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CBO: Budget Deal Adds Approximately \$320 Billion to Deficit

President Donald Trump signed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 into law shortly after passage in the House and Senate, ending a brief shutdown. Over the next two years, the budget deal hikes funding for defense by \$165 billion beyond the current spending caps, and funding for domestic programs is increased by \$131 billion beyond the caps. CBO estimates that these changes will increase outlays by \$290 billion over ten years. The deal also includes nearly \$90 billion in budget authority for disaster relief, which CBO says would increase outlays by \$68 billion.

In total, CBO estimates that the bill will increase the deficit by \$320 billion over the ten-year budget window, not including additional interest costs.

Major elements of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018

■ DEFICIT INCREASE ■ DEFECIT REDUCTION

