The Budget Process and Time Line

- President's budget submitted to Congress
  - House Budget Committee formulates Budget Resolution
    - House floor votes
  - Senate Budget Committee formulates Budget Resolution
    - Senate floor votes

- Budget Conference Committee reports out the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget
  - House floor votes
  - Senate floor votes

- Concurrent Resolution is not signed by the President but is an agreement between the House and Senate on how much money will be spent this budget year. Funds are then allocated to each appropriations subcommittee and reconciliation instructions (optional) are sent to relevant authorizing committees

- House authorizing committees report changes in law to comply with budget resolution (Budget Reconciliation)
  - House: 12 separate appropriations bills
    - 12 House votes
  - Senate: 12 separate appropriations bills
    - 12 Senate votes

- Senate authorizing committees' recommendations submitted to the Senate Budget Committee

- House Appropriations Committee reports appropriations measures to comply with budget resolution (Allocations)
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- House vote on reconciliation
  - 12 Conference Committees
  - House vote on each Conference Report
  - Senate vote on each Conference Report

- The President may sign or veto the bills

- Budget Reconciliation Conference Committee sub-conferences are held by authorizing committees

- House vote on Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
  - Senate vote on Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

- The President may sign or veto Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act