

FY 13 Spending in Jeopardy

The House, the Senate, and the Administration are set for conflict over how much the Government will have to spend for fiscal 2013. The Senate has chosen to base funding allocations on the August 2011 debt limit agreement – a total of \$1.047 trillion. The House has determined to adhere to the lower appropriations funding levels (\$1.028 trillion) as outlined in their 2013 Budget Resolution. The House-Senate difference is about \$19 billion. The Administration has warned that it will veto any funding that is less than the August 2011 agreed-to figures.

The table below (taken from *CQ Daily for April 25, 2012*) shows fiscal 2013 appropriations limits by subcommittee, known as 302(b) allocations, for both House and Senate. The totals for some subcommittees include allowances spending above the base allocation. The Senate allocations were released April 19; the House allocations were released April 24.

House-Senate Funding Allocation Comparison Fiscal Year 2013 *Figures in Millions*

Approps Subcommittees	Fiscal 2012 Enacted		Fiscal 2013 Request		Fiscal 2013 Senate Allocations		Fiscal 2013 House Allocations	
			Base 302(b)	Total	Base 302(b)	Total	Base 302(b)	Total
Agriculture	\$19,932	\$20,835	\$20,785	\$20,785	\$19,405	\$19,405	\$19,405	\$19,405
Commerce-Justice-Science	52,944	51,862	51,862	51,862	51,131	51,131	51,131	51,131
Defense*	633,228	604,712	511,161	604,458	519,220	607,700	519,220	607,700
Energy-Water	33,734	33,062	33,361	33,361	32,098	32,098	32,098	32,098
Financial Services*	21,731	23,502	22,991	23,158	21,150	21,150	21,150	21,150
Homeland Security*	46,258	44,995	39,514	45,249	39,117	39,117	39,117	39,117
Interior-Environment	29,175	29,662	29,662	29,662	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Labor-HHS-Education*	156,767	158,787	157,722	158,772	150,002	150,002	150,002	150,002
Legislative Branch	4,307	4,514	4,420	4,420	4,289	4,289	4,289	4,289
Military Construction-VA	71,747	72,440	72,241	72,241	71,747	71,747	71,747	71,747
State-Foreign Operations*	53,343	54,717	49,843	53,017	40,132	48,377	40,132	48,377
Transportation-HUD	57,312	51,836	53,438	53,438	51,606	51,606	51,606	51,606

NOTE: For subcommittees marked with an asterisk (*), figures are not strictly comparable. Figures for fiscal 2012 appropriations and for the president's fiscal 2013 request include allowances for war spending, disaster relief and some additional program adjustments. The House and Senate 302(b) base allocations do not include any of these allowances. The Senate total allocation includes amounts for war spending, disaster aid and other adjustments, and the House total allocation includes money for war spending only.