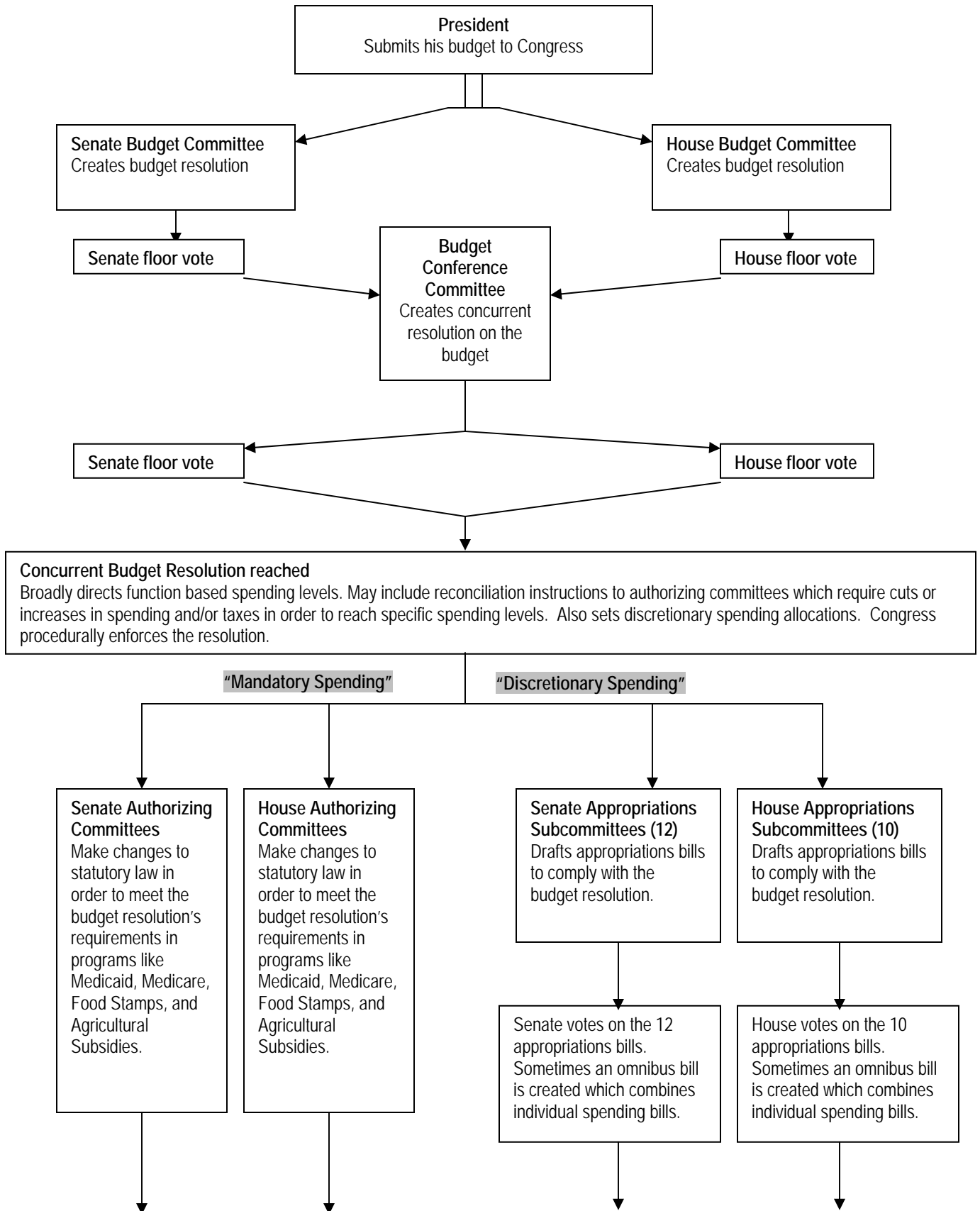
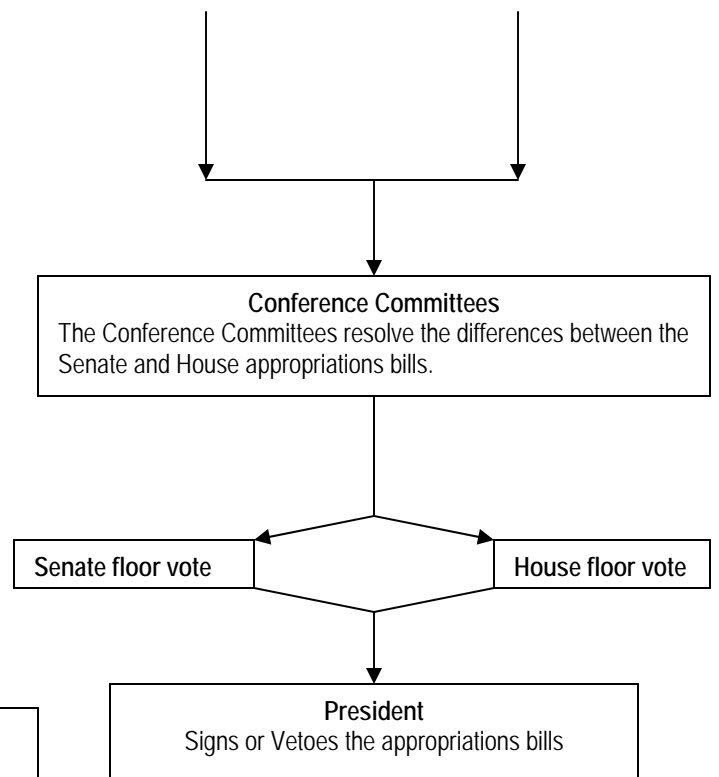
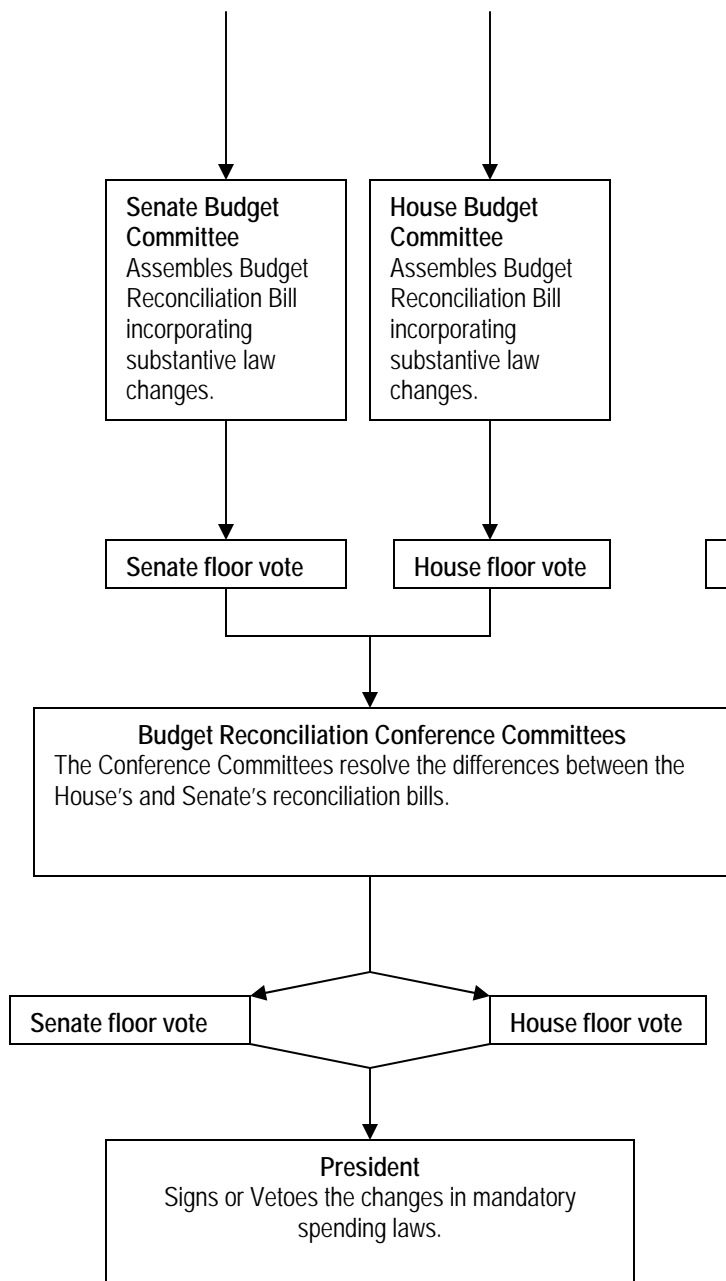


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Appropriations Bills ("Discretionary Spending") cover (1) basic government spending like federal courts, FBI, Department of Defense, and (2) programs like HIV/AIDS funding, Global Fund, No Child Left Behind, WIC, Housing and Head Start funding. If these bills aren't passed by the start of the new fiscal year (Oct. 1) then the Congress may pass a continuing resolution to fill the gap between budgets. If there is no resolution, all non-essential parts of the government will shut down until appropriations bills are passed.