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Building the **Right to Health** Movement

- **Appropriations:** how do they *really* work?
 - Before, during, and after Wish List season
 - Who to target (and when)
- **Our Asks:** *what* and *why*?
 - PEPFAR
 - GFATM
 - USAID TB



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Quick Review of Appropriations Campaign

- What are we asking for?
 - **\$4.845 billion for PEPFAR!**
 - **\$1.35 billion for Global Fund!**
 - **\$400 million for USAID TB bilateral!**
- Let's break it down...



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- After the POTUS budget request & before Wish Lists:
 - “Caps” are set for each budget account
 - We care about the “150 account”
 - **Wish Lists Season:** individual Congresspeople submit their priorities to Appropriations Subcommittees
 - We care about the **State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee on Appropriations (SFOPS)**

2016 Schedule for Appropriations

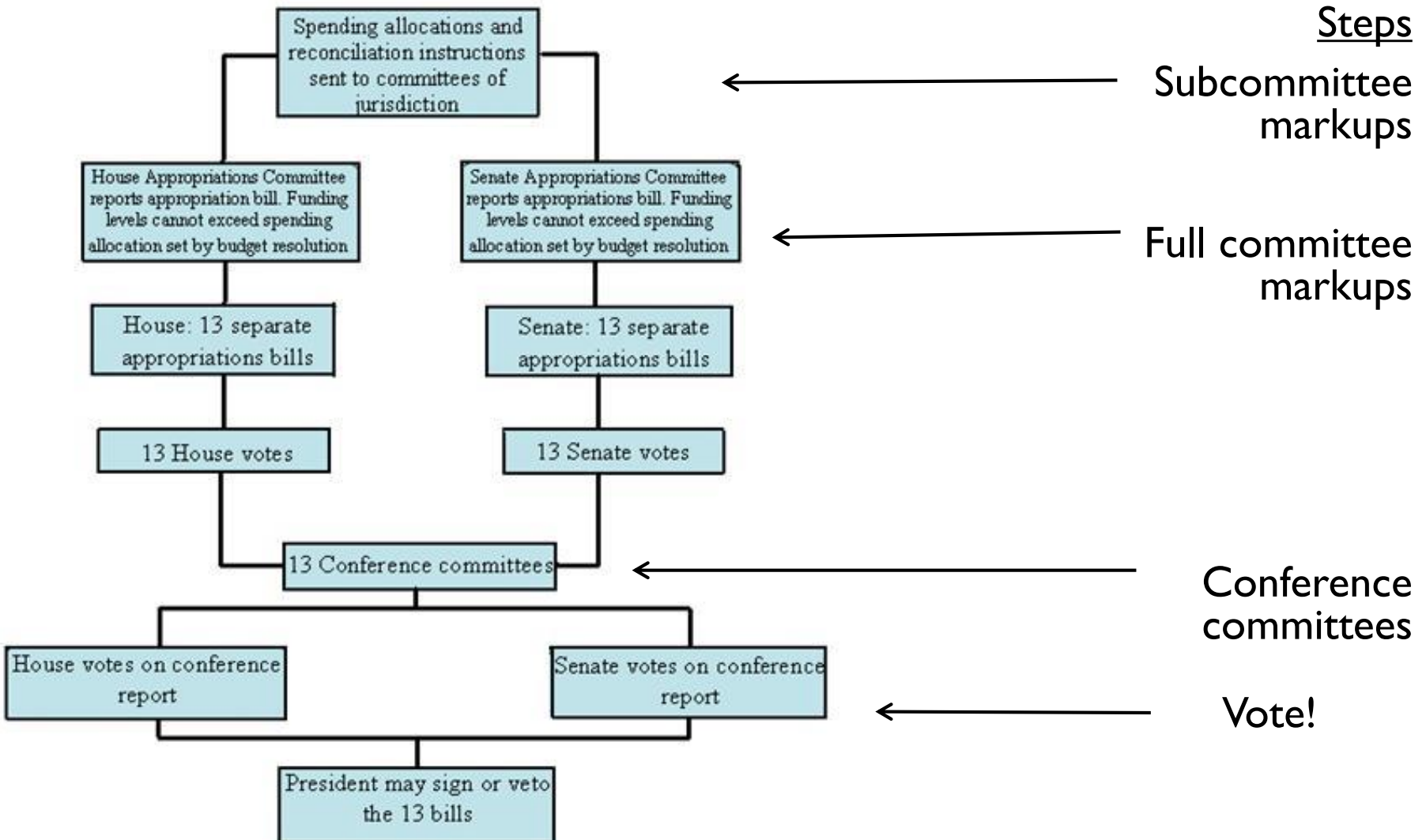
- Senate Wish Lists submitted by **March 18**
- House Wish Lists submitted by **March 22**



- Before Wish List deadlines:
 - Get our asks into as **MANY** wish lists as possible!
 - Meetings with Congress
 - Filling out appropriations requests
 - Writing letters/Making calls (*using our online tool*)
- Show congressional consensus to SFOPS committee
 - Asking our Congresspeople to sign on to **Dear Colleague letters**



Appropriation Steps





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Subcommittee Markups

- **Late spring/very early summer: House & Senate SFOPS markup separately**
- **What can WE do before Markup?**
 - Talk to SFOPS members, Chairs, Ranking Members, party leadership
 - Ask for Member-to-Member or Staff-to-Staff conversations between your Congresspeople and SFOPS chairs/members



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Full committee Markups

- **Mid/late summer:** House & Senate Appropriations Committees markup separately each of the 13 subcommittee bills
- **What can WE do before Markup?**
 - Continue to talk to committee leadership!
 - **KEEP IN MIND:** Lots of our membership is on vacation, and our targets are harder to reach
 - It is better to act **NOW** rather than later!



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Conference committees

- House & Senate come together
 - Review any discrepancies in the 13 bills
- Congress votes on final bills by **September 31st**

But in recent years, things never go as planned...

The “Cromnibus”

- **Continuing Resolution (CR):** allows Congress more time to negotiate and vote on the budget w/o shutting down the government
- **Omnibus bill:** Combines all 13 bills into one
 - Makes it harder to vote down in Congress

- **What can WE do?**

- Ideally, by Cromnibus time, all our work is done!
- BUT realistically, we’re often still fighting
 - Escalate tactics
 - Go for more important/powerful targets

- History

- By law, the US can contribute UP TO 1/3rd of total GFATM funding
- Was \$1.65 billion in 2014
- Other countries didn't step up so we maxed out in 2015 at \$1.35 billion (decrease of \$300 million)
- Our FY17 Ask: Level funding at \$1.35 billion
 - Max out 1/3rd contribution (as in past years)



- History
 - 2010-2014: ~\$600 million in cuts
 - 2015: \$300 million restored ONLY because GFATM was cut
 - Total Global AIDS was flat-lined
- Our FY17 Ask: **\$525 million annual increase**
 - Based on increase needed to reach UNAIDS “Fast Track” goal by 2020 → to end epidemic by 2030



- “Fast Track” goal: \$32 billion Global AIDS contribution by 2020
 - PEPFAR bilateral = 20% of contribution
 - Currently at \$4.32 billion
 - In line with “Fast Track” proportional increases, we would need to reach \$6.4 billion by 2020
 - Need to close a gap of \$2.1 billion over next 4 years
 - \$2.1 billion/4 years = \$525 million increase each year
- SO, our ask = **\$4.845 billion for FY17!**

- History
 - Has been stuck at \$236 million since FY14
 - Congress always rejects cuts but never increases
 - TB is overtaking HIV/AIDS as #1 infectious killer
 - Also, TB will slow down our progress on AIDS → HUGE co-infection rates
- Our FY17 ask: **\$400 million to jumpstart the National Action Plan**



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Wait... What is the National Action Plan?

- On December 22, 2015, the White House released a Global Action Plan for combating MDR-TB



- Identifies interventions to address domestic/international challenges posed by MDR-TB
- Aims to provide treatment to 560,000 people in 10 priority countries
- A *symbolic* gesture, but needs funding to be implemented

- What do we do NOW?
 - Write, Call, and Meet with Congresspeople
 - Get our asks in their Wish Lists
 - Get them to sign on to Dear Colleague letters
- Current Dear Colleague Letters:
 - PEPFAR & GFATM House letter
 - Rep. Lee (D-CA)
 - PEPFAR and GFATM Senate letter
 - Sens. Isakson (R-GA), and Coons (D-DE)
 - Global TB House letter
 - Reps. Engel (D-NY), Young (R-AK), Green (D-TX)



- World TB Day: March 24th
 - Are there actions you can brainstorm?
 - Let's get creative!

- Any Questions?

