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# KEY STANDING COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE & HOUSE

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SENATE		HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	
<b>Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry</b> <a href="http://ag.senate.gov">ag.senate.gov</a>	<b>Committee on Agriculture</b> <a href="http://agriculture.house.gov">agriculture.house.gov</a>	<b>Committee on the Budget</b> <a href="http://budget.senate.gov">budget.senate.gov</a>	<b>Committee on the Budget</b> <a href="http://budget.house.gov">budget.house.gov</a>
<p><b>JURISDICTION</b></p> <p>Lawmaking related to agriculture, including issues such as nutrition and feeding programs for the poor, promotion of U.S. food and textiles in international markets, rural development, research into production crops and conservation programs.</p>		<p><b>JURISDICTION</b></p> <p>Oversees the process for a congressional budget resolution, which guides Congress as it considers revenue and spending legislation throughout the year. The budget resolution is a concurrent resolution, which is binding and agreed to by both chambers.</p>	
<p><b>INTERNATIONAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>Overall food aid policy as well as agricultural trade policy regarding non-tariff barriers to U.S. exports.</p>		<p><b>INTERNATIONAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>Budget process as it pertains to funding of humanitarian relief and development efforts as well as food aid.</p>	
<b>Committee on Appropriations</b> <a href="http://appropriations.senate.gov">appropriations.senate.gov</a>	<b>Committee on Appropriations</b> <a href="http://appropriations.house.gov">appropriations.house.gov</a>	<b>Committee on Finance</b> <a href="http://finance.senate.gov">finance.senate.gov</a>	<b>Committee on Ways and Means</b> <a href="http://waysandmeans.house.gov">waysandmeans.house.gov</a>
<p><b>JURISDICTION</b></p> <p>Writes legislation that annually allocates federal funds to government agencies, departments and organizations. Appropriations are limited to the levels set by a budget resolution, drafted by the respective budget committees.</p>		<p><b>JURISDICTION</b></p> <p>Bonded debt of the United States, customs, revenue sharing, government-sponsored health programs, Social Security, trade agreements, tariffs and import quotas.</p>	<p><b>JURISDICTION</b></p> <p>Raising the revenue required to finance the federal government, including individual and corporate income taxes, excise taxes, estate taxes and gift taxes as well as programs that are funded by the U.S. government, such as Social Security and health services.</p>
<p><b>INTERNATIONAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>U.S. government spending on humanitarian relief and development programs, and international issues, such as our nation's response to emergencies.</p>		<p><b>INTERNATIONAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>Overall U.S. policy relating to international trade</p>	
<p><b>KEY SUBCOMMITTEES</b></p> <p><b>Agriculture</b>—Considers U.S. government spending on food aid</p> <p><b>Foreign Operations</b>—Considers U.S. government spending on humanitarian and development assistance</p>		<b>Committee on Foreign Relations</b> <a href="http://foreign.senate.gov">foreign.senate.gov</a>	<b>Committee on Foreign Affairs</b> <a href="http://foreignaffairs.house.gov">foreignaffairs.house.gov</a>
<p><b>JURISDICTION</b></p> <p>Lawmaking as it relates to our foreign policy activities, including evaluation of all treaties with foreign governments, approval of all diplomatic nominations as well as the U.S. Department of State, global assistance programs and other issues.</p>			
<p><b>INTERNATIONAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>All foreign policy issues, particularly in response to humanitarian emergencies, violent conflicts and development policy.</p>			

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