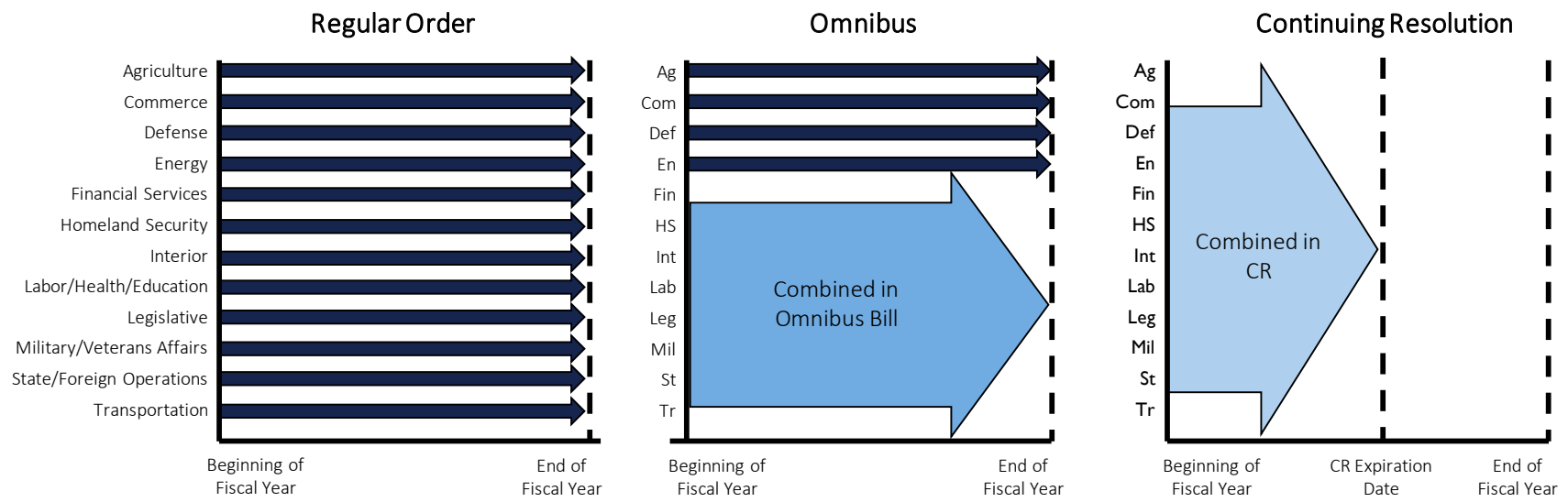


Congress Has Multiple Options to Complete Budget

Hypothetical Budget Outcomes: Funding Categories and Duration

■ Appropriation Bill ■ Omnibus Bill ■ Continuing Resolution



Description	A regular order budget consists of 12 separate appropriations bills funding programs through a full fiscal year	An omnibus budget combines unfinished appropriations categories into one bill and funds programs through a full fiscal year	A CR funds all programs for a finite amount of time
Conditions for Use	Used when all subcommittees successfully negotiate individual program funding levels	Used when regular order fails but a full fiscal year budget with some funding changes is still desired and can be agreed upon	Used when regular order fails and funding changes cannot be agreed upon; keeps government open
Funding Flexibility	Flexible; funding levels and designations from prior years can be adjusted to fit current needs	Flexible; funding levels and designations from prior years can be adjusted to fit current needs	Inflexible; continues current spending levels and designations for the time period of the resolution

Sources: National Journal Research, 2014