

**The Honest Budget Act Would End Gimmicks That
Enabled Billions in Deficit Spending Since 2005**
(Budget Authority in billions of dollars)

<u>Gimmick:</u>	<u>Since 2005</u>
Routine Emergency Designations ¹	213
Cost Estimating Under the Credit Reform Act ²	55
CHiMPs That Don't Save Money in Appropriations Bills.....	88
Rescissions that Don't Save Money.....	25
Phony Pay Freeze for Federal Workers.....	2
Timing Shifts.....	4
Non-scoring General Fund Transfers for Highways.....	<u>35</u>
Deficit Spending Enabled Since 2005.....	422

Note: this list is not exhaustive

¹--Includes both emergency and disaster relief designations, but excludes overseas contingency operations and the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus).

²--Estimate is for 2012 only. CBO has not provided estimates for prior years.