THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

1) The President sends foreign assistance request to Congress.

2) Subcommittee “marks up” bill and reports it to the full Committee.

3) Full Committee “marks up” bill and sends it to the full House of Representatives.

4) House considers, amends, and passes bill.

5) Subcommittee “marks up” bill and reports it to the full committee.

6) Full Committee “marks up” bill and sends it to the full Senate.

7) Senate considers, amends, and passes bill.

8) Representatives of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee meet in “conference committee” to work out differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The compromise agreement they reach is called a “conference report.”

9) The House votes on the conference report.

10) The Senate votes on the conference report.

11) The President either signs the bill into law or vetoes the legislation.