

TABLE 2.1 Authorization–Appropriations Rules Compared

House	Senate
No unauthorized appropriations are permitted except for public works in progress. However, this rule is commonly waived for a reported appropriations bill because the Appropriations Committee typically does include unauthorized appropriations in its reported bill.	Amendments proposing unauthorized appropriations are not permitted. Exceptions are if the Senate has passed an authorization during that session; if the amendment is offered by the Senate standing committee having jurisdiction over the matter, or by the Appropriations Committee; or if the appropriation is requested in the president's annual budget.
No legislation is permitted in an appropriations bill.	No legislation is permitted in an appropriations bill unless the Senate determines, by an affirmative vote, that it is germane to legislative language in the House-passed bill.
No appropriation is permitted in an authorization bill. Floor amendments that propose appropriations are not in order in authorization bills.	There is no equivalent rule. (Recall that the House initiates appropriations bills and objects to Senate efforts aimed at circumventing this arrangement.)