

FINANCE COMMITTEE ALLOCATION OF BUDGET TOTALS  
FISCAL YEARS 1979 AND 1980

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Mr. LONG, from the Committee on Finance,  
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REPORT

(Pursuant to section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)

House Concurrent Resolution 107, adopted by the Congress on May 24, 1979, establishes a first budget resolution for fiscal year 1980 and revises the second budget resolution for fiscal year 1979. This report by the Committee on Finance on the allocation among programs under its jurisdiction of the funding levels contained in House Concurrent Resolution 107 for these 2 fiscal years 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 House Concurrent Resolution 107, as modified by a letter of June 4, 1979, from the Senate Committee on the Budget, designates the amounts shown in the following table 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:

(In billions of dollars)

	Budget authority	Outlays
Fiscal 1979	254.6	243.1
Fiscal 1980	279.4	270.1

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 or which were assumed in establishing the budget resolution totals to result from legislative changes which are not within Finance Committee jurisdiction.

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 amounts shown in tables 1 and 2 accommodate the legislative actions taken by the committee up to the present including the impact of certain legislation which has been passed by the Senate and is awaiting House concurrence. In its consideration of particular legislative proposals, the committee may find it appropriate to recommend funding not reflected in these tables. If it does so, the committee will undertake to recommend other changes in the law which will achieve the same overall budgetary results.

The committee notes that the allocations shown in table 2 for fiscal year 1980 would require a very substantial degree of savings as a result of new legislation. There are several reasons why the achievement of these savings could prove quite difficult. For example, it is understood that a substantial reduction has been made in the estimated savings which could be achieved by certain legislative proposals related to controlling the cost of health programs. Moreover, pending reestimates of the economic situation may significantly affect the estimated costs of several programs reflected in table 2. Further, it appears that the House committees with jurisdiction over the same programs as the Committee on Finance have been informed that a much lower level of savings in these programs is required under the assumptions of the House budget conferees. In view of the uncertainty created by all of these factors, the allocations made in this report have been set forth in broad program categories and with an understanding that revisions may have to be made from time to time as the committee deals with particular legislative proposals in an attempt to operate within the budgetary framework established by the first budget resolution.

TABLE 1.—FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979

(In billions of dollars)

Program	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Control- lable amounts	All other amounts	Control- lable amounts	All other amounts
Income maintenance	(1)	132.9	(1)	124.9
Health	(1)	44.0	(1)	40.6
Social services	(1)	3.8	(1)	3.8
Revenue sharing	(1)	7.4	(1)	7.1
Interest on the public debt	0	59.9	0	59.6
Other	0	6.8	0	6.8
Accounting adjustment	0	0	0	0
Total	(1)	254.6	(1)	243.1

<sup>1</sup> Less than \$50,000,000.

TABLE 2.—FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980  
 (In billions of dollars)

Program	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Control- table amounts	All other amounts	Control- table amounts	All other amounts
Income maintenance.....	-0.3	148.9	-0.6	144.8
Health.....	-1.2	48.8	-1.8	45.7
Social services.....	+1.4	7.4	+1.4	3.3
Revenue sharing.....	-1.4	65.3	-1.4	65.3
Interest on the public debt.....	0	6.8	0	6.8
Other.....	-0.4	6.3	-0.4	6.3
Accounting adjustment.....				
Total.....	-1.3	280.7	-3.2	273.3
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