OH-4]	Spending Reduction Act of 2011.
H.R. 460	Hon. Jason Chaffetz [UT-3]	Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act.
H.R. 470	Hon. Joseph J. Heck [NV-3]	Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011.
H.R. 475	Hon. Dan Boren [OK-2]	Fountainhead Property Land Transfer Act.
H.R. 536	Hon. Tom Cole [OK-4]	Indian Healthcare Improvement Act of 2011.
H.R. 556	Hon. Thaddeus G. McCotter [MI-11].	Preserving Patients' Choice Act.
H.R. 622	Hon. Dave Camp [MI-4]	To extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes.
H.R. 634	Hon. Jeff Flake [AZ-6]	Debt Buy-Down Act of 2011.
H.R. 668	Hon. Trent Franks [AZ-2]	Secure High-Voltage Infrastructure for Electricity from Lethal Damage Act.
H.R. 675	Hon. Wally Herger [CA-2]	Strengthening Medicare Anti-Fraud Measures Act of 2011.
H.R. 796	Hon. Peter A. DeFazio [OR-4]	Social Security Protection and Truth in Budgeting Act of 2011.
H.R. 821	Hon. Dennis Ross [FL-12]	To require zero-based budgeting for departments and agencies of the Government.
H.R. 854	Hon. Sam Farr [CA-17]	To authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and its environs, and for other purposes.
H.R. 903	Hon. Ken Calvert [CA-44]	Maximize Offshore Resource Exploration Act of 2011.
H.R. 913	Hon. Robert B. Aderholt [AL-4]	Free and Fair Trade Act of 2011.
H.R. 920	Hon. Louie Gohmert [TX-1]	Zero-Baseline Budget Act of 2011.
H.R. 1008	Hon. John J. Duncan Jr. [TN-2]	Benton MacKaye Cherokee National Forest Land Consolidation Act.
H.R. 1043	Hon. Chris Van Hollen [MD-8]	Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2011.
H.R. 1125	Hon. Chaka Fattah [PA-2]	Debt Free America Act.
H.R. 1135	Hon. Jim Jordan [OH-4]	Welfare Reform Act of 2011.
H.R. 1155	Hon. Gary C. Peters [MI-9]	Expedited Consideration of Terminations, Reductions, and Savings Act of 2011.
H.R. 1167	Hon. Jim Jordan [OH-4]	Welfare Reform Act of 2011.
H.R. 1257	Hon. Roscoe G. Bartlett [MD-6]	Protect America from U.S. Military Expenses in Libya Act of 2011.
H.R. 1302	Hon. Mike Quigley [IL-5]	Transparent and Sustainable Budget Act of 2011.
H.R. 1323	Hon. Roscoe G. Bartlett [MD-6]	Protect America from U.S. Military Expenses in Libya Act of 2011.
H.R. 1363	Hon. Harold Rogers [KY-5]	Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011.
H.R. 1366	Hon. Daniel Lipinski [IL-3]	National Manufacturing Strategy Act of 2011.
H.R. 1473	Hon. Harold Rogers [KY-5]	Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011.
H.R. 1596	Hon. Earl Blumenauer [OR-3]	Superfund Reinvestment Act.
H.R. 1602	Hon. Danny K. Davis [IL-7]	Children's Budget Act.
H.R. 1605	Hon. John J. Duncan, Jr. [TN-2]	CAP Act of 2011.
H.R. 1630	Hon. Tim Murphy [PA-18]	Social Security and Medicare Protection Act.
H.R. 1637	Hon. Ted Poe [TX-2]	Crime Victims Fund Preservation Act of 2011.
H.R. 1638	Hon. Ted Poe [TX-2]	Dollar Bill Act of 2011.
H.R. 1685	Hon. Judy Biggert [IL-13]	Electric Drive Vehicle Deployment Act of 2011.
H.R. 1745	Hon. Dave Camp [MI-4]	JOBS Act of 2011.
H.R. 1848	Hon. Connie Mack [FL-14]	One Percent Spending Reduction Act of 2011.
H.R. 1861	Hon. Tim Murphy [PA-18]	Infrastructure Jobs and Energy Independence Act.
H.R. 2041	Hon. Jack Kingston [GA-1]	Returning to Responsible Fiscal Policies Act.
H.R. 2086	Hon. Heath Shuler [NC-11]	Medical Debt Responsibility Act of 2011.
H.R. 2110	Hon. Timothy H. Bishop [NY-1]	Long Island Sound Improvement Act Amendments of 2011.



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H.R. 2185 .....	Hon. Zoe Lofgren [CA-16] .....	Refugee Protection Act of 2011.
H.R. 2231 .....	Hon. Kristi L. Noem [SD] .....	Ethanol Modernization and Deficit Reduction Act.
H.R. 2319 .....	Hon. Kevin Brady [TX-8] .....	Maximizing America's Prosperity Act of 2011.
H.R. 2350 .....	Hon. Peter A. Defazio [OR-4] ..	Protecting Taxpayers in Transportation Asset Transfers Act.
H.R. 2455 .....	Hon. Cedric L. Richmond [LA-2].	Humanitarian Aid for Americans Act.
H.R. 2527 .....	Hon. Richard L. Hanna [NY-24]	National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act.
H.R. 2532 .....	Hon. C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger [MD-2].	United States Secret Service Retirement Act of 2011.
H.R. 2560 .....	Hon. Jason Chaffetz [UT-3] .....	Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011.
H.R. 2693 .....	Hon. David Dreier [CA-26] .....	Budget Control Act of 2011.
H.R. 2725 .....	Hon. Frederica Wilson [FL-17]	Medicare Protection Act of 2011.
H.R. 2726 .....	Hon. Frederica Wilson [FL-17]	Education Protection Act of 2011.
H.R. 2727 .....	Hon. Frederica Wilson [FL-17]	People's Act of 2011.
H.R. 2855 .....	Hon. Keith Ellison [MN-5] .....	Emergency Jobs Now Act.
H.R. 2857 .....	Hon. Raul M. Grijalva [AZ-7] ..	Prioritize Emergency Job Creation Act.
H.R. 2883 .....	Hon. Geoff Davis [KY-4] .....	Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act.
H.R. 2943 .....	Hon. Geoff Davis [KY-4] .....	Short-Term TANF Extension Act.
H.R. 2954 .....	Hon. Barbara Lee [CA-9] .....	Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2011.
H.R. 2964 .....	Hon. Kevin Yoder [KS-3] .....	Unfunded Mandates Accountability Act of 2011.
H.R. 3000 .....	Hon. Tom Price [GA-6] .....	Empowering Patients First Act.
H.R. 3005 .....	Hon. Paul Tonko [NY-21] .....	Helping Devastated Farmers Act of 2011.
H.R. 3043 .....	Hon. Marsha Blackburn [TN-7]	To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reduce the discretionary spending limit for fiscal year 2013 and 2014 to the fiscal year 2012 level.
H.R. 3082 .....	Hon. Timothy V. Johnson [IL-15].	Biennial Budgeting and Appropriations Act of 2011.
H.R. 3083 .....	Hon. Jim McDermott [WA-7] ...	SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act of 2011.
H.R. 3187 .....	Hon. Robert J. Dold [IL-10] .....	March of Dimes Commemorative Coin Act of 2011.
H.R. 3201 .....	Hon. Maxine Waters [CA-35] ...	To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to eliminate the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction.
H.R. 3236 .....	Hon. Timothy J. Walz [MN-1] ...	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Opportunity Act of 2011.
H.R. 3264 .....	Hon. Tom Graves [GA-9] .....	Transportation Empowerment Act.
H.R. 3332 .....	Hon. Robert J. Dold [IL-10] .....	Truth in Government Accounting Act of 2011.
H.R. 3414 .....	Hon. Bill Huizenga [MI-2] .....	Honest Budget Act.
H.R. 3494 .....	Hon. Joseph J. Heck [NV-3] .....	Restoring America's Faith and Trust Act.
H.R. 3521 .....	Hon. Paul Ryan [WI-1] .....	Expedited Line-Item Veto and Rescissions Act of 2011.
H. Con. Res. 14 ....	Hon. Benjamin Quayle [AZ-3] ..	Expressing the sense of the Congress that non-defense, non-security, non-veterans discretionary spending should be reduced by 20 percent.
H. Con. Res. 34 ....	Hon. Paul Ryan [WI-1] .....	Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021.
H. Con. Res. 37 ....	Hon. Scott Garrett [NJ-5] .....	Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2011 and fiscal years 2013 through 2021.
H. Res. 441 .....	Hon. J. Randy Forbes [VA-4] ...	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that further reductions to core national security funding will cause significant harm to United States interests.
H.J. Res. 44 .....	Hon. Harold Rogers [KY-5] .....	Further Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011.
H.J. Res. 79 .....	Hon. Harold Rogers [KY-5] .....	Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2012.
S. 99 .....	Hon. Jeff Bingaman [NM] .....	American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2011.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 112-058: House Concurrent Resolution 34, April 11, 2011, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget—Fiscal Year 2012
- 112-147: July 14, 2011, Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget House of Representatives One Hundred Twelfth Congress First Quarter

### HEARINGS

Committee on the Budget Hearings of the First Session of the 112th Congress

Markup: House Budget Committee Organizational Meeting [1/26/2011]  
 The Fiscal Consequences of the New Health Care Law [1/26/2011]  
 Witnesses: Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
 James C. Capretta, Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center  
 Dennis Smith, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
 Paul N. Van de Water, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy and Priorities  
 The State of the U.S. Economy [2/9/2011]  
 Witness: Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
 The Congressional Budget Office's Budget and Economic Outlook [2/10/2011]  
 Witness: Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office  
 The President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget [2/15/2011]  
 Witness: The Honorable Jacob J. Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
 Department of the Treasury Fiscal Year 2012 Budget [2/16/2011]  
 Witness: The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury  
 Lifting the Crushing Burden of Debt [3/10/2011]  
 Witnesses: Douglas Holtz-Eakin, President, American Action Forum, Former Director of the Congressional Budget Office  
 Carmen M. Reinhart, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics  
 Maya MacGuineas, President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget  
 John Podesta, President and CEO, Center for American Progress  
 Fulfilling the Mission of Health and Retirement Security [3/17/2011]  
 Witnesses: Alice M. Rivlin, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Founding Director of the Congressional Budget Office, Former Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
 Charles Blahous, Research Fellow, Hoover Institution and Public Trustee for Social Security  
 James C. Capretta, Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Former Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
 Paul N. Van de Water, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities  
 Members' Day [3/30/2011]  
 Mark-Up of Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 [4/6/2011]  
 Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac & FHA: Taxpayer Exposure in the Housing Markets [6/2/2011]  
 Witnesses: Deborah J. Lucas, Assistant Director, Congressional Budget Office  
 Alex J. Pollock, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research  
 Sarah Rosen Wartell, Executive Vice President, Center for American Progress & Center for American Progress Action Fund  
 The Congressional Budget Office's Long-Term Budget Outlook [6/23/2011]

Witness: Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office  
 Budgeting for America's National Security [07/07/2011]  
 Witnesses: David E. Mosher, Assistant Director, Congressional Budget Office  
 The Honorable Jim Talent, Distinguished Fellow, Heritage Foundation  
 Dr. Gordon Adams, Distinguished Fellow, The Stimson Center  
 Medicare's Future: An Examination of the Independent Payment Advisory Board [07/12/2011]  
 Witnesses: Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services  
 Douglas Holtz-Eakin, President, American Action Forum  
 Grace-Marie Turner, President, Galen Institute  
 Judith Feder, Ph.D., Professor and Former Dean, Georgetown Public Policy Institute and Urban Institute Fellow  
 Medicare and Social Security: The Fiscal Facts [07/13/2011]  
 Witnesses: Richard Foster, Chief Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
 Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration  
 The Need for Pro-Growth Tax Reform [09/14/2011]  
 Witnesses: Scott Hodge, President, Tax Foundation  
 Michael Wall, Vice President of Tax, Case New Holland  
 Diane Lim Rogers, Chief Economist, The Concord Coalition  
 The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives From Former CBO Directors [09/21/2011]  
 Witnesses: Alice M. Rivlin, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution  
 Rudolph G. Penner, Institute Fellow, Urban Institute  
 The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives From Budget Experts [09/22/2011]  
 Witnesses: The Honorable Phil Gramm, Former Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Vice Chairman of Investment Bank, UBS AG  
 The Honorable Jim Nussle, Former Chairman, House Committee on the Budget; President, COO, Growth Energy  
 Philip Joyce, Ph.D., Professor of Management, Finance and Leadership, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland

COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS

The majority staff produced 25 of initial analyses and reports on budget related issues.

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SUMMARY REPORT

In the 112th Congress the Budget Committee faces the task of developing a budget plan to guide the country as we emerge from an economic recession and tackle a daunting fiscal crisis. Republicans and Democrats have different views and support different choices on how we should move forward. The fiscal year 2012 Republican budget aims to reduce the deficit solely through spending

cuts, ending the Medicare guarantee and slashing investments that make the country stronger, while extending tax breaks for big corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

In contrast, in April Democrats offered a fiscal year 2012 budget resolution on the House floor that would put our fiscal house in order, reducing the deficit in a responsible way that boosts the economy, while also investing in our nation's future. As recommended by the President's bipartisan Fiscal Commission, the Democratic budget cuts spending gradually at first, so as not to weaken the recovery and cost jobs. To the contrary, it helps small businesses to create jobs while giving our children and grandchildren the tools to keep American competitive in this global economy. For example, the Democratic budget includes a deficit-neutral reserve fund designed to spur investments that create jobs, including in the nation's highways and transit systems, clean energy, and infrastructure such as aviation and ports. The budget takes a balanced approach to spending and revenue, and achieves primary balance in 2018. To help reduce the deficit, the plan identifies targeted, well-timed spending cuts ranging from security and non-security agencies to agricultural subsidies. Finally, it calls for shared responsibility and sacrifice, asking the wealthiest Americans and special interests to help pay their fair share.

#### PUBLICATIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The following publications were prepared by the staff of the Democratic Caucus of the Committee on the Budget, and were not approved by the full Membership of the Committee.

Date	Title
January 5, 2011 .....	Republican House Rules Make Fiscally Irresponsible Changes.
January 31, 2011 .....	CBO Forecast Confirms Economy on the Rebound But Deficits Continue.
February 23, 2011 .....	Summary and Analysis of President Obama's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.
April 8, 2011 .....	Summary & Analysis of Democratic Amendments Offered to FY 2012 Budget at House Budget Committee Markup.
April 11, 2011 .....	Summary and Analysis of the House Budget Committee-reported FY 2012 Budget Resolution.
April 11, 2011 .....	Minority Views on the House Budget Committee FY 2012 Budget Resolution.
April 13, 2011 .....	Key Aspects of the 2012 Democratic Budget.
April 15, 2011 .....	Win the Future: Make it in America—the Democratic Budget Resolution.
May 13, 2011 .....	Comparing the Republican Medicare Voucher Plan and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.
Jun 27, 2011 .....	Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment is Guise to Push the Republican Budget Agenda.
Jul 11, 2011 .....	Budget Committee Hearing on "Budgeting for America's National Security."
Jul 18, 2011 .....	"Cut, Cap, and Balance Act" is a More Extreme Version of Republican Budget Resolution.
Jul 28, 2011 .....	Republican Debt Plan Threatens the Nation's Financial Security.
Aug 3, 2011 .....	Summary of the Budget Control Act of 2011.
Nov 14, 2011 .....	Do We Really Want the Courts Making Budget Decisions? A Constitutional Requirement to Balance the Budget Will Involve the Courts.
Nov 16, 2011 .....	Vote "No" on the Constitutional Amendment: H.J.Res. 2 is Not Fiscally Responsible.
Dec 13, 2011 .....	Frequently Asked Questions about Sequestration under the Budget Control Act of 2011.

#### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS LEGISLATION

Date	Title
April 6, 2011 .....	Democratic Amendments offered to FY 2012 Budget during House Budget Committee markup.
April 13, 2011 .....	FY 2012 Democratic Budget offered on House floor.