

# BANKRUPTING AMERICA

## Budget And Spending Fact Sheet: Historical Facts

### *Accounting for Accountability*

#### **In The Last 35 Years, Congress Has Met Its Budget Deadline 6 Times**

“The congressional budget timetable sets April 15 as a target date for completing action on the annual budget resolution (prior to 1986, the date was May 15).” (Bill Heniff, Jr. And Justin Murray, “Congressional Budget Resolutions: Historical Information,” Congressional Research Service, 1/29/10)

- ✓ “During the past 35 years, Congress has completed action on the budget resolution by the date set forth in the timetable only six times, most recently in 2003 with the FY2004 budget resolution. Budget resolutions have been adopted, on average, almost 37 days after the target date.” (Bill Heniff, Jr. And Justin Murray, “Congressional Budget Resolutions: Historical Information,” Congressional Research Service, 1/29/10)

#### **In The Last 12 Years, We’ve Gone Without A Budget 4 Times**

“Congress has adopted 39 budget resolutions during the 35 years that the congressional budget process has been in effect.” (Bill Heniff, Jr. And Justin Murray, “Congressional Budget Resolutions: Historical Information,” Congressional Research Service, 1/29/10)

- ✓ “At least one budget resolution has been adopted every year except 1998 (for FY1999), 2002 (for FY2003), 2004 (for FY2005), and 2006 (for FY2007).” (Bill Heniff, Jr. And Justin Murray, “Congressional Budget Resolutions: Historical Information,” Congressional Research Service, 1/29/10)

#### **Dates Of Final Congressional Adoption Of The Annual Budget Resolution:**

Fiscal Year	Date Adopted	Fiscal Year	Date Adopted
1981	06-12-1980	1996	06-29-1995
1982	05-21-1981	1997	06-13-1996
1983	06-23-1982	1998	06-05-1997
1984	06-23-1983	1999	[none]
1985	10-01-1984	2000	04-15-1999
1986	08-01-1985	2001	04-13-2000
1987	06-27-1986	2002	05-10-2001
1988	06-24-1987	2003	[none]
1989	06-06-1988	2004	04-11-2003
1990	05-18-1989	2005	[none]
1991	10-09-1990	2006	04-28-2005
1992	05-22-1991	2007	[none]
1993	05-21-1992	2008	05-17-2007
1994	04-01-1993	2009	06-05-2008
1995	05-12-1994	2010	04-29-2009

(Bill Heniff, Jr. And Justin Murray, “Congressional Budget Resolutions: Historical Information,” Congressional Research Service, 1/29/10)