

§ 305(b)(1)

(1) Debate in the Senate on any concurrent resolution on the budget, and all amendments thereto³⁴⁴ and debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith,³⁴⁵

³⁴⁴ The Committee on the Budget may modify the budget resolution on the floor. *See* 126 CONG. REC. S4516 (daily ed. May 5, 1980) (statement of Chairman Hollings). The Committee on the Budget may authorize a Senator to modify a Committee amendment to a budget resolution. 127 CONG. REC. S2697 (daily ed. Mar. 26, 1981) (statement of Majority Leader Baker).

A committee need not have a formal meeting to authorize the offering of a committee amendment on its behalf; rather, a majority of the committee may so authorize by polling. 128 CONG. REC. S9014-15 (1982); Senate Precedent PRL19820722-005 (July 22, 1982) (LEGIS, Rules database) (inquiry by Sen. DeConcini regarding Dole amendment on behalf of the Finance Committee on the Tax Reconciliation Act of 1982).

At the end of the time for debate on a bill or resolution, Senators may call up amendments for the Senate to vote on without debate. *Cf.* 128 CONG. REC. S15,711 (1982); Senate Precedent PRL19821220-004 (Dec. 20, 1982) (LEGIS, Rules database) (inquiries of Sen. Byrd; where a unanimous consent agreement provides for a vote at a time certain, when that time arrives amendments may be offered and voted on without debate). (The Chair uses precedents under unanimous consent agreements to interpret provisions of the Congressional Budget Act that use the language used in unanimous consent agreements. *See* 127 CONG. REC. S3148 (1981); Senate Precedent PRL19810401-001 (Apr. 1, 1981) (LEGIS, Rules database) (for the debate in this precedent, see *infra* note 353).)

³⁴⁵ Section 209 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Reaffirmation Act of 1987, entitled "Clarification of Congressional Intent Regarding Time Limits for Conference Reports on Concurrent Resolutions on the Budget," added the words "and all amendments thereto and debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith." Pub. L. No. 100-119, § 209, 101 Stat. 754, 787 (Sept. 29, 1987). The joint statement of managers accompanying the conference report on that bill explained:

5. Time Limit for Conference Reports on Budget Resolutions

Current Law

Section 305(c)(2) of the 1974 Budget Act establishes time limits for debate on the conference reports on budget resolutions and reconciliation legislation. However, it is not clear from the language whether the time limit applies to appeals, debatable motions, and amendments in disagreement.

Senate Amendment

The Senate amendment (Section 232) amends Section 305(c)(2) to specifically include in the time limit "all amendments in disagreement, and all
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