The Appropriations & Budget Process

The White House
President's Budget

House Authorizing Committees:
Agriculture
Education and Labor
Energy and Commerce
Financial Services
Foreign Affairs
Government Reform
Homeland Security
House Administration
Judiciary
Natural Resources
Science & Technology
Select Intelligence
Small Business
Transportation & Infrastructure
Veterans' Affairs
Ways & Means
Select Energy Ind. & Global Warming

Senate Authorizing Committees:
Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
Armed Services
Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
Commerce, Science & Transportation
Energy & Natural Resources
Environment & Public Works
Finance
Foreign Relations
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
Homeland Security & Government Affairs
Indian Affairs
Judiciary
Rules & Administration
Select Intelligence
Small Business
Special Aging
Veterans' Affairs

CBO
- Reestimates President's Budget
- Baseline

House & Senate Budget Committees
- Hold Hearings

House & Senate Budget Committees
- Each Committee holds a markup and reports out the concurrent resolution on the budget

House & Senate Floors
- Consider amendments
- Votes to pass the Budget Resolution

Budget Resolution Conference Report
- House & Senate vote to pass conference report
- Conference report includes: 302 (a) spending allocations; reconciliation instructions

House & Senate Budget Committees
- Package Reconciliation language from Authorizing Committees
- Report Out reconciliation bill

House & Senate Floors
- Consider Amendments
- Pass Reconciliation bill and send to conference

Reconciliation Bill Conference Report
- House & Senate vote to adopt conference report and send to President for signature

White House
- Signed by President or allowed to become law without signature

White House
- Vetoed by President Bill Returned to House of origin

House & Senate
- Requires 2/3 vote to override veto in each chamber

16 House & 16 Senate
Authorizing Committees
- Hold hearings

16 House & 16 Senate
Authorizing Committees
- Each holds a markup & reports out authorization legislation

House and Senate Floors
- Consider amendments
- Votes to pass each authorization bill and sent to conference

Authorization Bill Conference Report
- House and Senate vote to adopt conference report and send to President for signature

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Laws
- Setting mandatory spending revenue levels
- Setting levels authorized to be appropriated

House & Senate
- Requires 2/3 vote to override vote in each chamber

House & Senate Appropriations Committees
- Views & estimates
- Full committees make 302 (b) suballocations to their respective 12 subcommittees

House & Senate Appropriations Committees (12)
Agriculture and Rural Development
Food and Drug Administration, Commerce, Justice and Science
Defense
Energy & Water Development
Financial Services
Homeland Security
Interior and Environment
Labor, HHS and Education
Legislative Branch
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs
State and Foreign Operations
Transportation, Treasury and Housing & Urban Development

12 House & Senate Appropriations Subcommittees
- Hold Hearings

12 House & Senate Appropriations Subcommittees
- Each holds a markup & reports out appropriations legislation

House & Senate Floors
- Consider amendments
- Vote to adopt 12 appropriations bills and send to conference

Appropriations bill Conference Reports
- Adopt 12 conference reports and send to President for signature

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White House
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House & Senate
- Requires 2/3 vote to override in each chamber

Continuing Resolution (CR) Needed if:
- Failure to pass 12 appropriations bills
- Failure to overturn a veto

House & Senate Floors
- Consider amendments
- Vote to pass the CR and send to conference

CR Conference Committee
- House & Senate vote to adopt conference report and sent to President for signature

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White House
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House & Senate
- Requires 2/3 vote to override in each chamber

Executive Branch
Congressional Budget Office
Authorizing Committees
Budget Committees
Appropriations Committees