

# Federal Budget &

# Appropriations



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Congress annually considers several appropriations measures providing discretionary funding for numerous activities—such as national defense, education, homeland security, and environment—as well as general government operations.

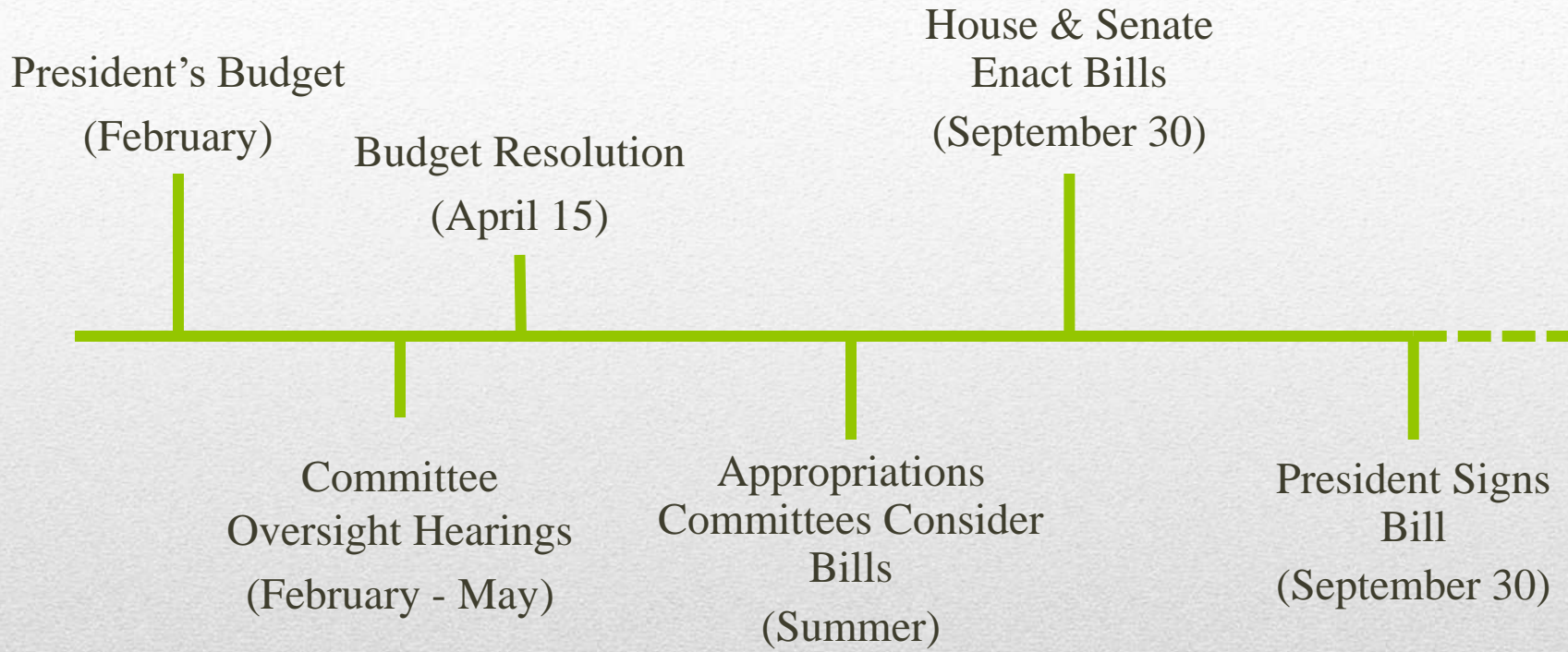
Appropriations acts are characteristically annual

Generally provide funding authority that expires at the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30.

# **Congress and Discretionary Spending**

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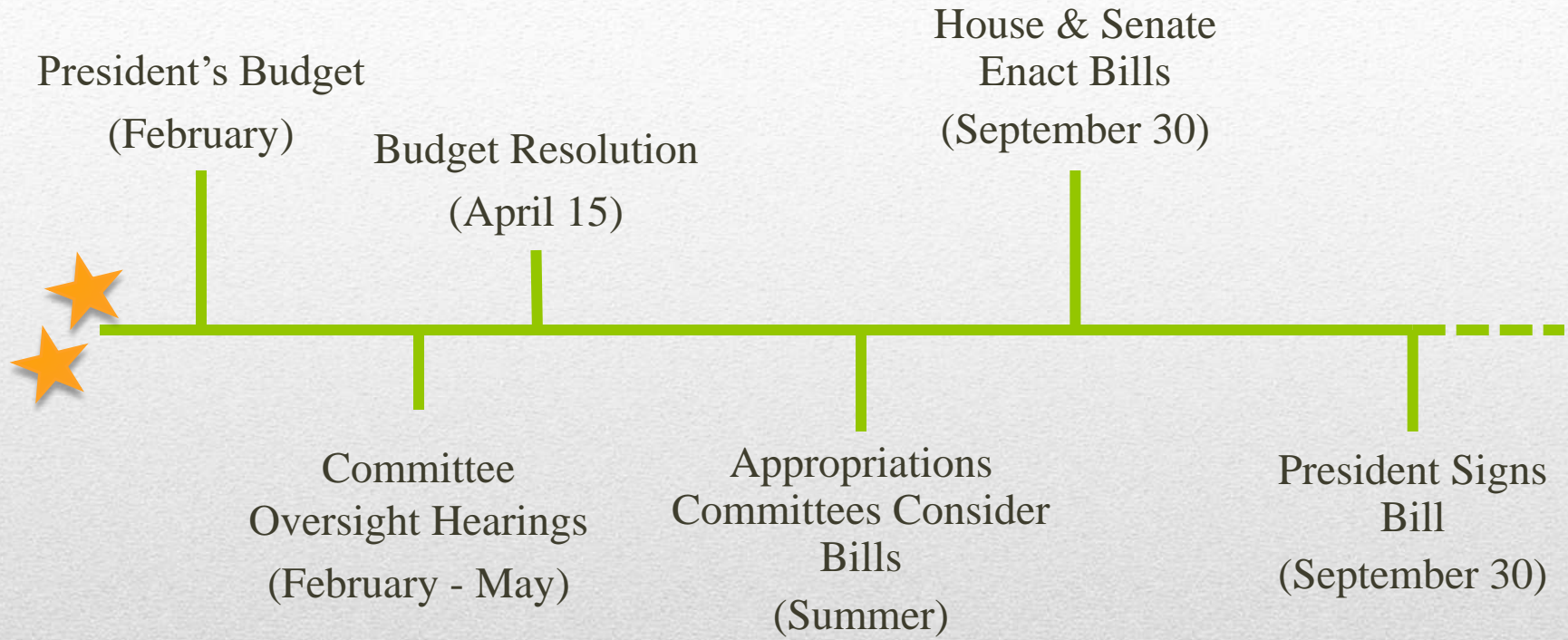
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Negotiations take place for months within administration:

- Office of Management & Budget
  - PADs and DADs
- Council on Environmental Quality
- Agencies: USFS, USDA, DOI, etc.

**OMB, CEQ, Agencies**

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August - January



# Office of Management and Budget

## BUDGET

President's Message

The Budget

Overview

Analytical Perspectives

Historical Tables

Supplemental Materials

Appendix

OMB Contributors to the Budget

Agency Fact Sheets

## The President's Budget: Fact Sheets on Key Issues

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- The President's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget: Overview
- Empowering All Americans with the Education and Skills They Need
- Advancing Economic Opportunity and Mobility
- Investing in American Innovation
- Investing in American Infrastructure
- Advancing Clean Energy Domestically and Abroad and Taking Action on Climate Change
- Investing in America's Treasured Landscapes: Conserving Natural Resources and the

- USDA Forest Service Budget:
  - <http://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/budget-performance>

# President's Budget



February

President's Budget

(February)

Budget Resolution

(April 15)

House & Senate  
Enact Bills

(September 30)

Committee  
Oversight Hearings  
(February - May)

Appropriations  
Committees Consider  
Bills  
(Summer)

President Signs  
Bill  
(September 30)

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- Oversight Hearings (any committee of jurisdiction)
  - Administration defends budget/Congress critiques budget
  - Public involvement:
    - testimony/group letters/public witness day
  - Member requests
- Budget Resolution

# Congressional Process Begins

Spring



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The U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Chairman Hal Rogers

"No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law" US Constitution Article I, Section 9, Clause 7

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GO

- 12 Appropriations Bills
  - Work with committee staff
  - Continue to advocate funding levels
  - Consider report language  Amendment process
- House and Senate pass separate bills
- **Conferenced Appropriations bill** by September 30
- Signed by President by midnight September 30

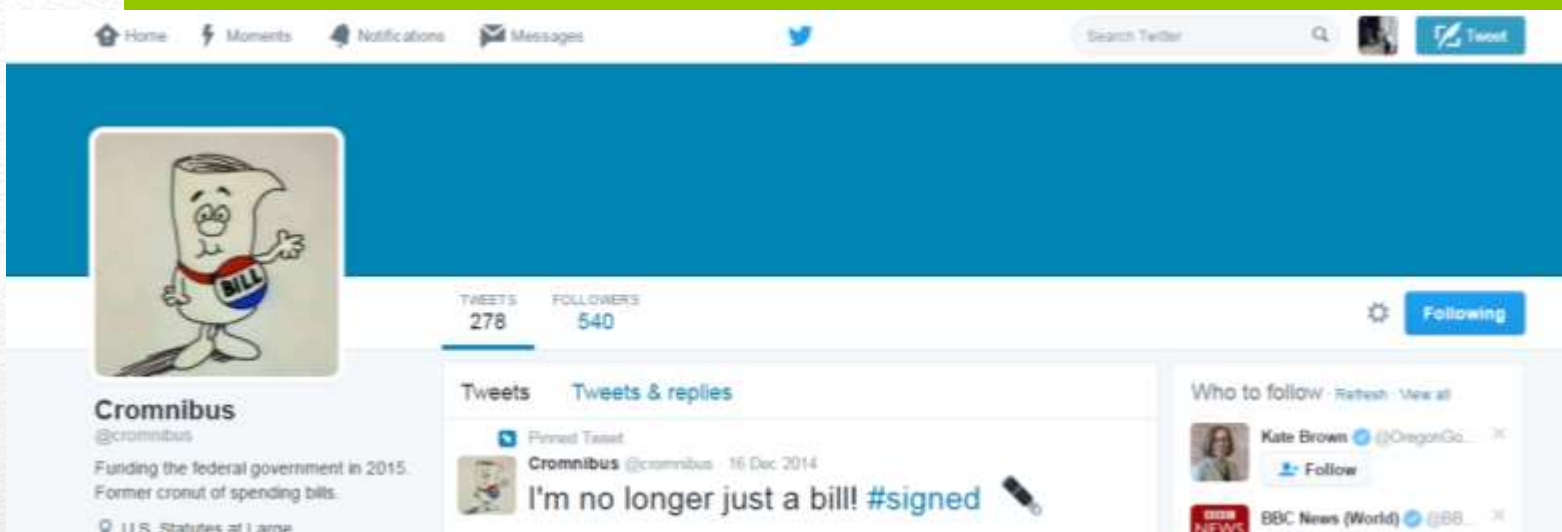
# Approps Committees Consider Bills

Summer – September 30

**Never. Happens. Anymore!**

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- Continuing Resolutions (CRs)
- Omnibus
- Cromnibus
- Government Shutdown

**Never. Happens. Anymore!**

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## THOMAS

In the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, legislative information from the Library of Congress

- THOMAS Home
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- Bills, Resolutions
- Congressional Record
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### Legislation in Current Congress

#### Search Bill Summary & Status

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**CONGRESS.GOV**

No Longer "Beta"

- Thomas LOC: <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>
  - All appropriations bills from House and Senate
  - All report language
  - Every CR and more
  - Going back to FY1998

# Bills Posted on Thomas

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- Spending Instructions
- Directives
- Spending Restrictions

Agencies are not legally bound to report language, but generally follow them as though it's law...unless they don't.

# Report Language

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## QUESTIONS?

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