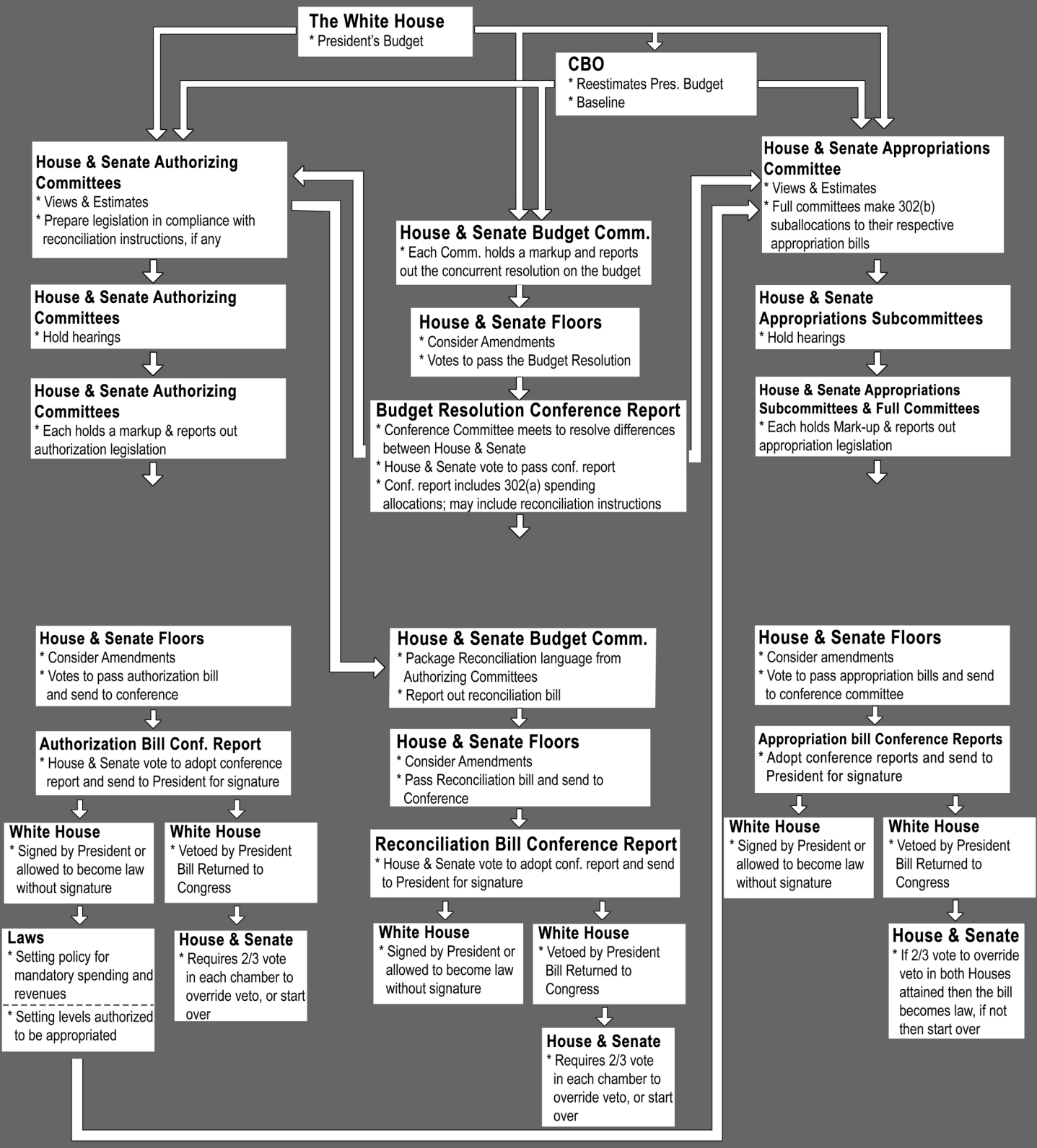


The Budget & Appropriations Process



The White House

* President's Budget

CBO

* Reestimates Pres. Budget
* Baseline

House & Senate Authorizing Committees

* Views & Estimates
* Prepare legislation in compliance with reconciliation instructions, if any

House & Senate Authorizing Committees

* Hold hearings

House & Senate Authorizing Committees

* Each holds a markup & reports out authorization legislation

House & Senate Floors

* Consider Amendments
* Votes to pass authorization bill and send to conference

Authorization Bill Conf. 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 Congress

Laws

* Setting policy for mandatory spending and revenues
* Setting levels authorized to be appropriated

House & Senate

* Requires 2/3 vote in each chamber to override veto, or start over

House & Senate Budget Comm.

* Each Comm. 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

* Conference Committee meets to resolve differences between House & Senate
* House & Senate vote to pass conf. report
* Conf. report includes 302(a) spending allocations; may include reconciliation instructions

House & Senate Budget Comm.

* 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 conf. report and send to President for signature

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House & Senate

* Requires 2/3 vote in each chamber to override veto, or start over

House & Senate Appropriations Committee

* Views & Estimates
* Full committees make 302(b) suballocations to their respective appropriation bills

House & Senate Appropriations Subcommittees

* Hold hearings

House & Senate Appropriations Subcommittees & Full Committees

* Each holds Markup & reports out appropriation legislation

House & Senate Floors

* Consider amendments
* Vote to pass appropriation bills and send to conference committee

Appropriation bill Conference Reports

* Adopt conference reports and send to President for signature

White House

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White House

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House & Senate

* If 2/3 vote to override veto in both Houses attained then the bill becomes law, if not then start over