

## S 1274

### Biennial Appropriations Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jun 23, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget. (Jun 23, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1274>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]   | R · GA        |      | Jun 23, 2011 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]   | D · NH        |      | Jun 23, 2011 |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | D · DE        |      | Jul 20, 2011 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee        | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Budget Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 23, 2011 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 112 HR 114  | Related bill | <b>Jan 24, 2012:</b> Subcommittee Hearings Held.  |
| 112 HR 3669 | Related bill | <b>Dec 14, 2011:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Oversight and Government Reform, and Ways and Means, 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. |
| 112 HR 3577 | Related bill | <b>Dec 7, 2011:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.                  |
| 112 HR 3082 | Related bill | <b>Nov 2, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management.  |
| 112 S 211   | Related bill | <b>Jan 27, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.  |

Biennial Appropriations Act - Amends the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require biennial (instead of annual) appropriations Acts, with the exception of annual defense appropriation bills.

Defines the budget biennium as the two consecutive fiscal years beginning on October 1.

Requires the committees of the House and Senate with legislative jurisdiction over an agency, in each year that the agency's activities are not required to be funded, to hold a joint oversight hearing on the impact of biennial budgeting on the agency with the corresponding subcommittee of the respective Committee on Appropriations with jurisdiction over the agency.

Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to: (1) determine the impact and feasibility of changing the definition of a fiscal year and the budget process based on that definition to a two-year fiscal period with a biennial budget process based on such period, and (2) report the findings to the House and Senate Budget Committees.

### **Actions Timeline**

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