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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.



FY 2023 Appropriations

- The President's FY 2023 Budget Request to Congress is expect to be released sometime later in the spring (unofficially, tentatively, around April 1).
- However, House Appropriators have already released a <u>Dear Tribal Leader Letter with instructions to submit</u> <u>written testimony</u> 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.



Supplemental Appropriations

- 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.



Tribal/Interior Budget Council

- 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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