NCAI Budget Update
For the Self-Governance Advisory Committee
February 1, 2022
Agenda

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II. FY 2023 Appropriations
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FY 2022 Appropriations

• The current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires February 18, 2022.
• As of January 31, 2022, House and Senate Appropriations Committee Chairs have not agreed to top-line spending for each appropriations subcommittee (known as 302(b) allocations).
• Do not expect a government shutdown, Congress seeks continuity as it addresses geopolitics and the economy.
• Expect a short CR (10 or so days) to an Omnibus (a package of all 12 regular appropriations bills) most likely.
The President’s FY 2023 Budget Request to Congress is expected to be released sometime later in the spring (unofficially, tentatively, around April 1).

However, House Appropriators have already released a Dear Tribal Leader Letter with instructions to submit written testimony no later than March 10, 2022.

By custom, spending bills typically originate in the House. So, don’t expect Senate Appropriations testimony instructions in the near future.
The Budget Reconciliation bill known as the Build Back Better Act has lost political steam in Congress.

Instead, the Administration and Congressional Democrats have signaled potentially breaking up the Build Back Better Act into smaller pieces.

As of January 31, 2022, Congress is, generally, focused on Ukraine, Supreme Court nominees, voting, inflation, coronavirus, regular FY 2023 appropriations, and the upcoming FY 2022 midterm elections.

If anything, expect a smaller, manageable “win” from Democrats to support the FY 2022 midterms.
FY 2023 Budget Resolution

- Congress is not expected to begin work on an FY 2023 Budget Resolution until sometime near or just after the President’s Budget Request to Congress is released (tentative April 1).
- Budget resolutions set topline spending for a full year budget (known as the 302(a) allocation).
- Budget resolutions also include a prohibition on advance appropriations and a list of exemptions from the prohibition.
- Spending by appropriators flows from provisions in the Budget Resolution. You gotta be in it, to win it.
The Next Tribal/Interior Budget Council (TIBC) meeting is scheduled for March 21-25, 2022.

Spring meetings for TIBC are tribal budget submission meetings. This meeting will formulate an FY 2024 request for Indian Affairs programs.

The preferred program ranking tool process is on an every-other-year schedule, and this is an “off” year.

TIBC data profile work is ongoing, with subcommittees considering programs that address unique data collection, privacy, or improvement concerns.
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