



Glossary

fiscal year - The fiscal year is the accounting period for the federal government which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends; for example, fiscal year 2013 begins on October 1, 2012 and ends on September 30, 2013. Congress passes appropriations legislation to fund the government for every fiscal year.

act	budget resolution	committee substitute
adjourn	Calendar of Business	companion bill or measure
adjourn for more than 3 days	caucus	concurrent resolution
adjournment sine die	chairman	conditional adjournment
adjournment to a day and time certain	chaplain	conferees
advice and consent	"christmas tree" bill	conference committee
amendment	class	conference, party
amendment in the nature of a substitute	clean bill	conference report
appeal	cloakroom	confirmation
appropriation	closed sessions	Congressional Record
authorization	cloture	consideration
authorizations act	committee	continuing resolution/continuing appropriations
balanced budget	committee amendment	controlled time
baseline	committee calendar	deficit (surplus)
bill	committee jurisdiction	discretionary spending
budget authority	committee membership	enacted
	committee on committees	
	committee print	

engrossed bill	legislative session	president of the Senate
enrolled bill	majority leader	president pro tempore
entitlement	majority whip	presidential signature
ex officio	mandatory spending	presiding officer
executive business	markup	private law
Executive Calendar	measure	pro forma session
executive communication	minority leader	proxy voting
executive session	minority whip	public debt
filibuster	morning business	public law
fiscal year	motion to instruct	question
floor	motion to proceed to consider	quorum
floor amendment	motion to table	quorum call
floor leaders	"must pass" bill	ranking minority member
floor manager	nomination	receipts
germane	nongermane amendment	recess
hearing	obligation	recognize
hold	off-budget entities	reconciliation bill
item veto	original bill	reconciliation instruction
joint committee	outlays	reconciliation process
joint meeting	override of a veto	reconsider
joint resolution	oversight	referral
joint session	parliamentarian	regular meeting day
journal	parliamentary inquiry	relevant
"lame duck" session	permanent appropriation	report
layover	pocket veto	rescission
leave to sit	point of order	Riddick's Senate Procedure
legislative day	policy committees	rider

roll call vote	slip law	unanimous consent
scheduling	standing committee	unanimous consent agreement
scorekeeping	star print	user fees
secretaries, party	statement of managers	veto
secretary of the Senate	statutes at large	vice president
select or special committee	statutory limit on the public debt	voice vote
Senate Manual	subcommittee	vote
senator	supplemental appropriation	whips
seniority	supplemental, minority, and additional views	yeas and nays
sergeant at arms	table, motion to	yield
session	trust funds	yield the floor
simple resolution		yield time