

First 5 LA Policy Agenda



FIRST 5 LA STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



Children are born healthy



Children maintain a healthy weight



Children are safe from abuse and neglect



Children are ready for kindergarten

Reality Check: 112th Congress



- **Ideology trumps accomplishment**
- **Messaging outweighs governance**
- **Legislators push bills they know can't become law**

(Examples: Repeal the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act; No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act; Defund Planned Parenthood; Block Money for Constructing School-based Health Centers; Ryan Budget; Repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund)

The result...



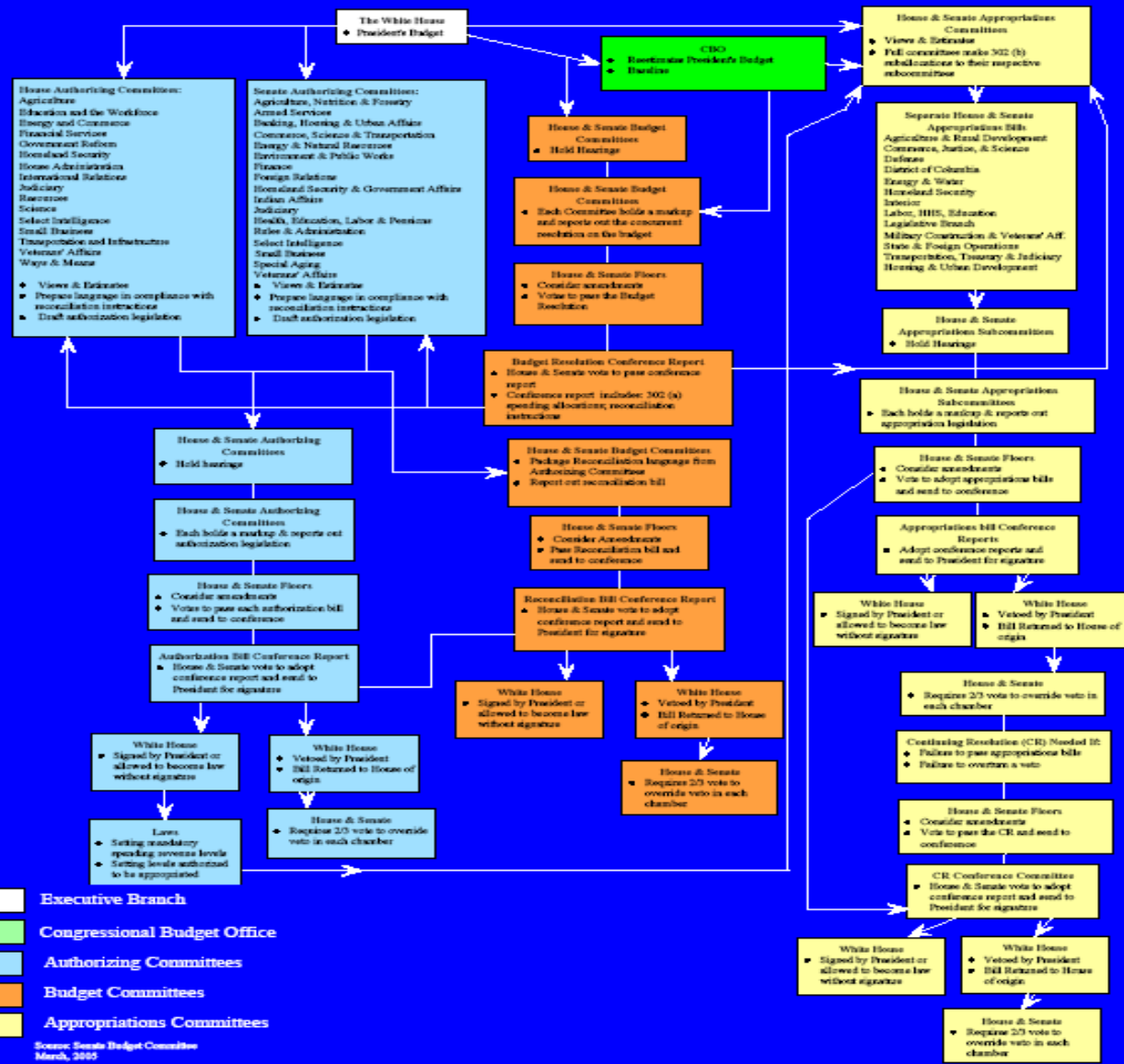
Relationships



**COOPERATION IS CRITICAL
TO MOVE FORWARD**



The Appropriations & Budget Process



Budget Control Act



The Act provides the framework for everything Congress is doing not just this year, but for the next 10 years.

The Impact of Sequestration



- **SAFE**- Programs exempt from sequestration include:

- Medicare
- Child care entitlement
- Child nutrition programs
- CHIP
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- SNAP
- TANF
- Family Support Programs

- **IN DANGER**- Programs NOT exempt from sequestration include:

- WIC (except special supplemental nutrition program)
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Substance Abuse Block Grant
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families
- Child Care & Development Block Grants
- Community Health Centers