



# Breaking The Bank ... And The Law

*When Obama Misses Budget Deadlines And His Democrat Senate Doesn't Bother Budgeting At All, How Can Washington Expect To Get Its Fiscal House In Order?*

**TODAY, OBAMA WILL NOT SEND CONGRESS A BUDGET, DELAYING THE BUDGET PROCESS YET AGAIN**

**SHOT:** By Law (31 U.S.C. 1105), Obama Is Required To Transmit His Budget To Congress On Or After The First Monday In January But Not Later Than The First Monday In February Each Year. ([31 U.S.C. § 1105 \(a\)](#), p. 105)

- **"The President's Budget Proposal Initiates The Congressional Budget Process."** "Under current law (31 U.S.C. §1105(a)), the President is responsible for developing and submitting a consolidated budget to Congress no later than the first Monday in February prior to the start of the fiscal year. ...Although it is not legally binding, the President's budget proposal initiates the congressional budget process and provides Congress with recommended spending levels for agency programs, projects, and activities funded through the annual appropriations acts and other budgetary measures." (Michelle D. Christensen and Clinton T. Brass, "The Executive Budget Process Timetable," [Congressional Research Service](#), 12/5/12)

**CHASER:** Obama OMB Director Jeff Zients Notified House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) That The White House Will Miss Its Legal Deadline - Today - To Submit A Budget To Congress. "The White House has told House Republicans it will miss its Feb. 4 'deadline' to submit a budget proposal to Congress, blaming the fiscal-cliff negotiations that dragged on at the end of 2012. '[B]ecause these issues were not resolved until the American Taxpayer Relief Act was enacted on January 2, 2013, the Administration was forced to delay some of its FY 2014 Budget preparations, which will in turn delay the Budget's submission to Congress,' Office of Management and Budget Deputy Director for Management Jeffrey Zients wrote to House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan in a Jan. 11 letter." (Chris Good, "Budget 'Deadlines' Approach, But Who Cares?," [ABC News](#), 1/23/13)

- **Zients' Letter Indicates That This Will Be The Fourth Of Obama's Five Budgets That Have Been Submitted Late.** "Obama's first budget was delayed until May, while his second budget was delivered on time. The last two budgets were late but came in February." (Erik Wasson, "White House Tells Paul Ryan It Won't Meet Budget Deadline," [The Hill's On The Money](#), 1/14/13)

## ***Even After Obama's Budgets Are Submitted Late, They Have Been Unanimously Rejected By Both Parties***

**The Democrat Senate Unanimously Rejected Obama's FY2013 Budget.** ([S. Con. Res. 41, Roll Call Vote #97](#): Rejected 0-99: R 0-46; D 0-51; I 0-2, 5/16/12)

- **The House Unanimously Rejected Obama's FY2013 Budget.** ([H. Con. Res. 112, Roll Call Vote 143](#): Rejected 0-414: R 0-239; D 0-175, 3/28/12)

**The Democrat Senate Unanimously Rejected Obama's FY2012 Budget.** ([S. Con. Res. 18, Vote #78](#): Rejected 0-99: R 0-45; D 0-52; I 0-2, 5/25/11)

## **OBAMA'S LACK OF BUDGET LEADERSHIP IS ECHOED BY HIS DEMOCRAT SENATE**

**Senate Democrats Have Not Passed A Budget Since 2009.** "House Republicans are planning to raise country's borrowing limit for three months, with a promise to raise it again if Senate Democrats pass a budget. Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) promised Sunday that it would happen. If it does, it would be the first time since 2009 that Senate Democrats have passed a budget." (Rachel Weiner, "Why Senate Democrats Haven't Passed A Budget," [The Washington Post](#), 1/22/13)

- **"By Not Introducing A Budget, Democrats Can Keep Their Names Off Doomed Plans That Detail High Spending And High Deficits."** (Rachel Weiner, "Why Senate Democrats Haven't Passed A Budget," [The Washington Post](#), 1/22/13)
- **"For Nearly Four Years, Senate Leaders Have Ducked Their Legal Duty To Craft A Comprehensive Budget Framework."** (Lori Montgomery, "Senate Democrats' Budget Plan Will Reopen Battle Over Taxes," [The Washington Post](#), 1/20/13)

**The Democrat Senate Has Not Passed A Budget In 1377 Days.** ([On The Conference Report \(Conference Report To Accompany S. Con. Res. 13\)](#): Adopted 53-43: R 0-40; D 52-3; I 1-0, 4/29/09)

## ***Whenever Obama And His Democrat Senate Even Hint At Budgetary Actions, It's Only In The Name Of Higher Taxes***

**After The Fiscal Cliff Deal, Obama Senior Adviser David Plouffe Reiterated That Obama Wants To Continue Increasing Taxes, Rather Than Focus On Cutting Spending.** ABC's GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: "Both the House Speaker John Boehner and the Republican leader of the Senate Mitch McConnell said the revenue debate is over. No more taxes. Are you saying that the President will only sign a budget deal if it includes new revenues?" DAVID PLOUFFE: "Yes, it's got to be balanced. And by the way, they weren't saying that a matter of weeks ago. Remember, Speaker Boehner said \$800 billion in revenue from closing loopholes. What's changed in the last four weeks? Nothing. So there's plenty of loopholes whether it's people shipping jobs overseas who gets preferential tax treatment. The subsidies to the energy companies. Loopholes for, you know, billionaires, there are things we can close here to make our taxes..." STEPHANOPOULOS: "So you're saying no deal if they don't give on taxes?" PLOUFFE: We need balance, George. We need spending cuts, entitlement reform, and revenue. Have to have that." (ABC's "[This Week](#)" 1/20/13)

**Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) Indicated That Senate Democrats Will Pursue A Budget In Order To Obtain Additional Tax Increases, Saying That "Doing A Budget Is The Best Way For Us To Get Revenues."** "Now, however, Democrats see the budget process as 'a great opportunity' to pursue additional tax increases — and to create a fast-track process to push them through the Senate, Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said Sunday on NBC's 'Meet the Press.' 'There's going to have to be some

spending cuts, and those will be negotiated,' Schumer, the No. 3 Democrat in the Senate, said in an interview after the show. 'But doing a budget is the best way for us to get revenues.'" (Lori Montgomery, "Senate Democrats' Budget Plan Will Reopen Battle Over Taxes," [The Washington Post](#), 1/20/13)

- **The Willingness Of Senate Democrats To Pass A Budget Also "Seems To Indicate That Party Leaders Believe Higher Taxes On The Wealthy Has Become A Winning Issue That Will Help Them Retain Their Majority."** "The willingness of Senate Democrats to pass a budget seems to indicate that party leaders believe higher taxes on the wealthy has become a winning issue that will help them retain their majority." (Erik Wasson and Bernie Becker, "Budget Tax Increases Would Put Red-State Dems In Tough Spot," [The Hill's On The Money](#), 1/22/13)