



**Comptroller General
of the United States**

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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 compilation of historical information and statistics regarding rescissions proposed by the Executive branch and rescissions enacted by the Congress which we supplied you on April 30, 1992. These statistics were prepared in accordance with the same scope and methodology used in compiling our April 30 tables. See B-246096.8, April 30, 1992 (attachment). Enclosed are the following documents:

- an updated table showing from 1974 to the present: (1) the aggregate number and amount of rescissions proposed by the President, (2) the aggregate number and amount of those proposals enacted by the Congress, (3) the aggregate number and amount of rescissions initiated by the Congress, and (4) the total number of rescissions enacted and the total amount of budget authority rescinded, with grand totals for each category (Attachment I); and
- an updated table showing by Administration, from 1974 to the present, the aggregate number and amount of rescissions proposed by the President and enacted (Attachment II).

I trust you will find this information useful.

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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AND ENACTED RESCISSIONS
FISCAL YEARS 1974 - 1993**

(All legislative action through December 11, 1992)

Fiscal year	Rescissions proposed by president	Dollar amount proposed by president for rescission	Proposals accepted by Congress	Dollar amount of proposals enacted by Congress	Rescissions initiated by Congress	Dollar amount of rescissions initiated by Congress	Total rescissions enacted	Total dollar amount of budget authority rescinded
1993	0	\$0	0	\$0	8	\$242,825,643	8	\$242,825,643
1992	128	7,879,473,690	26	2,067,546,000	131	22,526,953,054	157	24,594,499,054
1991	30	4,859,251,000	8	286,419,000	26	1,420,467,000	34 ^a	1,706,886,000
1990	11	554,258,000	0	0	71	2,304,986,000	71	2,304,986,000
1989	6	143,100,000	1	2,053,000	11	325,913,000	12	327,966,000
1988	0	0	0	0	61	3,888,663,000	61	3,888,663,000
1987	73	5,835,800,000	2	36,000,000	52	12,359,390,675	54	12,395,390,675
1986	83	10,126,900,000	4	143,210,000	7	5,409,410,000	11	5,552,620,000
1985	245	1,856,087,000	98	173,699,000	12	5,458,621,000	110	5,632,320,000
1984	9	636,400,000	3	55,375,000	7	2,188,689,000	10	2,244,064,000
1983	21	1,569,000,000	0	0	11	310,605,000	11	310,605,000
1982	32	7,907,400,000	5	4,365,486,000	5	48,432,000	10	4,413,918,000
1981	133	15,361,900,000	101 ^b	10,880,935,550	43	3,736,490,600	144	14,617,426,150
1980	59	1,618,100,000	34	777,696,446	33	3,238,206,100	67	4,015,902,546
1979	11	908,700,000	9	723,609,000	1	47,500,000	10	771,109,000
1978	12	1,290,100,000	5	518,655,000	4	67,164,000	9	585,819,000
1977	20	1,926,930,000	9	813,690,000	3	172,722,943	12	986,412,943
1976	50	3,582,000,000	7	148,331,000	0	0	7	148,331,000
1975	87	2,722,000,000	38	386,295,370	1	4,999,704	39	391,295,074
1974	2	495,635,000	0	0	3	1,400,412,000	3	1,400,412,000
Total: 1974 - 1993	1,012	\$69,273,034,690	350	\$21,379,000,366	490	\$65,152,450,719	840	\$86,531,451,065^c

a. The Military Construction Appropriations Act of 1991 approved 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 totalling about \$41 million were not approved.

b. Thirty-three rescissions proposed by President Carter and totalling over \$1.1 billion are not included in this table. These rescission proposals were converted to deferrals by President Reagan in his Fifth Special Message for Fiscal Year 1981 dated February 13, 1981.

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

**RESCISSIONS BY PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT**

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	24,526,953,054
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	\$ 28,821,144,697

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	3,888,663,000
1987	73	5,835,800,000	2	36,000,000	3	52	12,359,390,675
1986	83	10,126,900,000	4	143,210,000	5	7	5,409,410,000
1985	245	1,956,087,000	98	173,699,000	40	12	5,458,621,000
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	310,605,000
1982	32	7,907,400,000	5	4,365,486,000	16	5	48,432,000
1981	133	15,361,900,000	101	10,880,935,550	76	43	3,736,490,600
TOTAL	802	\$43,436,587,000	214	\$15,656,758,550	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	\$1,142,364,000	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
1980	59	1,618,100,000	34	777,696,446	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	67,164,000
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