

# Omnibus and Tax Deals Face Final Deadlines This Week

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■ **DECEMBER 15**  
**Omnibus and Tax Extender Bills Likely Introduced** – House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) expects negotiations on the budget and tax extenders to conclude in time to unveil the final details on Tuesday .

■ **DECEMBER 16**  
**Continuing Resolution Expires** – Unless Congress passes omnibus appropriations legislation or another short-term patch before December 16, the government will shut down at midnight. Congress is likely to pass a CR that lasts the remainder of the week.

■ **DECEMBER 17**  
**Earliest Potential House Vote** – Speaker Ryan says he intends to honor the House’s rule that legislation should not be voted on until three days after it is first introduced. If Speaker Ryan unveils the final deal on Tuesday as planned, the earliest votes under this rule could happen on Thursday.

■ **DECEMBER 18**  
**Congressional Recess (tentative)** – Congress usually enters a holiday recess during the last two weeks of December, although delays are not unheard of. The White House expressed opposition to any CR that extends the legislative calendar or pushes negotiations into next year.

Sources: National Journal Research 2015, Alexander Bolton and Scott Wong, “Ryan Wants Strong GOP Votes on Spending and Tax Deals,” The Hill, December 14, 2015.