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## Hurry Up and Wait:

How and When Foreign Assistance Funds Have Been Appropriated Since FY 2000

<b>Fiscal Year (FY)</b>	<b>Legislative Vehicle</b> <i>(Omnibus, Subcommittee Bill, or Continuing Resolution)</i>	<b>No. of Subcommittee Bills Included</b> <i>(Ratio)</i>	<b>No. of CRs Required</b>	<b>Date of Final Enactment</b>	<b>No. of Months Delay After Start of FY</b>
2000	Omnibus	4 of 13	7	11/29/99	2
2001	Foreign Operations	Enacted	15	11/6/00	1
2002	Foreign Operations	Enacted	8	1/10/02	3.5
2003	Omnibus	11 of 13	8	2/20/03	4.5
2004	Omnibus	7 of 13	5	1/23/04	4
2005	Omnibus	9 of 13	3	12/8/04	2.5
2006	Foreign Operations	Enacted	1	11/14/05	1.5
2007	Full-year CR	10 of 12	4	2/15/07	4.5
2008	Omnibus	11 of 12	4	12/26/07	3
2009	Omnibus	9 of 12	2	3/11/09	5.5
2010	Omnibus	6 of 12	2	12/16/09	2.5
2011	Full-year CR	12 of 12	8	4/15/11	6.5
2012	Omnibus	9 of 12	5	12/23/11	3
2013	Full-year CR	7 of 12	1	3/26/13	6
2014	Omnibus	12 of 12	3	1/17/14	3.5
2015	Omnibus	11 of 12	3	12/16/14	2.5
2016	Omnibus	12 of 12	3	12/18/15	2.5
2017	Omnibus	11 of 12	3	5/5/17	7
2018	Omnibus	12 of 12	5	3/23/18	6
2019	Omnibus	1 of 7	3	2/15/19	4.5
2020	Omnibus	1 of 8	2	12/20/19	2.5
2021	Omnibus	12 of 12	5	12/27/20	3
2022	Omnibus	12 of 12	4	3/15/22	5.5
2023	Omnibus	12 of 12	3	12/29/22	3

<b>Average</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>3.75</b>
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# LEGEND

## HOW

- **Legislative vehicle**: Since FY 2000, foreign assistance funds have been appropriated either as part of an **omnibus** spending bill (formally titled a consolidated appropriations act), which combines two or more subcommittee appropriations bills into one legislative package; enactment of a freestanding **foreign operations appropriations** subcommittee bill; or in a full-year **continuing resolution (CR)**, which keeps the federal government in operation at the previous fiscal year's funding levels and under existing policy until the end of the fiscal year.
- **No. of Subcommittee Bills Included**: If foreign operations appropriations are included in either an omnibus or full-year CR, the ratio indicates how many other subcommittee bills are included in the final spending vehicle, of which the foreign operations bill is one.

## WHEN

- **No. of CRs Required**: The number of continuing resolutions that were required to be passed in order to keep the federal government open after the end of the fiscal year before a legislative vehicle including the foreign operations subcommittee bill could finally be enacted into law. (NOTE: the 15 CRs required in FY 2001 were excluded in calculating the annual average.)
- **Date of Final Enactment**: The date on which the legislative vehicle containing the foreign operations subcommittee bill was enacted and signed into law.
- **No. of Months Delay after the Start of the FY**: The number of months after the start of the fiscal year it took for the foreign operations subcommittee bill to be enacted into law, rounded to the nearest half-month.

SOURCE: Compiled from Congressional Research Service, [Appropriations Status Table](#).