GOP to Combine House and Senate Budget Resolutions by End of April

Current Status of the FY2016 Budget Process

**February**
- President Releases Budget Request (Completed Feb 2)

**March - April**
- Senate Passes Budget Resolution (Completed Mar 27)
- Congress Passes Combined Budget Resolution (Pending)
- Appropriations Subcommittees Begin Drafting Bills (Pending)

**May - September**
- Senate Passes 12 Appropriations Bills (0 Passed)
- Congress Combines and Passes 12 Bills (0 Passed)
- House Passes 12 Appropriations Bills (0 Passed)
- Combined
- Any Unfinished Appropriations Bills Combined Into Omnibus Bill (Pending)

- Because Republicans control both chambers of Congress, the president’s request is largely symbolic; it contains many policy proposals that are not expected to pass
- The House and Senate have passed budget resolutions and will attempt to combine them in April
  - Initial proposals passed the House and Senate budget committees after a compromise was reached on the issue of defense spending
- The House and Senate Appropriations Committees each have 12 subcommittees that will draft legislation implementing the combined budget resolution in the summer
- Any aspects of the budget resolution not implemented through appropriations bills will likely be addressed in an omnibus bill before the new fiscal year begins on October 1