Federal Appropriations Process

GOVERNMENT Proposed **RELATIONS** Timeframe **PRESIDENT SUBMITS February BUDGET TO CONGRESS** HOUSE **SENATE** The traditional time line for the **Budget Committee Budget Committee** annual formulates and votes formulates and votes appropriations on resolution on resolution cycle begins in early February when the President sends the budget Full House vote Full Senate vote request to Congress and wraps once the **Budget** President signs Conference & each of the 12 Resolution appropriations bills into law by the end of the Full House votes on Full Senate votes on fiscal year on budget resolution budget resolution September 30th. However, this process rarely House **Senate** finishes on **Appropriations Appropriations** schedule. Committee **Committee** If the appropriations **Appropriations** divides **Appropriations** divides bills aren't budget into separate bills budget into separate bills finalized by the among 12 subcommittees. among 12 subcommittees. end of the fiscal **Each subcommittee holds Each subcommittee holds** year, Congress will hearings, markups and a hearings, markups and a need to pass one vote vote or more continuing resolution bills **Full Committee Full Committee** (CR) to extend Markup & Vote Markup & Vote government funding for several weeks or months to avoid a Conference **Full House Votes Full Senate Votes** government **Committee Reports** on Each Bill on Each Bill shutdown until Conference lawmakers can Bill reach an agreement on final funding levels. Vote on Vote on Conference Conference Report Report PRESIDENT SIGNS BUDGET INTO LAW September