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Summary

This report provides a select chronology and resource guide concerning congressional and presidential actions and documents pertaining to the budget for FY2005, which runs from October 1, 2004, through September 30, 2005. The budget actions and documents referenced in this report relate to the President's FY2005 budget submission, the FY2005 Congressional Budget Resolution (S.Con.Res. 95, H.Rept. 108-498), reconciliation legislation, debt-limit legislation, and FY2005 appropriation measures.

Examples of Internet connections to full-text material include CRS products on the budget, reconciliation, and each of the 13 appropriations bills, as well as Congressional Budget Office (CBO) publications, including the *Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2005-2014*, and Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports such as *Federal Debt: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions*.

Congressional offices can access this report via CRS's Appropriations/Budget for FY2005 page at [<http://www.crs.gov/products/appropriations/apppage.shtml>]. Other links provide data tables and charts on the budget and debt, selected congressional testimony, bills, reports, and public laws for FY1999 through FY2005 resulting from appropriations measures.

If Internet access is not available, refer to the addresses and telephone numbers of the congressional committees and executive branch agencies and the sources of other publications that are listed in this report.

This chronology will be updated as relevant events occur.

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Introduction

This report, a select chronology and resource guide, provides information on congressional and presidential actions on the FY2005 budget. It contains sequential sections on budget actions in FY2005, including the submission of the President's budget in February, legislative action on the Congressional Budget Resolution (S.Con.Res. 95), and major legislative actions involving the 13 FY2005 appropriations bills and any related supplemental measures.

This report also provides a section entitled "Where Can I Find ... on the Internet?," which includes entries for information via the Internet on appropriations bills, budget background, glossary information, costs estimates, federal debt, and financial statements. The **Appendix** provides telephone, address, and Internet contact information for resources related to FY2005 budget actions. See **Table 1** for websites on budget legislation and CRS publications.

This report does not provide in-depth information on budget procedures involved in these actions. More detailed information on budget activities taking place in calendar year 2004 appears in CRS Report RL32246, *Congressional Budget Actions in 2004*, and in CRS reports on specific types of actions or procedures referred to in the "Selected CRS Products" section of this report.

Table 1. Basic Internet Resources on Budget Legislation

Congressional offices should use the **Legislative Information Service (LIS)** [<http://www.crs.gov>].

Public should use **THOMAS** [<http://thomas.loc.gov/>].

Appropriations Status: A CRS overview and summary of the status of all appropriations bills, providing bill and public law numbers, dates of passage, votes, and hypertext links to full texts of the bills, public laws and related reports, are available online to Members of Congress and their staff only. [<http://www.crs.gov/products/appropriations/appover.shtml>]

CRS Appropriations/Budget Products: A CRS report on each of the 13 appropriations bills for FY2005 is available online for Members of Congress and their staff only. [<http://www.crs.gov/products/appropriations/apppage.shtml>]

See CRS Report 98-721, *Introduction to the Federal Budget Process*, for information on the congressional budget process timetable. Federal agency websites for the FY2005 budget are provided below. CRS publications listed in this report may be obtained by congressional staff on the CRS website at [<http://www.crs.gov>].

Constituents do not have access to the electronic version of this report but may use the printed copy to obtain information on budget publications. Many of the listed publications and resources in this report may be obtained through THOMAS [<http://thomas.loc.gov/>], the public version of the legislative website, or other federal agency websites. Printed copies of many of the materials may also be found in libraries that are depositories for U.S. government publications. Addresses of depository libraries can be obtained through a local library or from the office of Depository Services of the U.S. Government Printing Office, (202) 512-1119. Those with access to the Internet may prefer to get addresses from the GPO Access website's Locate a Federal Depository Library page, which can be searched by state, area code, or congressional district at [<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/libraries.html>].

The President's FY2005 Budget Submission

The federal budget cycle for FY2005 began on April 25, 2003, when the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director issued a "Memorandum for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies: M-03-10," which is available online at [<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/2003.html>]. In July 2003, OMB issued Circular No. A-11 [<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a11/03toc.html>] to the heads of all executive departments and establishments, giving specific instructions on preparing FY2005 budget requests. After review, analysis, and negotiation, the President's budget was prepared and submitted to Congress on February 2, 2004.

As required by law, the President submits his budget to Congress on or before the first Monday in February. The President's FY2005 Budget was published in a four-volume set. **Table 2** provides information on the content and availability of these volumes and supporting documents.

Table 2. The President's FY2005 Budget Submission

For a description of and access to the budget documents, supporting documents, and spreadsheet files, see the Budget of the United States Government FY2005 page at [<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/fy05/browse.html>], at the Government Printing Office (GPO) website.

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Search across budget documents on the GPO FY2005 Budget website: [<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/index.html>].

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Printed copies of budget documents are sold by GPO. Prepaid orders are accepted by phone (202-512-1800) or fax (202-512-2250) with debit cards or Discover, MasterCard, or VISA credit cards. Prepaid written orders are also accepted at Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. They can also be purchased online at [<http://bookstore.gpo.gov>], site of the GPO Online Bookstore.

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The FY005 budget documents are as follows.

Budget of the United States Government, FY2005 S/N, 041-001-00602-8, \$69

Analytical Perspectives, FY2005 S/N, 041-001-00599-4, \$68

Budget of the United States Government — Appendix, FY2005 S/N, 041-001-00597-8, \$80

Budget of the United States Government CD-ROM, FY2005 S/N, 041-001-00598-6, \$20

Historical Tables, FY2005 S/N, 041-001-00600-1, \$43

FY2005 Budget Resolution

The budget resolution is a concurrent resolution in which Congress establishes or revises its plan for the federal budget's broad financial features for the coming fiscal year and several future fiscal years. As with other concurrent resolutions, it does not have the force of law, but it provides the framework within which Congress subsequently considers revenue, spending, and other budget-implementing legislation.

Table 3. Budget Resolution Chart of FY2005 Legislative Action

FY2005 Budget Resolutions and Votes		Conference Report H.Rept. 108-498 filed 05/19/2004	
House	Senate	House Vote	Senate Vote ^a
H.Con.Res. 393, H.Rept.108-441; passed by a vote of 215-212, H. vote 92, <i>CR</i> , 3/25/04, p. H1565.	S.Con.Res. 95. The Senate passed S.Con.Res. 95 by a vote of 51-45, S. vote 58, <i>CR</i> , 3/11/04, p. S. 2699. (A report was not issued for S.Con.Res. 95. S.Prt. 108-365 was ordered to be printed.)	Passed 216-213, H. vote 198, <i>CR</i> , 5/19/04, p. H.3369.	
Rejected amendments:			
Cummings (Congressional Black Caucus and Progressive Caucus) amendment in the nature of a substitute, <i>rejected</i> by a vote of 302-119, H. vote 88, <i>CR</i> , 3/25/04, p. H1508.			
Stenholm (Blue Dog Coalition) amendment in the nature of a substitute, <i>rejected</i> by a vote of 243-183, H. vote 89, <i>CR</i> , 3/25/04, p. H1521.	The Senate considered 64 amendments; 39 amendments were adopted, 19 amendments were rejected, 4 amendments were withdrawn, and 2 amendments failed on a points of order.		
Hensarling (Republican Study Committee) amendment in the nature of a substitute, <i>rejected</i> by a vote of 309-116, H. vote 90, <i>CR</i> , 3/25/04, p. H.1534.			
Spratt (Democratic Alternative) amendment in the nature of a substitute, <i>rejected</i> by a vote of 232-194, H. vote 91, <i>CR</i> , 3/25/04, p. H1552.			
<i>House Rule</i>			
H.Res. 574, H.Rept. 108-446, rule providing for consideration of H.Con.Res. 393, passed by voice vote, 3/25/04.			

Note: The President does not sign congressional budget resolutions.

a. In the absence of an agreement on the FY2005 budget resolution with the Senate, the House adopted a so-called “deeming resolution.” For more details on actions related to the FY2005 Budget Resolution, see CRS Report RL32246, *Congressional Budget Actions in 2004*.

FY2005 Budget Chronology of Events

01/07/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

01/26/04 — CBO releases *The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2005 to 2014*; see [<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=4985&sequence=0>]. The CBO baseline projections in this report are based on the assumptions that current laws and policies remain unchanged, as well as on various estimates and assumptions about how the economy will behave and government programs will operate.

CBO projects that if current policies remained in place, the budget deficit would increase from \$375 billion in FY2003 to \$477 billion in FY2004 and decrease to \$362 billion in FY2005. CBO reported that “... such a deficit for FY2004 would set a record in dollar terms, but at 4.2 percent of the nation’s gross domestic product (GDP), it would represent a smaller share of the economy than the deficits of the mid-1980s and early 1990s.”¹

01/27/04 — Senate Budget Committee hearing: *CBO Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update*. Testimony by Douglas Holtz-Eakin, CBO Director.²

01/27/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *The Budget and Economic Outlook*. Testimony by Douglas Holtz-Eakin.³

02/02/04 — President’s FY2005 budget released. For a description of and access to the budget documents, supporting documents, and spreadsheet files, go to [<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/fy05/browse.html>]. See also **Table 2** on release of the President’s FY2005 budget above.

02/03/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *The President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2005*. Testimony by OMB Director Joshua Bolten; N. Gregory Mankiw, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; and Peter R. Orszag, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution.

02/04/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *Department of Treasury Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005*. Testimony by John Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

02/05/04 — Senate Budget Committee hearing: *The President’s FY2005 Budget Proposal*. Testimony by OMB Director Joshua Bolten.

¹See *CBO Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Year 2004-2014*, p. xiii.

²Information about hearings and testimony is available on the Senate Budget Committee website at [http://www.senate.gov/~budget/republican/hearing_schedule_and_testi.html]. Senate Budget Committee hearings and testimony from previous years are also available on this site.

³Information about hearings and testimony is available on the House Budget Committee website at [<http://www.house.gov/budget/hearings.htm>]. House Budget Committee hearings and testimony from previous years are also available on this site.

02/06/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

02/11/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *Department of Education Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005*. Testimony by Roderick Paige, Secretary of the Department of Education.

02/12/04 — Senate Budget Committee hearing: *The President's FY2005 Budget Proposal*. Testimony by Tommy Thompson, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

02/12/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *Department of Veteran Affairs Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005*. Testimony by Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

02/13/04 — Senate Budget Committee hearing: *The President's FY2005 Budget Proposal*. Testimony by John Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

02/25/04 — Senate Budget Committee hearing: *The President's FY2005 Budget Proposal*. Testimony by Tom Ridge, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

02/25/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *The Economic Outlook and Current Fiscal Issues*. Testimony by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

02/26/04 — Senate Budget Committee hearing: *The President's FY2005 Budget Proposal*. Testimony by Colin Powell, Secretary of State.

02/26/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005*. Testimony by Tommy Thompson, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

03/03/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *Member's Day Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005*.

03/04/04 — Senate Budget Committee hearing: *FY2005 Budget Resolution Markup*. Proceedings and materials, including summary of Chairman's mark presented 03/03/04 and legislative language of Chairman's mark, are available by clicking on the "Hearings and Testimony" link at [<http://www.senate.gov/~budget/republican/>]. See also **Table 3** above, the FY2005 Budget Resolution Chart of FY2005 Legislative Action.

03/05/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

03/05/04 — CBO releases *An Analysis of the President's Budgetary Proposals for Fiscal Year 2005*, which includes a revised CBO baseline deficit figure for FY2005 of \$356 billion. [<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=5151&sequence=0>]

03/11/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *FY2005 Budget Resolution Markup*. Proceedings include consideration of the Chairman's mark at [<http://www.house.gov/budget/congbudget.htm>] and links to previous years' budget

resolution materials. See **Table 3** above on the FY2005 Budget Resolution Chart of Legislative Action.

03/19/04 — House Budget Committee marked up H.R. 3973, the Spending Control Act of 2004, H.Rept. 108-442. This legislation seeks to extend discretionary spending limits and pay-as-you-go restraints for mandatory spending increases, but not tax cuts, through FY2009.

03/31/04 — Conference Committee hearing held on the FY2005 Budget Resolution, S.Con.Res. 95.

04/07/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

04/21/04 — Joint Economic Committee hearing: *The Economic Outlook*. Testimony by Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve.⁴

05/06/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

05/12/04 — The President submits to Congress an FY2005 \$25 billion budget amendment (request) for the “Contingent Emergency Reserve Fund (Department of Defense — Iraq Freedom Fund).” The four-page request is available from the OMB *Supplementals, Amendments, and Releases* Web page by clicking on Estimate 5 at [<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/amendments.htm>]. For more details on this supplemental appropriations request and subsequent congressional actions, see CRS Report RL32422, *The Administration’s FY2005 Request for \$25 Billion for Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Precedents, Options, and Congressional Action*.

05/19/04 — The House passes H.Res. 649, providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany S.Con.Res. 95, the FY2005 Budget Resolution.

05/19/04 — The House passes the conference report on S.Con.Res. 95 (H.Rept. 108-498), deeming the FY2005 budget resolution in effect for the House.

06/02/04 — The House Appropriations Committee releases a press release entitled “Highlights of the Iraq War Budget Amendment.” [http://appropriations.house.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressReleases.Detail&PressRelease_id=379].

06/04/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

07/07/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

07/30/04 — OMB releases the *FY2005 Mid-Session Review*. This update of the President’s FY2005 Budget contains revised estimates of the budget deficit, receipts, outlays, and budget authority for FY2004 through FY2009, and other summary

⁴Information about hearings and testimony is available on the Joint Economic Committee website at [<http://www.house.gov/jec/hearing.htm>]. Hearings and testimony from previous years are also available on this site.

information as required by statute. The *Mid-Session Review* estimate for the FY2004 deficit is \$445 billion and \$331 billion for FY2005.

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/05msr.pdf>]

08/05/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

08/05/04 — The President signs the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005, P.L. 108-87.

09/07/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

09/07/04 — CBO releases *The Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update* [<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=5773&sequence=0>]. The CBO estimates an FY2004 budget deficit of \$422 billion and an FY2005 budget deficit of \$348 billion.

09/08/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *The Economic Outlook and Current Fiscal Issues*. Testimony by Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve.

09/08/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *The Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update*. Testimony by Douglas Holtz-Eakin, CBO Director.

09/08/04 — The President signs the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2004, P.L. 108-303. This legislation provides federal assistance in response to Hurricane Charley.

09/30/04 — The President signs the first Continuing Appropriations Act for FY2005, P.L. 108-309. This legislation provides continued appropriations at the FY2004 level from October 1, 2004 through November 20, 2004.

10/06/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

10/06/04 — House Budget Committee hearing: *Federal Revenue Options*.

10/13/04 — The President signs the Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2005, P.L. 108-324. FY2005 disaster relief funding for hurricane and drought assistance was included in the measure.⁵

10/14/04 — Treasury Secretary John Snow and OMB Director Joshua Bolton announce actual budget results for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2004. Federal receipts for FY2004 totaled \$1,880 billion, and federal outlays totaled \$2,292 billion. The actual federal deficit for FY2004 was \$413 billion.

[<http://www.treasury.gov/press/releases/js2032.htm>].

⁵For more details on FY2004 and FY2005 supplemental disaster relief funding, see CRS Report RL32581, *Assistance After Hurricanes and Other Disasters: FY2004 and FY2005 Supplemental Appropriations*.

10/18/04 — The President signs the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2005, P.L. 108-334.

10/18/04 — The President signs the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005, P.L. 108-335.

11/04/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

11/19/04 — The President signs legislation enacting an increase in the public debt limit, P.L. 108-415. This legislation raised the federal debt limit by \$800 billion to \$8.2 trillion from the previous limit of \$7.4 trillion enacted in May 2003.

11/21/04 — The President signs the second Continuing Appropriations Act for FY2005, P.L. 108-416. This legislation provides continued appropriations at the FY2004 level from November 21, 2004, through December 3, 2004.

12/03/04 — The President signs the third Continuing Appropriations Act for FY2004, P.L. 108-434. This legislation provides continued appropriations at the FY2004 level from December 4, 2004, through December 8, 2004.

12/06/04 — CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review*.

12/08/04 — The President signs the FY2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act, P.L. 108-447, which contains the following divisions: A [Agriculture], B [Commerce], C [Energy and Water], D [Foreign Operations], E [Interior], F [Labor/Health and Human Services/Education], G [Leg Branch], H [Transportation/Treasury], I [Veterans Administration/Housing Urban Development], J. [Other Matters], and K [Small Business].⁶

Where Can I Find ... on the Internet?

Links to other useful sources on the Internet not previously cited in this report.

Appropriations

Full-text FY2000-2005 Appropriations Bills, Reports, Laws
[<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/legislation/appro05.html>]
[<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/legislation/appro04.html>]
[<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/legislation/appro03.html>]
[<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/legislation/appro02.html>]
[<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/legislation/appro01.html>]
[<http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/legislation/appro00.html>]

⁶ H.R. 4818 was passed by the House and Senate on November 20, 2004. On December 6, 2004 the House passed H.Con. Res. 528, making technical corrections to H.R. 4818 which cleared the bill for approval by the President. For more information see CRS Report RS21983, *FY2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act: Reference Guide*.

House and Senate Appropriations Committees' Home Pages

[<http://appropriations.house.gov/>]

[<http://appropriations.senate.gov/>]

Appropriations “Seven-Day-After Reports” are issued by the White House on appropriations legislation within seven days of enactment.

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/7day/index.html>]

OMB Supplementals, Amendments, and Releases includes OMB requests for FY2003-FY2004 supplementals.

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/amendments.htm>]

Discretionary Appropriations (CBO). Estimates of discretionary appropriations, budget authority, and outlays. (Located on the CBO website under “Budget and Economic Information”). [<http://www.cbo.gov/>]

Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations (CBO). “The purpose of the report is to help the Congress adopt authorizing legislation that should be in place before it considers the 13 regular appropriation bills for FY2004 ...”

[<http://www.cbo.gov/byclasscat.cfm?class=0&cat=6>]

Budget Supporting Documents, Committee Information, Monthly Budget Review (Analysis)

Budget and Supporting Documents

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/index.html>]

Supplemental Appropriations in the 1990s

Report by the CBO covering FY1990 through FY1999, issued March 2001.

[<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2768&sequence=0&from=7>]

Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

[<http://www.cbo.gov/>]

Congressional Committees

House and Senate Budget Committees' websites

[<http://www.house.gov/budget/>]

[<http://www.senate.gov/~budget/>]

House and Senate Appropriations Committees' websites

[<http://appropriations.house.gov/>]

[<http://appropriations.senate.gov/>]

House Ways and Means Committee website

[<http://waysandmeans.house.gov/>]

Senate Finance Committee website

[<http://www.senate.gov/~finance/>]

Monthly Budget Review

Access to the current edition and archives of the *Monthly Budget Review* (CBO). Go to the CBO website and click on the Monthly Budget Review link under the “Budget and Economic Information” banner. [<http://www.cbo.gov/>]

Cost Estimates of Legislation (CBO)

Cost Estimates of Non-Appropriation Bills

“CBO prepares cost estimates and mandates statements for all bills ordered reported by a full committee of the Congress Unless listed separately, intergovernmental and private-sector mandates statements for each bill are included in the cost estimate.” Search by bill number, word or phrase, committee, or budget function. [<http://www.cbo.gov/CESearch.htm>]

Cost Estimates of Appropriation Bills: CBO’s Current Status of Discretionary Appropriations

Cost estimates for appropriations bills are provided in tables of budget authority and outlays for the current and previous fiscal year. “Current status” refers to the latest stage of action taken by the Congress on an appropriation bill. [<http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2049&sequence=0>]

Debt

“Debt to the Penny.” The Bureau of the Public Debt provides daily and historical data. [<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/opd/opdpenny.htm>]

The gross federal debt as of September 30, 2004, the end of FY2004, was \$7,379,052,696,330.32. The gross federal debt as of September 30, 2003, the end of FY2003, amounted to a total of \$6,783,231,062,743.62.

“Debt Held by the Public.” Federal debt consists of two components: debt held by the public and debt held by intragovernmental holdings such as Social Security and other trust funds. [<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/opd/opdpdodt.htm>]

The debt held by the public as of September 30, 2004, the end of FY2004, was \$4,307,344,596,908.92. The debt held by the public as of September 30, 2003, the end of FY2003, was \$3,924,090,106,880.88.

Debt Per Capita

To find the debt per capita, divide the debt by the population, using these two sites: [<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/opd/opdpenny.htm>] [<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/popclock>].

Federal Debt: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions — An Update is a publication of the Government Accountability Office (GAO). It provides information in a clear, concise, and easily understandable manner for a nontechnical audience. GAO/OCG-04-485SP, August 12, 2004.

[<http://www.gao.gov>] (Type “04-485SP” in the Keyword or Report Number box.)

CRS Reports on Debt

CRS Report RL31967. *The Debt Limit: The Ongoing Need for Increases.*

CRS Report 98-453. *Debt-Limit Legislation in the Congressional Budget Process.*

CRS Report RL31913. *Developing Debt-Limit Legislation: The House's "Gephardt Rule."*

CRS Report RL31590, *The Federal Government Debt: Its Size and Economic Significance.*

CRS Report RS21519. *Legislative Procedures for Adjusting the Public Debt Limit: A Brief Overview.*

CRS Report RS20645. *Recent Changes in Federal Debt and Its Major Components.*

Financial Statements

Financial Management Service (U.S. Treasury)

Access to the *Monthly Treasury Statement, Treasury Bulletin, Financial Report of the United States Government, and Annual Report of the U.S. Government.*

[<http://fms.treas.gov/publications.html>]

Financial Statements of the U.S. Government

Access to federal financial statements, including the *Financial Report of the United States Government* and the *Combined Statement of Receipts, Outlays, and Balances of the United States Government.*

[<http://fms.treas.gov/fr/index.html>]

Government Accountability Office (GAO)

[<http://www.gao.gov/>]

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>]

Statements of Administration Policy

Statements and veto indicators on 108th Congress legislation scheduled for House or Senate floor action. Display by bill number (includes non-appropriations measures), appropriations bill, or subcommittee.

[<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/sap/index.html>]

CRS Resources

Selected CRS Products

CRS Report RL32422. *The Administration's FY2005 Request for \$25 Billion for Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Precedents, Options, and Congressional Action.*

CRS Report RL32581. *Assistance After Hurricanes and Other Disasters: FY2004 and FY2005 Supplemental Appropriations.*

CRS Report RL32264. *The Budget for Fiscal Year 2005.*

CRS Report 97-684. *The Congressional Appropriations Process: An Introduction.*

CRS Report RL32246. *Congressional Budget Actions in 2004.*

CRS Report RS20095. *The Congressional Budget Process: A Brief Overview.*

CRS Report RL30297. *Congressional Budget Resolutions: Selected Statistics and Information Guide.*

CRS Report RL30343. *Continuing Appropriations Acts: Brief Overview of Recent Practices.*

CRS Report RS21644. *The Cost of Operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Enhanced Security.*

CRS Report RS21759. *FY2005 Budget Documents: Internet Access and GPO Availability.*

CRS Report RS21684. *FY2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act: Reference Guide.*

CRS Report 98-721. *Introduction to the Federal Budget Process.*

CRS Report 98-720. *Manual on the Federal Budget Process.*

CRS Report RL32473. *Omnibus Appropriations Acts: Overview of Recent Practices.*

CRS Budget Fact Sheets

Fact sheets summarizing more than 40 different topics related to the budget and appropriations process may be accessed by congressional staff on the CRS website. [<http://www.crs.gov/products/guides/budget/explanations/BudgetExplanations.shtml>]

CRS Budget Process Institutes

CRS offers introductory and advanced seminars designed to provide a foundation for understanding of the federal budget process. More information on the content of these seminars and coming event dates may be found on the CRS

Orientations, Seminars, and Institutes Web page under the Budget Process Institutes heading. [<http://www.crs.gov/services/general/briefings.shtml>]

CRS Appropriations / Budget Website

An overview and summary of the status of all appropriations bills — providing bill and public law numbers, dates of passage, votes, and links to full texts of the bills, public laws, and related reports — are also available on the CRS website at [<http://www.crs.gov/products/appropriations/appover.shtml>]. Appropriation status tables and CRS products for fiscal years back to FY1998 are also available on this site. The general public should use THOMAS [<http://thomas.loc.gov/>]. Scroll down to the link for the “Status of FY2005 Appropriations Bills,” which can be accessed at [<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app05.html>].

Appendix: Contacts for Executive Agencies and Congressional Committees and Offices

Executive Agency Budget Sites

How to Locate Agencies, Departments, and Programs in Appropriations Bills

“I’m looking for a particular program, but I don’t know which appropriation bill it’s in.” Indexes for finding specific entities in the 13 appropriations bills can be consulted at [<http://www.crs.gov/products/appropriations/appprogs.shtml>].

FY2005 budget information or “budget-in-brief” overviews of the Cabinet departments and agencies are available at the sites listed below.

Table 4. Executive Agency Budget Websites

Agriculture	[http://www.usda.gov/agency/obpa/Home-Page/obpa.html]
Commerce	[http://www.osec.doc.gov/bmi/budget/FY05BIB.htm]
Defense	[http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/defbudget/fy2005/index.html]
Education	[http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/budget05/index.html]
Energy	[http://www.mbe.doe.gov/budget/index.htm]
Health and Human Services	[http://www.hhs.gov/budget/docbudget.htm]
Homeland Security	[http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=12&content=3131]
Housing and Urban Development	[http://www.hud.gov/about/budget/fy05/index.cfm]
Interior	[http://www.doi.gov/budget/2005/05Hilites/toc.html]
Justice	[http://www.usdoj.gov/jmd/2005summary/]
Labor	[http://www.dol.gov/%5Fsec/Budget2005/]
State	[http://www.state.gov/m/rm/rls/bib]
Transportation	[http://www.dot.gov/Downloads.htm]

Treasury	[http://www.treas.gov/offices/management/budget/budgetinbrief/fy2005/index.html]
Veterans Affairs	[http://www.va.gov/budget/summary/index.htm]

Budget overview information on independent agencies — such as the Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, etc. — may be found in the FY2005 *Budget of the United States, Appendix* volume. Go to [<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/appendix.html>] for those agencies not listed, then click on the name of the executive or independent agency or click on “Other Independent Agencies.”

Useful Addresses and Phone Numbers

Table 5 gives addresses and telephone numbers of House and Senate committees and executive agency and legislative bureaus and offices concerned with the budget process.

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Appropriations Committee, House	H-218 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515-6015	(202) 225-2771
Appropriations Committee, Senate	S-128 The Capitol Washington, DC 20510-6025	(202) 224-7363
Budget Committee, House	309 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-6065	(202) 226-7270
Budget Committee, Senate	624 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-6100	(202) 224-0642
Bureau of the Census (Customer Liaison Department)	Room 3612-3 Washington, DC 20233	(301) 763-1305
Bureau of the Public Debt	999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20239-0001	(202) 691-3502
Congressional Budget Office (CBO)	475 Ford House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	Publications: (202) 226-2809
Federal Reserve	Twentieth and Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20551	Publications: (202) 452-3245
Government Accountability Office (GAO)	441 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20548	Publications: Congressional offices: (202) 512-4400 Public: (202) 512-6000

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Government Printing Office (GPO)	Superintendent of Documents P.O. Box 371954 Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954	Publications: Congressional offices: (202) 512-1991 Public: (202) 512-1800
Joint Committee on Taxation	[House] 1015 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-6453	(202) 225-3621
	[Senate] 204 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-001	(202) 224-5561
Office of Management and Budget (OMB)	Old Executive Office Building 725 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20503	Public: (202) 395-3080
	Congressional Offices	(202) 395-4790
Treasury Department	1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20220	Publications: (202) 622-2970
	Congressional Offices	(202) 622-0576