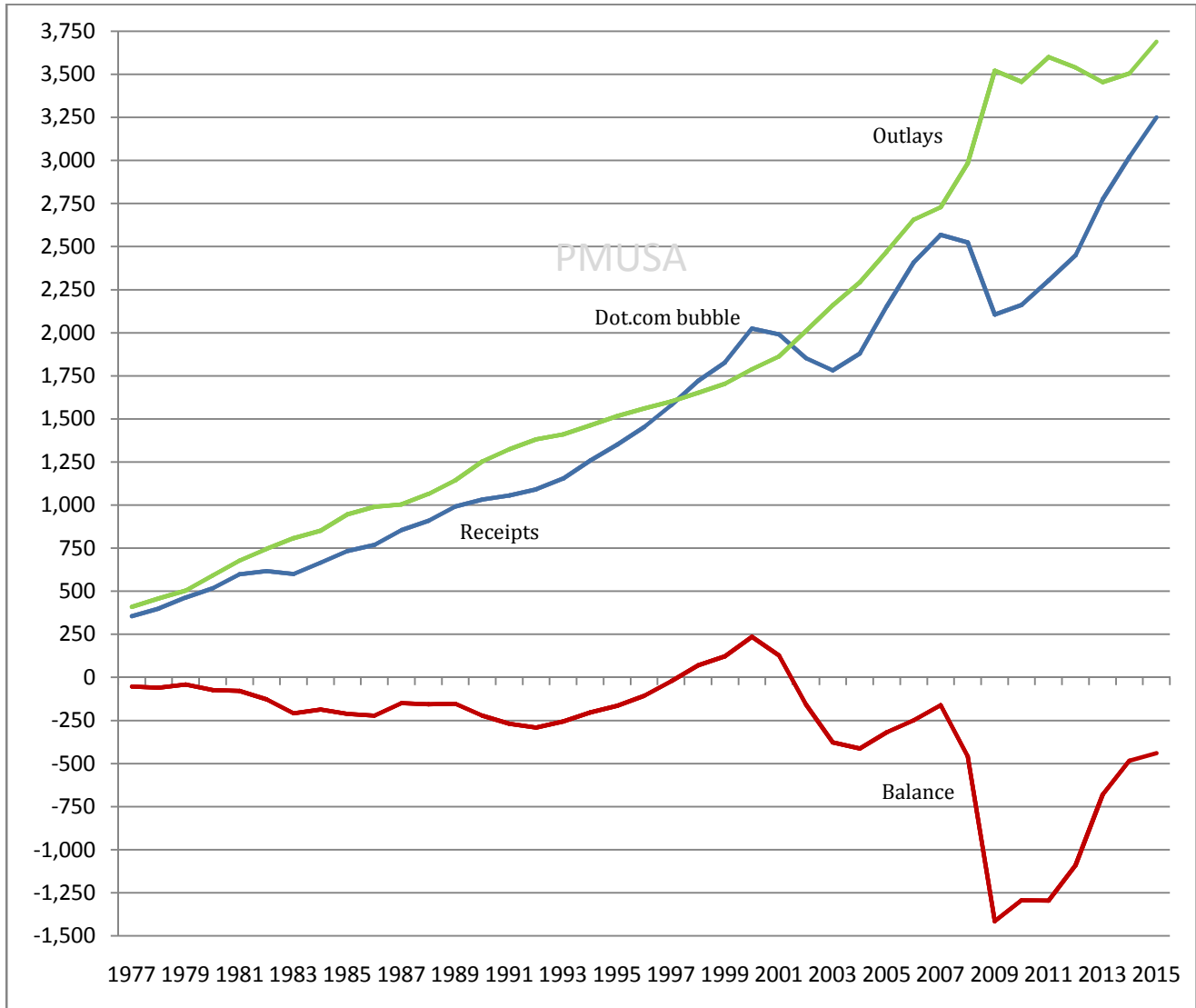


FEDERAL RECIEPTS, OUTLAYS, BALANCE 1977-2015 (\$BILLIONS)



(Source: U.S. Dept of Treasury)

FY 2017 Budget Balance (\$ billions)

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
-44.2	-137	-28	51.3								

This chart shows the repeated failure by Presidents and members of Congress to properly manage America's fiscal policy over the past 37 years. The trend in all three components in this chart is glaringly obvious; worse. At the end of 2014 total outstanding U.S. debt was just over \$18 TRILLION. Three things stand out in this chart. First, outlays keep rising and rising. Second, receipts keep rising and rising. 2014 saw the federal government take in the most tax revenue on record: \$3 trillion. Third, notice during the surplus years of 1997-2000 spending never dropped. The surplus Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich like to brag about was totally a result of increased revenues from the Dot.com bubble and higher tax rates. The Congressional Budget Office projects yearly deficits through 2025 adding another \$7 trillion to the U.S. federal debt burden. This is now a serious national security problem. President Obama's 2015 budget does nothing to reverse the trend, and the rhetoric from Republican and Democrat leaders in Congress doesn't indicate any change in spending either. *The Treasury Statement, showing outlays, receipts, and balance, is released on a monthly basis.*