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### THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS

The **process** for building the **budget** is set forth in the Congressional **Budget** and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. The act has been amended several times – measures such as the Balanced **Budget** and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (commonly known as Gramm-Rudman-Hollings) and the **Budget** Enforcement Act of 1990 made significant amendments to it – but the 1974 legislation remains the basic blueprint for