

The Federal Budget Calendar

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This calendar lays out a time line for the approval of the **Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08)** budget.

January	4 - New members are sworn in 23 - State of the Union		
February	5: The president delivers his FY08 budget proposal to Congress.	Budget committees meet in the House and Senate to set spending ceilings on major government functions and determine the amount of revenue to be raised. Reconciliation instructions may be issued.	Appropriations committees and subcommittees begin to meet in the House and Senate. <i>Speak up for human needs programs and international aid. Watch out for new funding for nuclear weapons.</i> House and Senate vote on appropriations bills as they are reported by the committee. Tax and reconciliation instructions are considered in committee <i>Call your representatives and senators to support funding on programs you think are important.</i>
March			
April	15: Last day for the budget resolution to be passed.		
May			
June			
July			
August	<i>Recess. Visit your representatives and senators in their home office to remind them of your views on how your taxes should be spent.</i>		
September	Voting on appropriations bills, conference reports, and reconciliation bills must be completed by September 30 OR a continuing resolution (CR) must be enacted to continue funding for government programs		
October	October 1: Fiscal Year 2008 begins	Congress continues work on unfinished appropriations bills and other legislation. <i>Watch for requests for "emergency supplemental" requests for more war funding.</i>	
November			
December			