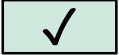
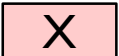


# Previous Cycles May Hint at FY16 Appropriations Outcomes

## Progress of House Appropriations Bills, FY2012-2015

-  Achieved initial passage in House  
 Failed initial passage in House

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Agriculture	✓	X	X	X
Commerce	X	✓	X	✓
Defense	✓	✓	✓	✓
Energy and Water	✓	✓	X	✓
Financial Services	X	✓	✓	X
Homeland Security	X	✓	X	✓
Interior and Environment	X	X	X	X
Labor HHS	X	X	X	X
Legislative Branch	✓	✓	X	✓
Military/Veterans	✓	X	X	✓
State/Foreign Operations	X	X	X	X
Transportation/HUD	X	X	X	✓

Some appropriations bills, such as Defense, tend to pass more easily because they concern uncontroversial programs or because failure to pass a bill would be politically unpalatable

Some appropriations bills are more difficult to pass because they fund politically controversial programs or are subject to more partisan politics

### Analysis

- The appropriations process in recent years has tended to progress unevenly: some bills, such as Defense, have regularly managed to pass the House, while other bills haven't passed either chamber in years
- Since FY2013, the Senate has passed no appropriations bills; the new Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) promised to restore "regular order" and pass appropriations bills in the Senate this year as part of his reelection campaign last year