

7-2 TAXING & SPENDING BILLS

- Taxes Main Source of Revenue
- House Power over Revenue Bills
 - ALL R-Bills start in the House.
 - House Ways & Means Comm.
 - Determines whether to follow Pres. suggestion of ↑ or ↓ taxes.
 - Sets the rules & reg on who + how taxes are paid
 - Sometimes include many riders

- SENATE'S ROLE

- MAY Propose Amendments to House Tax Bills.
- Senate Finance Comm.

Appropriations Money

- Spending Power
- No \$ can be spent w/o the approval of Congress
- Two Step process to appropriate \$
 - Authorization Bill = creates a program
 - 2. Appropriations Bill = Spends/Funds to carry out the program
- Appropriations Committees
 - House & Senate = Bt & Subcomm to help carry out the App. Process
 - Review Budgets
 - Hear testimony
 - Department chairs provide information in report \$ from Comm
 - Powerful & special interest groups try to influence App. Bills.

- Un Controllable Expenditures

- Not all spending by the govt can be controlled by the Pres & Congress
 - Money ~~not~~ already "appropriated" / promised in past legislation. "70 percent" already spent
 - Entitlements money spent from 1 year to the next