

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AND ENACTED RESCISSIONS,
FISCAL YEARS 1974-1997

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE ACTING COMPTROLLER GENERAL, THE
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

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AN UPDATED COMPILATION OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND
STATISTICS REGARDING RESCISSIONS PROPOSED BY THE EXEC-
UTIVE BRANCH AND RESCISSIONS ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS
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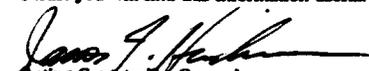
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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

In order to keep the Congress apprised of the amount and frequency of rescissions proposed and enacted we have updated our previous compilation of historical information and statistics regarding rescissions proposed by the executive branch and rescissions enacted by the Congress through October 1, 1997. These statistics were prepared in accordance with the same scope and methodology used in compiling our previous tables.

I trust you will find this information useful.


Acting Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures

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ENCLOSURE I

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AND ENACTED RESCISSIONS
FISCAL YEARS 1974 - 1997
(All legislative action through October 1, 1997)

Fiscal Year	Rescissions Proposed by President	Dollar amount proposed by President for rescission	Rescissions Enacted by Congress	Dollar amount of rescissions enacted by Congress	Rescissions Enacted by Congress	Other amount of rescissions enacted by Congress	Total rescissions enacted	Total dollar amount of budget authority rescinded
1984	8	\$24,400,000	3	\$4,376,000	7	\$19,024,000	10	\$28,776,000
1985	21	1,600,000,000	0	0	11	310,000,000	11	310,000,000
1986	32	2,807,000,000	5	4,364,000,000	5	46,432,000	10	4,410,832,000
1987	133	15,811,000,000	101*	11,000,000,000	43	5,786,000,000	144	16,817,000,000
1988	59	1,818,000,000	34	177,000,000	29	3,238,306,100	63	4,815,306,100
1989	11	608,000,000	9	25,000,000	1	47,500,000	10	771,000,000
1990	11	1,201,000,000	6	813,000,000	4	67,100,000	8	868,100,000
1991	12	1,500,000,000	7	1,100,000,000	3	172,725,000	12	868,100,000
1992	20	2,500,000,000	7	143,310,000	0	4,000,000	7	147,310,000
1993	20	2,500,000,000	36	200,250,370	1	4,000,000	36	204,250,370
1994	2	400,000,000	0	0	3	1,400,000,000	3	1,400,000,000
1995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1996	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal:	428	\$20,976,100,000	211	\$18,079,076,300	111	\$11,378,931,400	222	\$29,457,931,400

1. Thirty-three rescissions proposed by President Carter and totaling over \$1.1 billion are not included in this table. These rescissions proposals were converted to demands by President Reagan in his 95th Special Message for Fiscal Year 1981 dated February 13, 1981.

2. The total estimate of budget authority rescinded is understated. This table does not include rescissions which otherwise are available amount of budget authority.

ENCLOSURE I

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AND ENACTED REVISIONS FISCAL YEARS 1974 - 1997 (continued) (All legislative action through October 1, 1997)									
Fiscal Year	Revisions proposed by President	Dollar amount proposed by President for rescission	Proposals approved by Congress	Dollar amount of proposals enacted by Congress	Revisions enacted by Congress	Dollar amount of rescissions enacted by Congress	Total rescissions enacted	Total dollar amount of budget authority rescissions	
1987	10	\$407,111,000	6	\$288,111,000	66	\$7,381,253,000	102	\$7,688,364,000	
1988	24	\$1,429,900,000	8	\$953,400,000	104	\$4,974,862,131	112	\$5,938,252,131	
1989	28	\$1,198,824,000	25	\$845,988,803	248	\$18,889,380,121	273	\$19,713,768,926	
1990	65	\$3,172,180,000	45	\$1,293,478,548	81	\$2,374,418,284	126	\$3,667,884,830	
1991	7	\$350,000,000	4	\$208,250,000	74	\$2,205,336,843	78	\$2,411,588,843	
1992	128	7,879,473,690	28	2,097,546,000	131	22,326,853,054	157	24,534,499,054	
1993	30	4,859,251,000	8	288,418,000	26	1,420,487,000	34*	1,708,984,000	
1994	11	554,258,000	0	0	71	2,304,880,000	71	2,304,880,000	
1995	6	143,100,000	1	2,053,000	11	305,913,000	12	327,966,000	
1996	0	0	0	0	81	3,888,287,000	81	3,888,287,000	
1997	73	5,859,900,000	2	36,000,000	52	12,359,960,675	54	12,395,960,675	
1998	83	10,156,900,000	4	143,210,000	7	5,409,410,000	11	5,552,620,000	
1999	245	1,856,097,000	98	173,699,000	12	5,458,821,000	110	5,632,520,000	
Subtotal: 1987- 1997	711	\$27,616,684,680	227	\$8,302,656,251	974	\$89,489,841,908	1201	\$98,801,197,239*	
Subtotal: 1974- 1994	438	\$28,918,188,000	311	\$18,670,073,266	111	\$11,213,251,347	322	\$29,888,284,713*	
Grand Total: 1974- 1997	1,147	\$76,834,048,680	438	\$24,972,628,717	1,085	\$100,713,860,256	1,623	\$126,689,481,927*	

3. The Military Construction Appropriations Act of 1991 approves certain rescissions proposed by the President in 1990 41 days after the funds were released for obligation under the Impoundment Control Act. Presidential rescission proposals R90-4, R90-5, and R90-10 totaling about \$41 million were not approved.

4. The total estimate of budget authority rescinded is undated. This table does not include rescissions which eliminate an indefinite amount of budget authority.

ENCLOSURE II

RESCISSIONS BY PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT

Fiscal Year	Rescissions proposed by President Clinton		Presidential proposals accepted by Congress			Rescissions Initiated by Congress During Clinton Administration	
	Number	Dollar Amount	Number Accepted	Dollar Amount	Percent Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
1997	10	\$407,111,000	6	\$285,111,000	60	96	\$7,381,253,000
1996	24	\$1,425,900,000	8	\$963,400,000	33	104	\$4,974,852,131
1995	29	\$1,199,824,000	25	\$845,388,805	86	248	\$18,868,380,121
1994	65	\$3,172,180,000	45	\$1,293,478,546	69	81	\$2,374,416,284
1993	7	\$356,000,000	4	\$206,250,000	57	66	\$1,962,511,000
TOTAL	135	\$6,561,015,000	88	\$3,593,628,351	65	595	\$35,561,412,536

Fiscal Year	Rescissions proposed by President Bush		Presidential proposals accepted by Congress			Rescissions Initiated by Congress During Bush Administration	
	Number	Dollar Amount	Number Accepted	Dollar Amount	Percent Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
1993	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	8	\$242,825,643
1992	128	7,879,473,690	26	2,067,546,000	20	131	22,526,953,054
1991	30	4,859,251,000	8	286,419,000	27	26	1,420,467,000
1990	11	554,258,000	0	---	0	71	2,304,986,000
1989	0	0	0	---	0	11	325,913,000
TOTAL	169	\$13,292,982,690	34	\$2,353,965,000	20	247	\$ 26,821,144,697

**RESCISSIONS BY PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT**
(continued)

Fiscal Year	Rescissions proposed by President Reagan		Presidential proposals accepted by Congress			Rescissions initiated by Congress During Reagan Administration	
	Number	Dollar Amount	Number Accepted	Dollar Amount	Percent Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
1989	6	\$143,100,000	1	\$2,053,000	17	0	\$0
1988	0	0	0	0	0	61	3,868,663,000
1987	73	5,835,800,000	2	36,000,000	3	52	12,359,390,875
1986	83	10,126,900,000	4	143,210,000	5	7	5,409,410,000
1985	245	1,856,087,000	98	173,689,000	40	12	5,458,821,000
1984	9	636,400,000	3	55,375,000	33	7	2,188,689,000
1983	21	1,569,000,000	0	0	0	11	310,805,000
1982	32	7,807,400,000	5	4,365,486,000	16	5	48,432,000
1981	133	15,361,900,000	101	10,860,935,550	76	43	3,736,480,600
TOTAL	602	\$43,436,597,000	214	\$15,666,788,550	36	198	\$33,400,301,275

**RESCISSIONS BY PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT**
(continued)

Fiscal Year	Rescissions proposed by President Carter		Presidential proposals accepted by Congress			Rescissions Initiated by Congress During the Carter Administration	
	Number	Dollar Amount	Number Accepted	Dollar Amount	Percent Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
1981	33	\$1,142,384,000	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
1980	59	1,618,100,000	34	777,698,446	58	33	3,238,206,100
1979	11	908,700,000	9	723,609,000	82	1	47,500,000
1978	12	1,290,100,000	5	518,655,000	42	4	87,184,000
1977	7	791,552,000	2	96,090,000	29	3	172,722,943
TOTAL	89	\$4,608,452,000	50	\$2,116,050,446	56	41	\$3,525,593,043

Note: The 33 rescissions proposed in 1981 by President Carter were converted to deferrals by President Reagan in his Fifth Special Message of Fiscal Year 1981, dated February 13, 1981.

Fiscal Year	Rescissions proposed by President Ford		Presidential proposals accepted by Congress			Rescissions Initiated by Congress During Ford Administration	
	Number	Dollar Amount	Number Accepted	Dollar Amount	Percent Accepted	Number	Dollar Amount
1977	13	\$1,135,378,000	7	\$717,600,000	54	0	\$0
1976	50	3,582,000,000	7	148,331,000	14	0	0
1975	87	2,722,000,000	38	386,295,370	44	1	4,999,704
1974	2	495,635,000	0	0	0	3	1,400,412,000
TOTAL	152	\$7,935,013,000	52	\$1,252,226,370	34	4	\$1,405,411,704