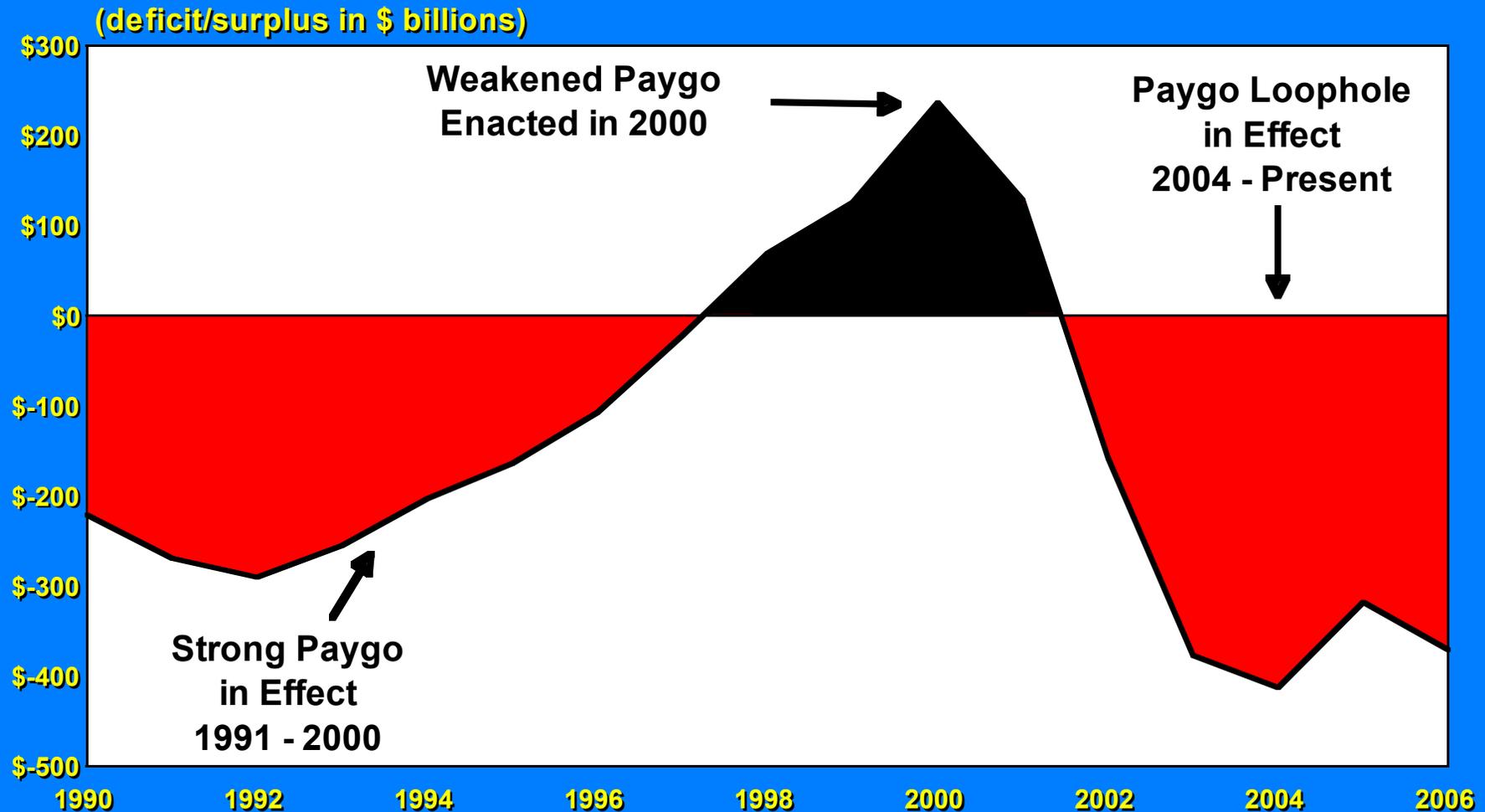


Strong Paygo Rule Helped Turn Deficits to Surplus in 1990's



Note: FY 2000 GOP budget resolution weakened Senate paygo rule to allow on-budget surpluses to offset tax cuts and spending increases. GOP blocked renewal of statutory paygo at end of FY 2002. FY 2004 GOP budget resolution further weakened Senate paygo rule by exempting all tax cuts and spending increases in any budget resolution.

Source: CBO