
ALLOCATION OF BUDGET TOTALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977

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REPORT

[Pursuant to sec. 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974]

This report by the Committee on Finance on the allocation among programs under its jurisdiction of funding levels contained in the first concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1977 (S. Con. Res. 109) is submitted pursuant to section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The statute requires each committee to report its allocation among programs or subcommittees of the budget authority and outlay totals designated as applicable to the committee in the conference committee report on the budget resolution. The statute also requires that the allocations be subdivided between "controllable amounts and all other amounts."

The conference committee report on Senate Concurrent Resolution 109 (S. Rept. 94-805) designates budget authority of \$206.4 billion and outlays of \$199.1 billion as representing that part of the total budget authority and outlays in the resolution which is controlled by legislation under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance has received a communication from the Budget Committee indicating that these amounts should be increased to \$206.6 billion in budget authority and \$199.4 billion in outlays to correct an error discovered subsequent to the issuance of the conference report.

The Budget Act does not provide a definition of the term "controllable amount." For purposes of this report, the committee shows as "controllable amounts" those amounts which would result from new legislation and as "all other amounts" those amounts which would result from legislation previously enacted.

Finance Committee budget allocations for fiscal year 1977

[In billions of dollars]

| Program ¹ | Budget authority | | | Outlays | | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | Control- lable amounts | All other amounts | Total | Control- lable amounts | All other amounts | Total |
| <i>Aid to families with dependent children</i> | -0.2 | 6.8 | 6.6 | -0.2 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| <i>Medicaid</i> | | 9.3 | 9.3 | | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| Medicare..... | | 22.8 | 22.8 | | 21.6 | 21.6 |
| Revenue sharing ² | +5.2 | 1.7 | 6.9 | +3.5 | 3.4 | 6.9 |
| Social security..... | | 80.6 | 80.6 | | 84.6 | 84.6 |
| <i>Social services</i> | + .2 | 2.4 | 2.6 | + .2 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| <i>Supplemental security income</i> | | 6.0 | 6.0 | | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Unemployment benefits ³ | | 15.4 | 15.4 | | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| Interest..... | | 40.4 | 40.4 | | 40.4 | 40.4 |
| Other programs..... | | .1 | .1 | | .1 | .1 |
| Contingency reserve..... | + .5 | | .5 | | | |
| Accounting adjustments: | | | | | | |
| Trust fund administrative costs ⁴ | | | | | -4.0 | -4.0 |
| Other ⁵ | +5.4 | +10.2 | +15.7 | +3.7 | +6.3 | +10.0 |
| Grand total ⁶ | +10.9 | 195.7 | 206.6 | +7.0 | 192.4 | 199.4 |

¹ Entitlement programs which require Appropriations Committee action are shown in italic.

² Includes (under *controllable amounts* and *total*) \$0.25 billion which is not reflected in *grand totals*. See text of report.

³ Amounts shown include \$0.6 billion in entitlement funding requiring Appropriations Committee action.

⁴ Authority for social security and unemployment trust fund spending is under Finance Committee jurisdiction. As a practical

matter, however, administrative costs are controlled through limitations imposed in annual appropriations acts.

⁵ Budget authority includes +\$0.5 billion in *controllable amounts* and +\$4.5 billion in *all other amounts* in entitlement funding requiring Appropriations Committee action; outlays include \$0.5 billion in *controllable amounts* and -\$1.1 billion in *all other amounts* in entitlement funding requiring Appropriations Committee action.

⁶ See note 2 above.

The totals shown in the above table do not include the full amount shown under "controllable amounts" and "total" for the revenue sharing program. The Committee on Finance has included in these amounts \$0.25 billion from amounts included in the budget resolution but not designated for any particular committee. In its March 4, 1976, report to the Senate Budget Committee, the Finance Committee recommended that the budget resolution allow for a substantial increase in the level of funding for revenue sharing "to reflect general inflationary trends, and to permit legislative action on a countercyclical increment to the revenue sharing funds." The budget resolution did include an assumption of new funding for countercyclical revenue sharing purposes and a portion of this funding was included in an "allowances" classification which was not allocated to any committee. The conferees on the major countercyclical revenue sharing legislation have now reached agreement on a level of funding which will not require the full amount available for that purpose from that unallocated "allowances" classification. The Finance Committee believes that that funding should now be considered available for purposes of the general revenue sharing program.

This report is submitted by the Committee on Finance as a part of the congressional budget process established by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and not as a statement of specific legislative decisions. The committee considers the table presented in this report to be a statement of the budgetary goals it will pursue in considering legislation affecting fiscal year 1977. In dealing with particular legislative proposals, the committee may find it appropriate to recommend funding not reflected in that table. If it does so, the committee will undertake to recommend at the same time offsetting reductions in the same or other programs under its jurisdiction.

