Budget process diagram

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Fiscal year begins. If the President has not signed the 13 appropriations bills by Oct. 1, a Continuing Resolution (CR) is usually passed. A CR is a short-term agreement which is used after the beginning of the new fiscal year. It is designed to keep the government running until the appropriations bills are agreed upon and signed. If some bills are not reached, Congress and the President will roll up the bills into one, big Omnibus Bill.