Extent

69 folders, approximately 3,759 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records relating to the passing of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. The collection contains talking points, draft language, schedules, meeting attendees and agendas, outreach planning and coordination, correspondence indicating support or opposition to specific tax or spending changes, budget negotiation language, budget plan comparisons, and discussions of the expected impacts of budget changes over time.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2020-0466-F (Segment 1) are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related material. Previously processed records relevant to this topic can be found in FOIA collections 2017-1072-F and 2020-0557-F (Segment 2). The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 originated from a budget proposal made by President Clinton in February 1993, a month after taking office, which combined strategic tax increases and spending reductions to cut the national deficit in half by 1997. After months of negotiations, the bill was passed by a very slim margin in both the House and Senate. Not a single Republican voted in favor of it, and some Democrats voted against it, as well. The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 was signed into law by President Bill Clinton August 10, 1993. The act raised fuel taxes, increased both the corporate income tax rate and the top federal income tax rate, and incorporated $255 billion in federal spending cuts over the planned five-year period. As a result, in 1998 the United States federal government experienced its first budget surplus since 1969. This collection contains records relating to the draft language, promotion, negotiations, and signing of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. These include talking points, schedules, meeting

attendees and agendas, outreach planning and coordination, correspondence indicating support or opposition to specific tax or spending changes, budget plan comparisons, and discussions of the expected impacts of budget changes over time.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas—Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: White House Staff and Office Files. The White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) contains a variety of series created to organize and track documents and correspondence. The WHORM Alpha file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management from 1993 – 1996 and is a series of documents arranged by name of persons, organizations, or events. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. In addition, there are WHORM, WHORM Counsel, WHORM (CL), WHORM (OP), WHORM (Too Late); WHORM (Various Offices); and WHORM (Alpha Project) series. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. FOIA 2020-0466-F (segment 1) includes WHORM records from these subject codes: BE Business - Economics CM010 Petroleum (Gas - Oil) FI004 Budget - Appropriations FI010-01 Excise Tax - Estate - Gift - Excess Profit HE Health IS001 Accident – Hospital – Medical – Health – Medicare – Unemployment WE012 Family.

Access

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Provenance

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Budget Reconciliation Bill Lists [OA/ID 5141]
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