

Department of Defense  
Office of Legislative Counsel

Timelines for DoD's Legislation Program

Although specific timelines change annually for a variety of reasons, in general the timelines adhere to the following schedule:

- DoD General Counsel Issues a Call Memo August
- Submission of Draft Budget-Related Proposals to OLC Early September
- Transmission of Final Budget-Related Proposals to OMB October 15
- Submission of Drafts of All Other Proposals to OLC Mid-October
- Transmission of All Other Proposals to OMB Mid-December
- Transmission of President's Budget to Congress February
- Transmission of OMB-Cleared Proposals to Congress March 1
- Congressional Hearings Held on DoD Proposals March – June
- House and Senate Votes on Defense Authorization Bills May – July
- Conference Committee Vote on Authorization Bill September – November
- President Signs Defense Authorization Act Late November