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How the Defense Budget Dropped

The Drop in Budget Authority (in current \$ billions)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1994-98
July 1990 baseline	288.0	296.4	304.5	312.9	321.5	1,523.3
Bush final January 1993	275.5	278.0	278.3	284.6	293.4	1,409.8
Clinton February 1993	263.7	262.8	253.8	248.4	254.2	1,282.9
House budget resolution	263.2	262.0	253.1	247.6	253.4	1,279.3
Senate budget resolution	263.9	263.3	254.4	248.9	254.7	1,285.2
Final budget resolution	263.4	262.4	253.6	248.1	253.9	1,281.4
Clinton March 27	263.4	261.1	253.7	246.0	253.9	1,278.1

In July 1990, President Bush and Congress agreed on a budget baseline for defense through 1998. This baseline has been the starting point for subsequent cuts.

The Drop in Outlays (in current \$ billions)

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1994-98
July 1990 baseline	289.6	293.8	299.8	306.5	313.8	1,503.5
Bush final January 1993	284.4	284.3	284.6	286.5	289.0	1,428.8
Clinton February 1993	277.7	272.6	264.9	249.1	252.7	1,317.0
House budget resolution	276.5	271.9	264.2	248.4	251.9	1,312.9
Senate budget resolution	277.8	273.0	265.4	249.6	253.2	1,319.0
Final budget resolution	277.0	272.1	264.7	248.9	252.4	1,315.1
Clinton March 27	276.9	270.9	264.7	246.9	252.5	1,311.9

Sources: "A Vision of Change for America," Clinton report to Congress, Feb. 17, 1993; House and Senate budget resolutions, 1993; Aspin-Clinton budget proposal, Department of Defense, March 27, 1993. All numbers refer to the total defense program.