

Budget Control Act Contained Budget for 2012 and 2013

SEC. 106. SENATE BUDGET ENFORCEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) For the purpose of enforcing the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 through April 15, 2012, including section 300 of that Act, and enforcing budgetary points of order in prior concurrent resolutions on the budget, the allocations, aggregates, and levels set in subsection (b)(1) shall apply in the Senate in the same manner as for a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2012 with appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 and 2013 through 2021.

(2) For the purpose of enforcing the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 after April 15, 2012, including section 300 of that Act, and enforcing budgetary points of order in prior concurrent resolutions on the budget, the allocations, aggregates, and levels set in subsection (b)(2) shall apply in the Senate in the same manner as for a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013 with appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2012 and 2014 through 2022.

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- **Even more extensive than a traditional budget resolution**
- **Has force of law – unlike a budget resolution that is not signed by President**
- **Set discretionary caps for 10 years – instead of one year normally set in budget resolution**
- **Provided enforcement mechanisms – including two-year “deemer,” allowing budget points of order to be enforced**
- **Created reconciliation-like “Super Committee” process to address entitlement and tax reforms – backed up with \$1.2 T sequester**

Budget Control Act Set Spending Levels for 2012 and 2013

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(2) Not later than April 15, 2012, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget shall file—

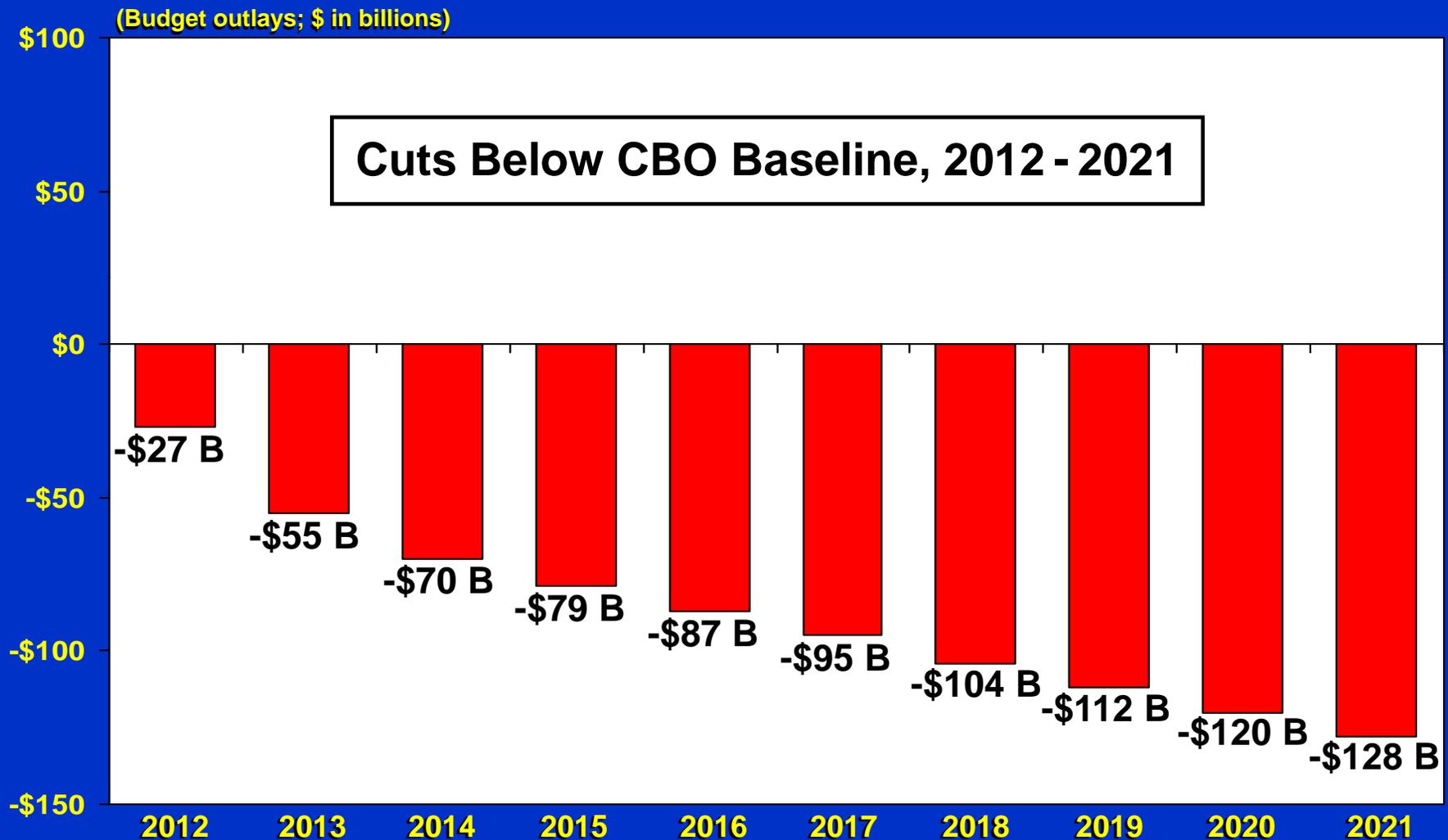
(A) for the Committee on Appropriations, committee allocations for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 consistent with the discretionary spending limits set forth in this Act for the purpose of enforcing section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

(B) for all committees other than the Committee on Appropriations, committee allocations for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2013 through 2017, and 2013 through 2022 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office's March 2012 baseline for the purpose of enforcing section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

(C) aggregate spending levels for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 and aggregate revenue levels for fiscal years 2012, 2013, 2013–2017, and 2013–2022 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office's March 2012 baseline and the discretionary spending limits set forth in this Act for the purpose of enforcing section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(D) levels of Social Security revenues and outlays for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, 2013–2017, and 2013–2022 consistent with the Congressional Budget Office's March 2012 baseline budget for the purpose of enforcing sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

Budget Control Act Cuts \$900 Billion From Discretionary Spending



Source: CBO
Note: Cuts below CBO March 2011 baseline, excluding emergencies.

House Budget Committee Chairman Ryan on Supporting Budget Control Act

“What [the Budget Control Act] has done is it has brought our two parties together. So I would just like to reflect for a moment that we have a bipartisan compromise here. That doesn’t happen all that often around here; so I think that’s worth noting. That’s a good thing....

“And what are we doing? We are actually cutting spending while we do this. That’s cultural. That’s significant. That’s a big step in the right direction. We are getting two-thirds of the cuts we wanted in our budget, and, as far as I am concerned, 66 percent in the right direction is a whole lot better than going in the wrong direction.”

– House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI)
Remarks on House Floor
August 1, 2011

Senate GOP Leadership Continues to Support BCA's 2013 Discretionary Level

“We have negotiated the top line for the discretionary spending for this coming fiscal year...[W]e already have that number...There is no good reason for this institution not to move forward with an appropriations process that avoids what we have done so frequently under both parties for years and years: either continuing resolutions or omnibus appropriations...I hope we can join together and do the basic work of government this year and do it in a timely fashion.”

– Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Remarks on Senate Floor
February 28, 2012