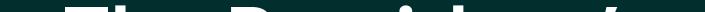
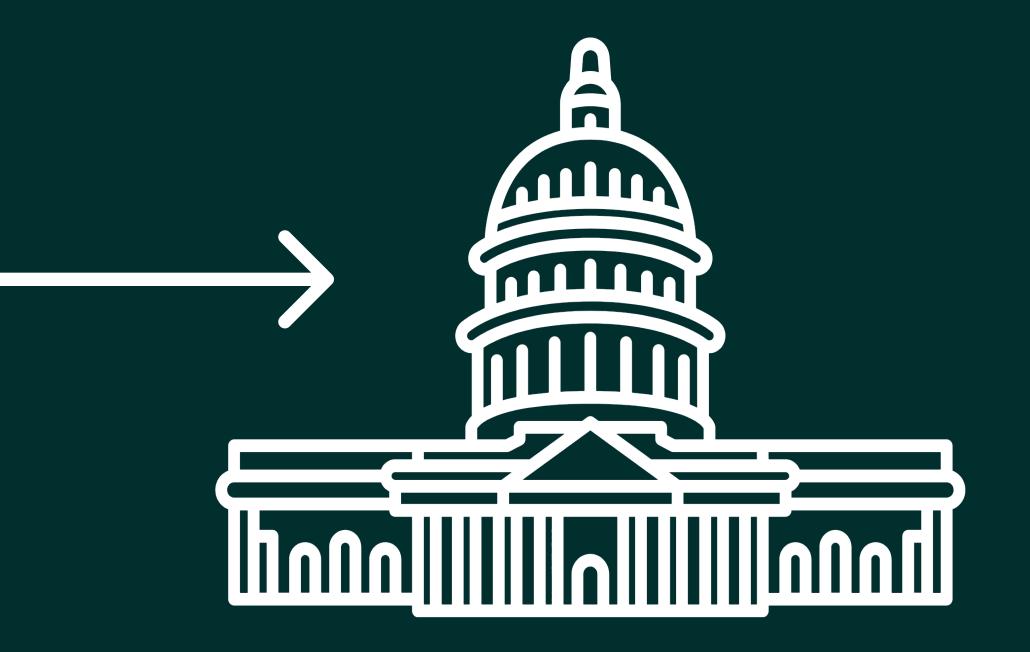


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The President's **Budget Submission**

Congressional Hearings



Generally submitted in early February, this is the President's opportunity to lay out their proposed spending plan for the next year.

Congressional Committees hold hearings where agency leaders promote and defend the President's proposed funding for their agencies.

Passage of Appropriations Bills



Appropriations Committees consider and pass appropriations bills, which are then voted on by the full chambers. Any differences between proposals are resolved in conference committee.

Budget Resolution



The House and Senate may pass their outline of a budget proposal, known as a budget resolution.

President Signs and Passes Appropriation Bills Into Law



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