

Florida Legislative Budget Finals Session Outline

1. Before Tournament Preparation: Governor's Budget Approval

- Congressional members will begin to prepare for the Finals Sessions (On own before tournament) centered around the proposed Florida Budget created by Governor Ron Desantis.
- If students break into the Final Session they will go through a series of steps that involves the creation, debating, and passing of a Florida Budget proposal centered around Governor Ron Desantis' budget proposal.
- The budget details can be found [here](#)

2. Role Assignment and Preparation

- **Roles will be assigned to Representatives who break into two groups for the Finals Session:**
 - **Senate + House (2 groups)**
 - **Each will have the following roles**
 - **Chair (1st Affirmation of their proposed bill)**
 - Leads the discussion centered around the drafting of a new legislation
 - **Vice Chair (Majority Leader supporting their proposed bill)**
 - Organizes the meetings through recency and precedence on the discussion and whose proposals have been heard.
 - **Ranking Member (Minority Leader introducing proposed changes the minority would advocate for instead)**
 - Leads the minority party's strategies, question budget assumptions, propose alternative spending priorities, and ensure minority input during budget negotiations and subcommittee meetings.
 - **Representatives (Speeches rebuttaling proposed bills and Ranking Members proposed changes)**
 - Drafting, reviewing, and negotiating the state's annual, balanced budget—the General Appropriations Act—and related legislation. They analyze agency budget requests, evaluate fiscal impacts, and oversee state spending

3. Committee Sessions: Drafting Budget Bills

- **Committee Meetings:**

- The two Committees will work in partnership with one another to create two different budget bills to be debated in the Congressional Finals Session.
- You and your Committee will come to a final submission legislation for the Debate Session of the Finals.

4. Legislative Session: Debate and Voting

- **Full Session:**

- Standard Debate Session that involves the two legislations created.
- Both 1st speakers will be in the Affirmation of their bill
 - **Chair (1st Affirmation of their proposed bill)**
- Every speaker that follows will rebut the opposing bill or introduce possible amendments to the bill.
 - **Vice Chair (Majority Leader supporting their proposed bill)**
 - 2nd speaker on their proposed bill
 - **Ranking Member (Minority Leader introducing proposed changes the minority would advocate for instead)**
 - 3rd speaker on their proposed bill
 - **Representatives (Speeches rebuttaling proposed bills and Ranking Members proposed changes)**
 - All following speakers
 - Amendments could be presented to change or incorporate elements of the opposing bill into the legislation being debated at the final vote.
- Only the Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Ranking Members qualify to be Presiding Officers of their legislation.
- Speaker Order
 - House Chair Sponsor (1st speaker)
 - Senate Chair Sponsor (2nd speaker)
 - House Vice Chair (3rd speaker)
 - Senate Vice Chair (4th speaker)
 - House Ranking Member (5th speaker)
 - Senate Ranking Member (6th speaker)
 - House Representative (7th speaker)
 - Senate Representative (8th speaker)
 - All following Representatives back and forth until all have spoken

- Bill then voted upon in standard Congress procedures
 - **Voting:**
 - Standard voting processes on a final budget to be presented back to the Governor for final approval.
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