

# Congressional Update

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**WID Tennessee Valley Chapter Workshop**

**October 14, 2009**

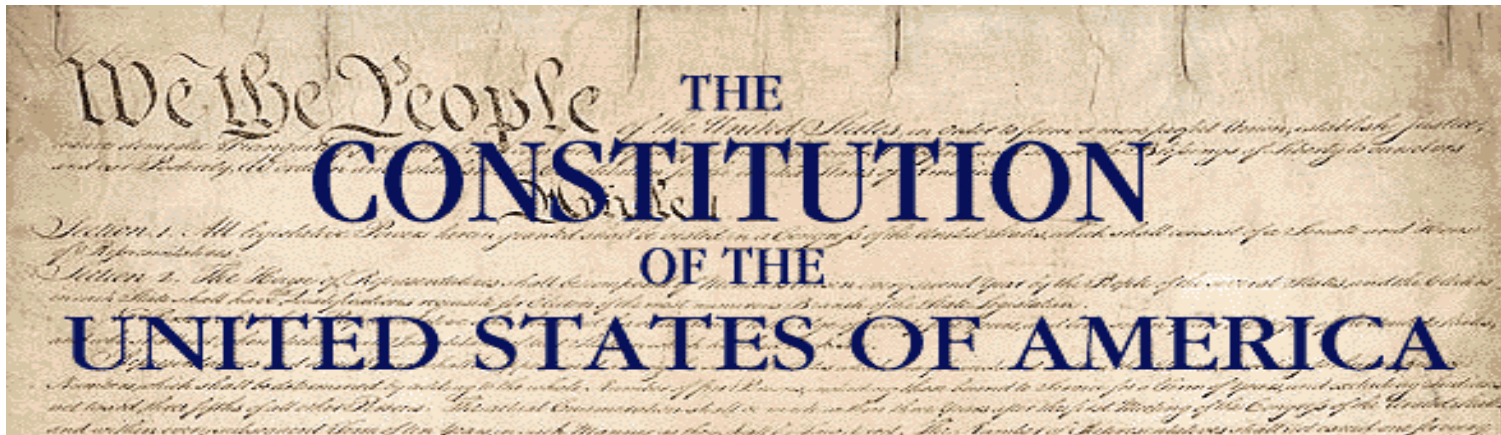
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*Professional Staff Member, House Armed Services Committee*

# Why is Congress Always in My Business?

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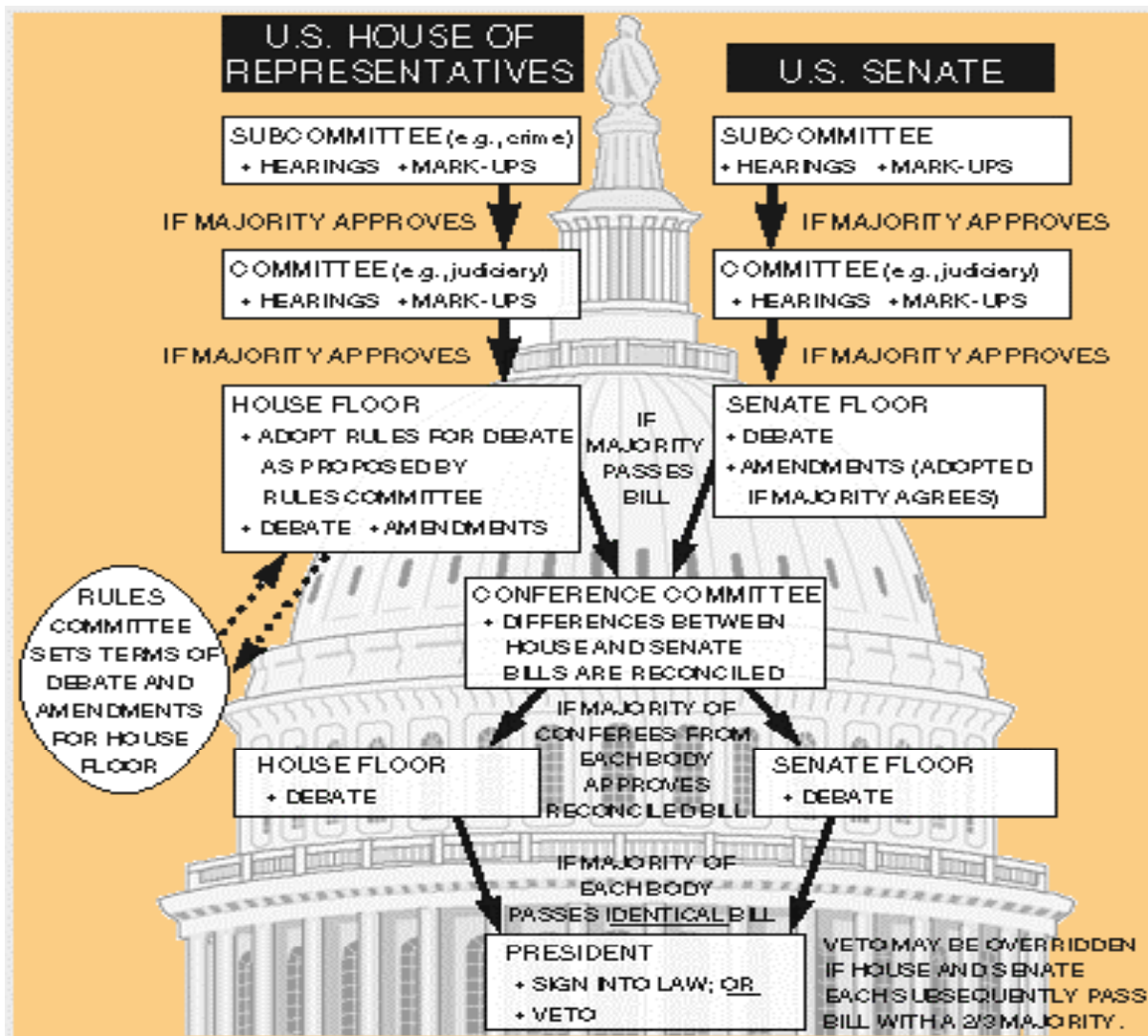


## ***Article I, Section 8***

***The Congress shall have power to declare war ... raise and support armies ... provide and maintain a navy ... make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces.***

**It's the law!**

# Legislative Schedule



**Budget delivered first Monday in February**

**February – May**

**Member request letters due mid-March**

**May – June**

**May – July**

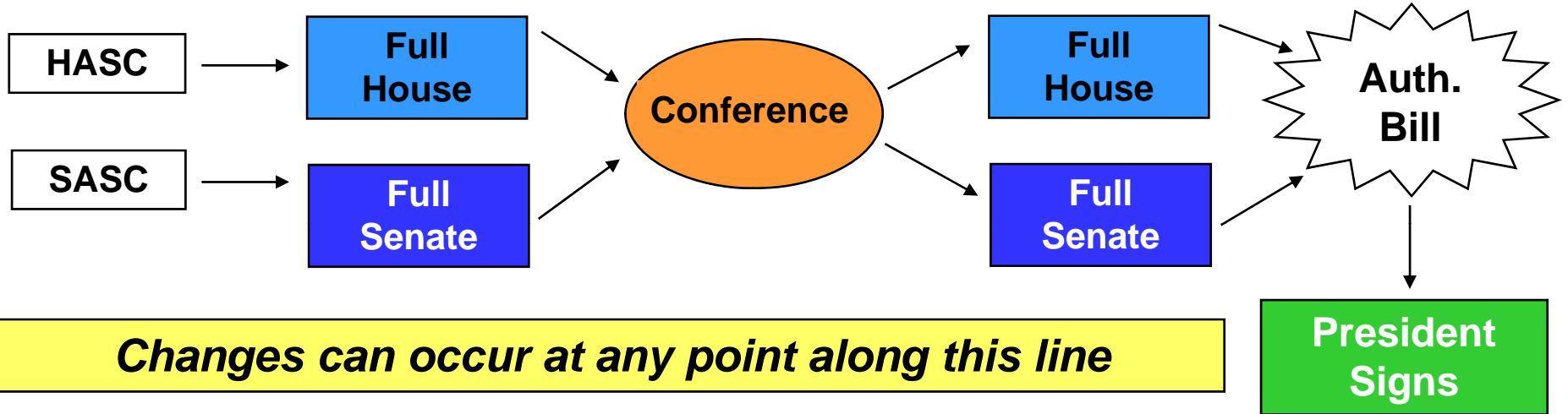
**July – September (August recess)**

**September**

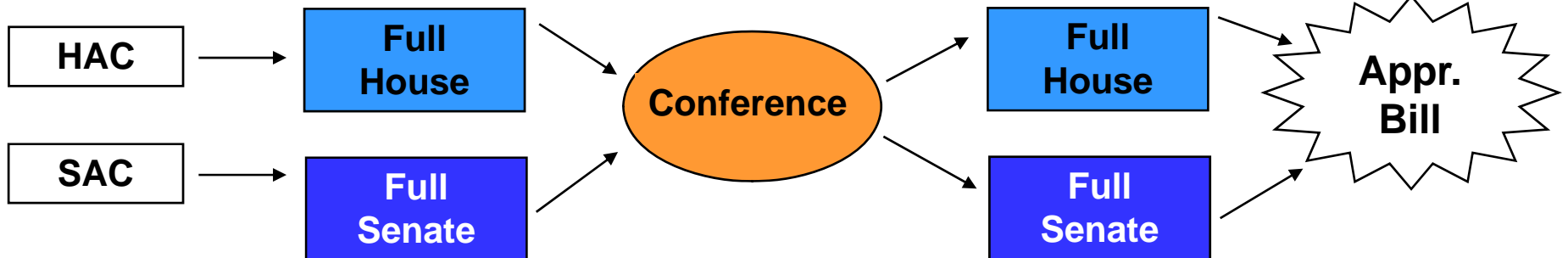
**By September 30; otherwise, Continuing Resolution (CR)**

# How Our Laws Are Made

## Authorization Bill



## Appropriations Bill



# FY10 NDAA

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- **Conference report passed the House Oct. 8 by vote of 281-146**
- **Senate action expected this week**
- **Authorizes \$550.2 billion in budget authority**
  - **Plus \$130 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations**
- **Promotes committee's main policy objectives:**
  - **Restoring military readiness**
  - **Taking care of our troops and their families**
  - **Focusing on our strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan and on redeployment from Iraq**
  - **Eliminating waste and recovering savings through acquisition reform**
  - **Maintaining robust oversight of the Department of Defense**

# FY10 NDAA Highlights

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- **Military and Civilian Employees**
  - **3.4% military pay raise**
  - **Provides travel and transportation for up to 3 family members to visit hospitalized service members**
  - **Establishes internship pilot program for military spouses to enter federal government service**
  - **Repeals NSPS**
    - **Transition back to GS over 2 years**
    - **Provides flexibilities for efficient hiring and performance management**
  - **Allows FERS employees to credit unused sick leave toward retirement**
  - **Provides locality pay for federal employees in Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. territories**

# FY10 NDAA Highlights (con't)

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- **Provides:**
  - **\$13 billion for Army and Marine Corps equipment reset**
  - **\$4.7 billion for Army training**
  - **\$255.3 billion for Army and Marine Corps prepositioned stocks**
  - **\$6.9 billion to address equipment shortfalls in the National Guard and Reserve**
  - **\$350 million to repair and upgrade dilapidated Army training barracks**
  - **Authorization to increase service end strength by:**
    - **30,000 Army troops in FY10 plus 30,000 in FY11 and 12**
    - **8,100 Marines**
    - **14,650 Air Force personnel**
    - **2,477 Navy sailors and aviators**

# FY10 NDAA Highlights (con't)

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- **Equipment support**
  - **Authorizes condition-based maintenance demonstration projects for tactical wheeled vehicles and surface combatant ships**
  - **Requires SecDef to develop comprehensive plan for management of spare parts inventory for which there is no identified requirement**
  - **Requires SecDef to develop comprehensive life-cycle management and product support strategy for major weapons systems**
    - **Establishes product support manager as critical acquisition position**
    - **Builds on life-cycle sustainment provision in Weapons System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009**

# Congressional Defense Committees

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- **Appropriators**

- **Senate**

- 12 subcommittees
- SAC-D has 18 19 members
  - 10 Democrats
  - 8 9 Republicans
- **Separate MILCON Subcommittee**
  - 14 members (8D, 6R)

- **House**

- 12 subcommittees
- HAC-D has 18 15 members
  - 11 9 Democrats
  - 7 6 Republicans
- **Separate MilCon Subcommittee**
  - 14 13 members (98D, 5R)



- **Authorizers**

- **Senate Armed Services Committee**

- 26 24 members
  - 15 13 Democrats
  - 11 12 Republicans
- 6 subcommittees
  - Airland
  - Emerging Threats & Capabilities
  - Personnel
  - Readiness & Management Support
  - Seapower
  - Strategic Forces

- **House Armed Services Committee**

- 62 members
  - 37 34 Democrats
  - 25 28 Republicans
- 7 subcommittees
  - Air and Land Forces
  - Terrorism, Unconventional Threats & Capabilities
  - Military Personnel
  - Readiness & MILCON
  - Seapower & Expeditionary Forces
  - Strategic Forces
  - Oversight & Investigations

# Subcommittee Chairs, Ranking Members

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## HASC

- **Air and Land Forces**
  - Chairman: Neil Abercrombie, HI
  - Ranking: **Roscoe Bartlett, MD**
- **Readiness & MILCON**
  - Chairman: Solomon Ortiz, TX
  - Ranking: Randy Forbes, VA
- **Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities**
  - Chairman: Adam Smith, WA
  - Ranking: **Jeff Miller, FL**
- **Military Personnel**
  - Chairman: Susan Davis, CA
  - Ranking: **Joe Wilson, SC**
- **Strategic Forces**
  - Chairman: **Adam Smith, WA**
  - Ranking: **Michael Turner, OH**
- **Seapower & Expeditionary Forces**
  - Chairman: Gene Taylor, MS
  - Ranking: **Todd Akin, MO**
- **Oversight**
  - Chairman: Vic Snyder, AR
  - Ranking: **Rob Wittman, VA**

## SASC

- **Airland**
  - Chairman: Joseph Lieberman, CT
  - Ranking: **John Thune, ND**
- **Readiness and MILCON**
  - Chairman: **Evan Bayh, IN**
  - Ranking: **Richard Burr, NC**
- **Emerging Threats and Capabilities**
  - Chairman: Jack Reed, RI
  - Ranking: **Roger Wicker, MS**
- **Personnel**
  - Chairman: Ben Nelson, NE
  - Ranking: Lindsey Graham, SC
- **Strategic Forces**
  - Chairman: Bill Nelson, FL
  - Ranking: Jeff Sessions, AL
- **Seapower**
  - Chairman: **(Vacant)**
  - Ranking: **(Vacant)**

# Committee/Subcommittee Heads

<http://www.house.gov>

<http://www.senate.gov>

## Senate Armed Services Committee

**Carl Levin (D)**  
**John McCain (R)**

### Professional Staff

**Rick DeBobes**  
(Majority Staff Director)  
**Joseph Bowab**  
(Minority Staff Director)  
**Madelyn Creedon / Daniel Lerner**  
(Strategic Forces)  
**Creighton Greene / Chris Paul**  
(Seapower)  
**Peter Levine / Lucian Niemeyer**  
(Readiness)  
**Gerry Leeling / Dick Walsh**  
(Personnel)  
**Bill Sutey / Chris Paul**  
(Airland)  
**Dick Fieldhouse / Michael Kostiw**  
(Emerging Threats  
& Capabilities)

## House Armed Services Committee

**Ike Skelton (D)**  
**Howard McKeon (R)**

### Professional Staff

**Dr. Erin Conaton**  
(Majority Staff Director)  
**Bob Simmons**  
(Minority Staff Director)  
**Rudy Barnes / Kari Bingen**  
(Strategic Forces)  
**Will Ebbs / Jenness Simler**  
(Seapower)  
**Vickie Plunkett / Lynn Williams**  
(Readiness)  
**Debra Wada / John Chapla**  
(Personnel)  
**Doug Roach / John Wason**  
(Air & Land Forces)  
**Tim McClees / Alex Kugajevsky**  
(Terrorism)  
**Lorry Fenner / Tom Hawley**  
(Investigations)

## Senate Appropriations Committee

**Daniel Inouye (D)**  
**Thad Cochran (R)**

### Subcommittee on Defense

**Daniel Inouye (D)**  
**Thad Cochran (R)**

### Professional Staff

**Charlie Houy**  
(Majority Dir)  
**Betsy Schmid**  
(Aircraft  
Procurement,  
Shipbuilding,  
Intell, Sealift)  
**Kate Kaufer**  
(Weapons  
Procurement)  
**Katy Hagan**  
(O&M)  
**Sid Ashworth**  
(Minority Dir)  
**Kate Fitzpatrick**  
(Personnel)  
**Erik Raven,**  
(Other  
Procurement)  
**Ellen Maldonado**  
(R&D)  
**Nicole Diresta**  
(Ammo)

## House Appropriations Committee

**David Obey (D)**  
**Jerry Lewis (R)**

### Subcommittee on Defense

**John Murtha (D)**  
**Bill Young (R)**

### Professional Staff

**Paul Juola**  
(Majority Dir)  
**Ann Reese**  
(O&M)  
**Matt Washington**  
(Personnel)  
**Greg Lankler**  
(Intell)  
**Sarah Young**  
(Missile Defense)  
**Tim Prince**  
(R&D,  
Procurement,  
Sealift)  
**Adrienne Ramsay**  
(Space)  
**Kris Mallard**  
(JSF)

# Other Committees with Jurisdiction

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- **Education & Labor**
- **Energy & Commerce**
- **Foreign Affairs**
- **Government Reform**
- **Homeland Security**
- **Intelligence**
- **Judiciary**
- **Science & Technology**
- **Transportation & Infrastructure**
- **Veterans' Affairs**
- **Ways & Means**
- **Jurisdictions:**
  - **Federal workforce**
  - **Agency organization, management, finance and accountability**
  - **Cybersecurity**
  - **Emergency preparedness and response**
  - **Intelligence and counterterrorism**
  - **Infrastructure and border security**
  - **Investigations**
  - **Education aid/programs**
  - **Aviation regulations**
  - **Federal lands**
  - **Veterans' benefits**
  - **Certifications**
  - **Foreign Military Sales**
  - **International cooperation**

# Why Authorization and Appropriations?

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- **Authorizers**
  - Write law, make policy
  - Authorize:
    - New program starts
    - Pay raises
    - Military Construction
      - Required for each project
    - End strength
  - Provide oversight
- **Appropriators**
  - Set funding levels for each department/agency of U.S. government
  - Provide specific funding
    - i.e., “make appropriations”
  - Rescind funding
  - Provide oversight
  - Conduct investigations

**POLICY**

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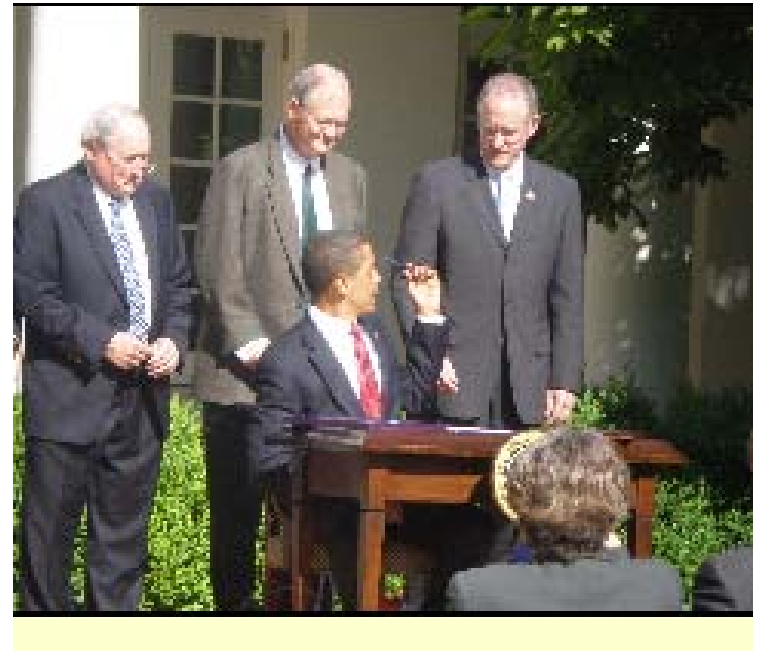
**“No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of Appropriations made by law.”**  
*Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7*

# FY11 NDAA Issues

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- **DOD**

- Afghanistan, Pakistan
- Iraq drawdown
  - Enormity of task
  - Disposition of equipment
- QDR
- Acquisition Reform
  - Major weapon system procurement
  - Contract oversight
  - Revitalizing acquisition workforce



- **Navy, Air Force**

- Strategic reserve
- Material readiness
  - Ship maintenance and training
- Manpower
  - Individual augmentees
    - More sailors on the ground in CENTCOM than at sea