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# H. R. 766

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a two-year (biennial) budgeting cycle, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALLAHAN (for himself, Mr. EVERETT, and Mr. STUMP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget and, in addition, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and 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

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## A BILL

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a two-year (biennial) budgeting cycle, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Biennial Budgeting  
5 Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF TIMETABLE.**

7 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
8 (2 U.S.C. 631) is amended to read as follows:

1 “TIMETABLE  
 2 “SEC. 300. The timetable with respect to the Con-  
 3 gressional budget process for any Congress (beginning  
 4 with the One Hundred Fifth Congress) is as follows:

“First Session

“On or before:	Action to be completed:
First Monday in Feb- ruary .....	President submits budget recommendations.
February 15 .....	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
February 25 .....	Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
March 31 .....	House Budget Committee reports concurrent resolution on the biennial budget.
April 15 .....	Congress completes action on concurrent reso- lution on the biennial budget.
May 15 .....	Biennial appropriation bills may be considered in the House.
June 10 .....	House Appropriations Committee reports last biennial appropriation bill.
September 1 .....	OMB submits report setting forth estimate of surplus/deficit for current fiscal year.
September 30 .....	Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation.
September 30 .....	Congress completes action on biennial appro- priation bills.
October 1 .....	Biennium begins.
October 15 .....	OMB submits report setting forth actual sur- plus/deficit for fiscal year ending Septem- ber 30.

“Second Session

“On or before:	Action to be completed:
May 15 .....	Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
September 1 .....	OMB submits report setting forth estimate of surplus/deficit for current fiscal year.
October 15 .....	OMB submits report setting forth actual sur- plus/deficit for fiscal year ending Septem- ber 30.
The last day of the ses- sion .....	Congress completes action on bills and resolu- tions authorizing new budget authority for the succeeding biennium.”.

1 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET**  
2 **AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET  
4 ACT OF 1974.—Whenever in this section an amendment  
5 or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or  
6 repeal of, a section or other provision, the references shall  
7 be to a section or other provision of the Congressional  
8 Budget Act of 1974.

9 (b) DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.—Section 2(2) (2  
10 U.S.C. 621(2)) is amended by striking “each year” and  
11 inserting “biennially”.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

13 (1) Section 3(4) (2 U.S.C. 622(4)) is amended  
14 by striking “fiscal year” each place it appears and  
15 inserting “biennium”.

16 (2) Section 3 (2 U.S.C. 622) is further amend-  
17 ed by adding at the end thereof the following new  
18 paragraph:

19 “(11) The term ‘biennium’ means the period of  
20 2 consecutive fiscal years beginning on October 1 of  
21 any odd-numbered year.”.

22 (d) DUTIES OF CBO.—

23 (1) Section 202(f)(1) (2 U.S.C. 602(f)(1)) is  
24 amended—

1 (A) by striking “February 15 of each  
2 year” and inserting “February 15 of each odd-  
3 numbered calendar year”;

4 (B) by striking “the fiscal year commenc-  
5 ing” and inserting “each fiscal year in the bien-  
6 nium commencing”;

7 (C) by striking “such fiscal year” the first  
8 place it appears and inserting “such biennium”;  
9 and

10 (D) by striking “such fiscal year” the sec-  
11 ond place it appears and “each fiscal year in  
12 such biennium”.

13 (2) Section 202(f) (2 U.S.C. 602(f)) is further  
14 amended—

15 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “The Di-  
16 rector shall from time to time” and inserting  
17 “On May 15 of each even numbered year and  
18 at such other times as he or she deems  
19 appropriate, the Director shall”.

20 (B) in paragraph (3)—

21 (i) by striking “January 15” and in-  
22 serting “February 15”,

23 (ii) by striking “each year” and in-  
24 serting “each even-numbered calendar  
25 year”,

1 (iii) by striking “the fiscal year end-  
2 ing September 30 of that calendar year” in  
3 clause (A) and inserting “either fiscal year  
4 in the biennium beginning October 1 of the  
5 preceding calendar year”,

6 (iv) by striking “the fiscal year ending  
7 September 30 of that calendar year” in  
8 clause (B) and inserting “either fiscal year  
9 of such biennium”, and

10 (v) by striking “fiscal year beginning  
11 October 1 of that calendar year” and in-  
12 serting “succeeding biennium”.

13 (e) BIENNIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE  
14 BUDGET.—

15 (1) Section 301(a) (2 U.S.C. 632(a)) is amend-  
16 ed—

17 (A) by striking “April 15 of each year”  
18 and inserting “April 15 of each odd-numbered  
19 year”;

20 (B) by striking “the fiscal year beginning  
21 on October 1 of such year” the first place it ap-  
22 pears and inserting “the biennium beginning on  
23 October 1 of such year”;

24 (C) by striking “the fiscal year beginning  
25 on October 1 of such year” the second place it

1 appears and inserting “each fiscal year in such  
2 period”; and

3 (D) by striking “each of the two ensuing  
4 fiscal years” and inserting “each fiscal year in  
5 the succeeding biennium”.

6 (2) Section 301(b) (2 U.S.C. 632(b)) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)  
9 by inserting “for a biennium” after “concurrent  
10 resolution on the budget”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “for such  
12 fiscal year” and inserting “for either fiscal year  
13 in such biennium”.

14 (3) Section 301(d) (2 U.S.C. 632(d)) is amend-  
15 ed by striking “Within 6 weeks after the President  
16 submits a budget under section 1105(a) of title 31,  
17 United States Code” and inserting “On or before  
18 February 25 of each odd-numbered year”.

19 (4) Section 301(e) (2 U.S.C. 632(e)) is amend-  
20 ed—

21 (A) in the first sentence by striking “fiscal  
22 year” and inserting “biennium”;

23 (B) by inserting between the second and  
24 third sentences the following new sentence: “On  
25 or before March 31 of each odd-numbered year

1 the Committee on the Budget of each House  
2 shall report to its House the concurrent resolu-  
3 tion on the budget referred to in subsection (a)  
4 for the biennium beginning on October 1 of  
5 that year.”; and

6 (C) in paragraph (6)—

7 (i) by striking “five” and inserting  
8 “four”,

9 (ii) by striking “such fiscal year” and  
10 inserting “the first fiscal year of such bien-  
11 nium,”, and

12 (iii) by striking “such period” and in-  
13 serting “such four-fiscal-year period”.

14 (5) Section 301(f) (2 U.S.C. 632(f)) is amend-  
15 ed by striking “fiscal year” each place it appears  
16 and inserting “biennium”.

17 (6) The section heading of section 301 is  
18 amended by striking “annual” and inserting “bien-  
19 nial”.

20 (7) The table of contents set forth in section  
21 1(b) is amended by striking “Annual” in the item  
22 relating to section 301 and inserting “Biennial”.

23 (f) COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS.—

24 (1) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 302(a) (2  
25 U.S.C. 633(a)) are amended—

1 (A) by inserting “for a biennium” after  
2 “budget” the first place it appears in each such  
3 paragraph; and

4 (B) by inserting “for each fiscal year in  
5 such biennium” after “estimated allocation”  
6 each place it appears.

7 (2) Section 302(c) (2 U.S.C. 633(c)) is amend-  
8 ed—

9 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” each  
10 place it appears and inserting “for either fiscal  
11 year in a biennium”; and

12 (B) by striking “for such fiscal year” each  
13 place it appears and inserting “for such bien-  
14 nium”.

15 (3) Section 302(f)(1) (2 U.S.C. 633(f)(1)) is  
16 amended—

17 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” and in-  
18 serting “for a biennium”, and

19 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” each  
20 place it appears in the matter preceding sub-  
21 paragraph (A) and inserting “a fiscal year in  
22 such biennium”.

23 (4) Section 302(f)(2) is amended—

24 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” and in-  
25 serting “for a biennium”,

1 (B) by striking “for such fiscal year” and  
2 inserting “for a biennium”, and

3 (C) by striking “4 succeeding” and insert-  
4 ing “3 succeeding”.

5 (g) SECTION 303 POINT OF ORDER.—

6 (1) Section 303(a) (2 U.S.C. 634(a)) is amend-  
7 ed by striking “fiscal year” each place it appears  
8 and inserting “biennium”.

9 (2) Section 303(b) (2 U.S.C. 634(b)) is amend-  
10 ed—

11 (A) in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-  
12 graph (1) and paragraph (2) by striking “the  
13 fiscal year” each place it appears and inserting  
14 “biennium”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “any cal-  
16 endar year” and inserting “any odd-numbered  
17 calendar year”.

18 (h) PERMISSIBLE REVISIONS OF CONCURRENT RES-  
19 OLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET.—Section 304 (2 U.S.C. 635)  
20 is amended—

21 (1) by striking “fiscal year” the first two places  
22 it appears and inserting “biennium”;

23 (2) by striking “for such fiscal year”; and

24 (3) by inserting before the period “for such  
25 biennium”.

1 (i) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET  
2 RESOLUTIONS.—Section 305(b)(3) (2 U.S.C. 636(b)(3))  
3 is amended—

4 (1) by striking “the concurrent” and inserting  
5 “a concurrent”; and

6 (2) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting  
7 “biennium”.

8 (j) REPORTS AND SUMMARIES OF CONGRESSIONAL  
9 BUDGET ACTIONS.—

10 (1)(A) Section 308(a)(1) (2 U.S.C. 639(a)(1))  
11 is amended—

12 (i) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
13 (A) by striking “fiscal year (or fiscal years)”  
14 and inserting “biennium”,

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A) by striking “fiscal  
16 year (or fiscal years)” and inserting “bien-  
17 nium”, and

18 (iii) in subparagraph (C) by striking “such  
19 fiscal year (or fiscal years)” and inserting  
20 “such biennium”.

21 (B) Section 308(a)(2) is amended by striking  
22 “fiscal year (or fiscal years)” and inserting “bien-  
23 nium”.

24 (2) Section 308(b)(1) (2 U.S.C. 639(b)(1)) is  
25 amended—

1 (A) by striking “each fiscal year covered  
2 by a concurrent resolution on the budget” the  
3 first place it appears and inserting “a bien-  
4 nium”;

5 (B) by inserting “for such biennium” after  
6 “concurrent resolution on the budget”; and

7 (C) by striking “the fiscal year preceding  
8 the first fiscal year covered by the appropriate  
9 concurrent resolution” and inserting “each fis-  
10 cal year in the biennium preceding such bien-  
11 nium”.

12 (3) Section 308(c) (2 U.S.C. 639(c)) is amend-  
13 ed—

14 (A) by striking “Five” in the subsection  
15 heading and inserting “Four”;

16 (B) by striking “fiscal year” each place it  
17 appears in the matter preceding paragraph (1)  
18 and inserting “biennium”; and

19 (C) by striking “5 fiscal years” and insert-  
20 ing “4 fiscal years”.

21 (k) COMPLETION OF ACTION ON REGULAR APPRO-  
22 PRIATION BILLS.—Section 309 (2 U.S.C. 640) is amend-  
23 ed—

24 (1) by inserting “of any odd-numbered calendar  
25 year” after “July”;

1           (2) by striking “annual” and inserting “regu-  
2 lar”; and

3           (3) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting  
4 “biennium”.

5 (l) RECONCILIATION PROCESS.—

6           (1) Section 310(a) (2 U.S.C. 641(a)) is amend-  
7 ed—

8           (A) by striking “any fiscal year” in the  
9 matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting  
10 “any biennium”;

11           (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “such fis-  
12 cal year” each place it appears and inserting  
13 “each fiscal year in such biennium”; and

14           (C) in paragraph (2) by inserting “for each  
15 fiscal year in such biennium” after “revenues”.

16           (2) Section 310(e) (2 U.S.C. 641(e)) is amend-  
17 ed—

18           (A) by striking “20 hours” in paragraph  
19 (2) and inserting “100 hours”; and

20           (B) by adding at the end thereof the fol-  
21 lowing new paragraph:

22           “(3) It shall not be in order in the Senate or  
23 the House of Representatives to consider any rec-  
24 onciliation bill or resolution or any amendment  
25 thereto or any conference report thereon which

1 changes any provision of law other than provisions  
2 of law which—

3 “(A) provide new budget authority or  
4 spending authority described in section  
5 401(c)(2);

6 “(B) relate to revenues; or

7 “(C) specify the amount of the statutory  
8 limit on the public debt.”.

9 (3) Section 310(f) (2 U.S.C. 641(f)) is amend-  
10 ed—

11 (A) by inserting “of any odd-numbered cal-  
12 endar year” after “July”,

13 (B) by striking “fiscal year beginning on  
14 October 1 of the calendar year to which the ad-  
15 journment resolution pertains” and inserting  
16 “biennium beginning on October 1 of such cal-  
17 endar year”, and

18 (C) by striking “for such fiscal year” and  
19 inserting “for such biennium”.

20 (m) SECTION 311 POINT OF ORDER.—

21 (1) Section 311(a)(1) (2 U.S.C. 642(a)) is  
22 amended—

23 (A) by striking “for a fiscal year” and in-  
24 serting “for a biennium”;

1 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” the first,  
2 second, and third places it appears and insert-  
3 ing “a fiscal year in such biennium”;

4 (C) by inserting “for such fiscal year”  
5 after “outlays”;

6 (D) by striking “concurrent resolution on  
7 the budget for such fiscal year” and inserting  
8 “concurrent resolution on the budget for the bi-  
9 ennium in which such fiscal year occurs”;

10 (E) by inserting “for such fiscal year”  
11 after “revenues” the first place it appears; and

12 (F) by inserting “for such fiscal year”  
13 after “set forth” the second place it appears.

14 (2) Section 311(b) (2 U.S.C. 642(b)) is amend-  
15 ed—

16 (A) by striking “such fiscal year” the first  
17 place it appears and inserting “a biennium”;  
18 and

19 (B) by striking “such fiscal year” the sec-  
20 ond place it appears and inserting “either fiscal  
21 year in such biennium”.

22 (n) BILLS PROVIDING NEW SPENDING AUTHOR-  
23 ITY.—Section 401(b)(2) (2 U.S.C. 651(b)(2)) is amended  
24 by striking “for such fiscal year” the second place it ap-

1 pears and inserting “for the biennium in which such fiscal  
2 year occurs”.

3 (o) ANALYSIS BY CBO.—Section 403(a) (2 U.S.C.  
4 653(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “the fiscal year” in paragraph  
6 (1) and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”;

7 (2) by striking “each of the 4 fiscal years fol-  
8 lowing such year” in paragraph (1) and inserting  
9 “each fiscal year in the succeeding biennium”;

10 (3) by striking “the fiscal year” in paragraph  
11 (2) and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”;  
12 and

13 (4) by striking “each of the four fiscal years  
14 following such fiscal year” in paragraph (2) and  
15 inserting “each fiscal year in the succeeding  
16 biennium”.

17 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE.**

18 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1101 of title 31, United  
19 States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the  
20 following new paragraph:

21 “(3) ‘biennium’ has the meaning given to such  
22 term in paragraph (11) of section 3 of the Congres-  
23 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of  
24 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11))”.

1 (b) BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO THE  
2 CONGRESS.—

3 (1) So much of section 1105(a) of title 31,  
4 United States Code, as precedes paragraph (1)  
5 thereof is amended to read as follows:

6 “(a) On or before the first Monday in February of  
7 each odd-numbered year, beginning with the One Hundred  
8 Fourth Congress, the President shall transmit to the Con-  
9 gress, the budget for the biennium beginning on October  
10 1 of such calendar year. The budget transmitted under  
11 this subsection shall include a budget message and sum-  
12 mary and supporting information. The President shall in-  
13 clude in each budget the following:”.

14 (2) Section 1105(a)(5) of title 31, United  
15 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year  
16 for which the budget is submitted and the 4 fiscal  
17 years after that year” and inserting “each fiscal  
18 year in the biennium for which the budget is submit-  
19 ted and in the succeeding biennium”.

20 (3) Section 1105(a)(6) of title 31, United  
21 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year  
22 for which the budget is submitted and the 4 fiscal  
23 years after that year” and inserting “each fiscal  
24 year in the biennium for which the budget is submit-  
25 ted and in the succeeding biennium”.

1           (4) Section 1105(a)(9)(C) of title 31, United  
2 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal  
3 year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the  
4 biennium”.

5           (5) Section 1105(a)(12) of title 31, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7                 (A) by striking “the fiscal year” in sub-  
8 paragraph (A) and inserting “each fiscal year  
9 in the biennium”; and

10                (B) by striking “4 fiscal years after that  
11 year” in subparagraph (B) and inserting “2 fis-  
12 cal years immediately following the second fiscal  
13 year in such biennium”.

14           (6) Section 1105(a)(13) of title 31, United  
15 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal  
16 year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the  
17 biennium”.

18           (7) Section 1105(a)(14) of title 31, United  
19 States Code, is amended by striking “that year” and  
20 inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium for which  
21 the budget is submitted”.

22           (8) Section 1105(a)(16) of title 31, United  
23 States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal  
24 year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the  
25 biennium”.

1           (9) Section 1105(a)(17) of title 31, United  
2 States Code, is amended—

3           (A) by striking “the fiscal year following  
4 the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year  
5 in the biennium following the biennium”;

6           (B) by striking “that following fiscal year”  
7 and inserting “each such fiscal year”; and

8           (C) by striking “fiscal year before the fis-  
9 cal year” and inserting “biennium before the  
10 biennium”.

11          (10) Section 1105(a)(18) of title 31, United  
12 States Code, is amended—

13           (A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and  
14 inserting “each of the 2 most recently com-  
15 pleted fiscal years”;

16           (B) by striking “for that year” and insert-  
17 ing “with respect to that fiscal year”; and

18           (C) by striking “in that year” and insert-  
19 ing “in that fiscal year”.

20          (11) Section 1105(a)(19) of title 31, United  
21 States Code, is amended—

22           (A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and  
23 inserting “each of the 2 most recently com-  
24 pleted fiscal years”;

1 (B) by striking “for that year” and insert-  
2 ing “with respect to that fiscal year”; and

3 (C) by striking “in that year” each place  
4 it appears and inserting “in that fiscal year”.

5 (c) ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF LEGISLATIVE  
6 AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES.—Section 1105(b) of title 31,  
7 United States Code, is amended by striking “each year”  
8 and inserting “each even-numbered year”.

9 (d) RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEET ESTIMATED DE-  
10 FICIENCIES.—Section 1105(c) of title 31, United States  
11 Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “fiscal year for” each place it  
13 appears and inserting “biennium for”;

14 (2) by inserting “or current biennium, as the  
15 case may be,” after “current fiscal year”; and

16 (3) by striking “that year” and inserting “that  
17 period”.

18 (e) STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN  
19 CHANGES.—Section 1105(d) of title 31, United States  
20 Code, is amended by striking “fiscal year” and inserting  
21 “biennium”.

22 (f) CAPITAL INVESTMENT ANALYSIS.—Section  
23 1105(e) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by  
24 striking “ensuing fiscal year” and inserting “biennium to  
25 which such budget relates”.

1 (g) SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ESTIMATES AND  
2 CHANGES.—

3 (1) Section 1106(a) of title 31, United States  
4 Code, is amended—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)  
6 by striking “fiscal year” and inserting  
7 “biennium”;

8 (B) in paragraph (1) by striking “that fis-  
9 cal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in  
10 such biennium”;

11 (C) in paragraph (2) by striking “4 fiscal  
12 years following the fiscal year” and inserting “2  
13 fiscal years following the biennium”;

14 (D) by striking “future fiscal years” in  
15 paragraph (3) and inserting “the 2 fiscal years  
16 following the biennium for which the budget is  
17 submitted”; and

18 (E) by striking “fiscal year” in paragraph  
19 (3) and inserting “biennium”.

20 (2) Section 1106(b) of title 31, United States  
21 Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year” and  
22 inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

23 (h) YEAR-AHEAD REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZING  
24 LEGISLATION.—Section 1110 of title 31, United States  
25 Code, is amended—

1           (1) by striking “fiscal year” and inserting “bi-  
2           ennium (beginning on or after October 1, 1997)”,  
3           and

4           (2) by striking “year before the year in which  
5           the fiscal year begins” and inserting “second cal-  
6           endar year preceding the calendar year in which the  
7           biennium begins”.

8           (i) BUDGET INFORMATION ON CONSULTING SERV-  
9           ICES.—Section 1114 of title 31, United States Code, is  
10          amended—

11           (1) by striking “The” each place it appears and  
12           inserting “For each biennium beginning with the bi-  
13           ennium beginning on October 1, 1997, the”; and

14           (2) by striking “each year” each place it  
15           appears.

16          **SEC. 5. TITLE AND STYLE OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTS.**

17          Section 105 of title 1, United States Code, is amend-  
18          ed to read as follows:

19          **“§ 105. Title and style of appropriations Acts**

20           “(a) The style and title of all Acts making appropria-  
21           tions for the support of the Government shall be as fol-  
22           lows: ‘An Act making appropriations (here insert the ob-  
23           ject) for the biennium ending September 30 (here insert  
24           the odd-numbered calendar year).’.



1           (4) Clause 4(f) of rule X is amended by striking  
2 “annually” each place it appears and inserting “bi-  
3 ennially”.

4           (5) Clause 4(g) of rule X is amended—

5                 (A) by striking “March 15 of each year”  
6 and inserting “March 15 of each odd-numbered  
7 year”;

8                 (B) by striking “fiscal year” the first place  
9 it appears and inserting “biennium”; and

10                (C) by striking “that fiscal year” and in-  
11 sserting “each fiscal year in such ensuing  
12 biennium”.

13           (6) Clause 4(h) of rule X is amended by strik-  
14 ing “fiscal year” and inserting “biennium”.

15           (7) Subdivision (C) of clause 2(l)(1) of rule XI  
16 is repealed.

17           (8) Clause 4(a) of rule XI is amended by strik-  
18 ing “fiscal year if reported after September 15 pre-  
19 ceding the beginning of such fiscal year” and insert-  
20 ing “biennium if reported after August 1 of the year  
21 in which such biennium begins”.

22           (9) Clause 2 of rule XLIX is amended by strik-  
23 ing “fiscal year” and inserting “biennium”.

1 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
3 (b), this Act and the amendments made by it shall become  
4 effective January 1, 1997, and shall apply to bienniums  
5 beginning after September 30, 1997.

6 (b) FISCAL YEAR 1997.—Notwithstanding subsection  
7 (a), the provisions of—

8 (1) the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and

9 (2) title 31, United States Code,

10 (as such provisions were in effect on the day before the  
11 effective date of this Act) shall apply to the fiscal year  
12 beginning on October 1, 1997.

13 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
14 term “biennium” shall have the meaning given to such  
15 term in section 3(11) of the Congressional Budget and  
16 Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11)),  
17 as added by section 3(c)(2) of this Act.

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