

Problems with Biennial Budgeting

- Too little attention is paid to our nation's fiscal condition now; biennial budgeting would further reduce it.
- Would lead to more supplemental spending, especially in the second year.
- While the President is calling for biennial budgeting, his own budgets for 2006 and 2007 failed to provide discretionary spending policy details beyond the first year.
- Would require Congress to rely on more speculative, long-term projections, resulting in less accurate forecasts and outdated assumptions.
- Would reduce Congressional ability to respond to changing budget, economic, and fiscal conditions.
- Would weaken Congressional oversight of the Executive Branch through the budget and appropriations process.