

**Budget Responsibilities of the Subcommittees
of the
House and Senate Appropriation Committees**
(Abbreviations indicated where used)

Subcommittees of Appropriations Committees	
House	Senate
Full Committee Legislative appropriation	Legislative Branch (“Leg Branch”) (a subcommittee)
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies (“AG-RD-FDA”)	Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies (“AG-RD”) Includes FDA
Defense Military spending and intelligence programs	Defense Military spending and intelligence programs
Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies (“E&W”) Includes Army Corps of Engineers	Energy and Water (“E&W”) Includes Army Corps of Engineers
Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs (“FOR.OPS”) Does not include State Department	State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (“State – FOR.OPS”) Includes State Department
Homeland Security Dept. of Homeland Security	Homeland Security Dept. of Homeland Security
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (“Interior and Environment”) Includes Dept. of Interior, EPA, and environmental programs	Interior and Related Agencies Includes Dept. of Interior, EPA, and environmental programs
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (“Labor-HHS”)	Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (“Labor-HHS”).
Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (“Mil.Qual”) Military construction and family housing; Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (“Mil.Con.”) Military construction and family housing; Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Subcommittees of Appropriations Committees	
House	Senate
<p>Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies (“SSJC”)</p> <p>Includes NASA</p>	<p>Commerce, Justice, Science (“CJS”)</p> <p>Includes NASA</p> <p>Does not include State Department</p>
<p>Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia (“TTHUD”)</p> <p>Includes D.C.</p> <p>Highways earmarks may be established here OR in a House standing committee (see below)</p>	<p>Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (“TTJHUD”)</p> <p>Does not include D.C.</p> <p>Highways earmarks may be established here OR in one of two other Senate standing committees (see below)</p>
N/A	<p>District of Columbia</p> <p>Federal assistance to the District of Columbia</p>

Spending decisions are made in the authorizing committees, not the appropriation committees, and changes are often assembled into a single reconciliation bill.

For funding decisions of highways programs and human services programs, see the following list of responsible committees. Note that funding decisions for Highways occur in BOTH an appropriations subcommittee and other standing committees (one in the House and two in the Senate):

Programs Where Earmarks are Done in Other than Appropriations Committees		
Program	House Committee Handling Earmarks	Senate Committee Handling Earmarks
Highways	“TTHUD” (above) and/or House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure	“TTJHUD” and/or (a) Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and/or (b) Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Social Security	Ways and Means	Finance
Medicare Part A (hospital)	Commerce	Finance
Medicare Part B (M.D./outpatient)	Ways and Means re:	Finance

Programs Where Earmarks are Done in Other than Appropriations Committees		
Program	House Committee Handling Earmarks	Senate Committee Handling Earmarks
	premiums; Commerce re: spending	
Medicare Part D (drugs)	Ways and Means re: premiums; Commerce re: spending	Finance
Medicaid	Commerce	Finance
State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP) – FAMIS in Virginia	Commerce	Finance
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Ways and Means	Finance
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCH)	Commerce	Finance
Title XX, Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)	Ways and Means	Finance
Foster Care and Adoptions	Ways and Means	Finance