
the provisions of such concurrent resolution shall be received.³³³ Such leaders, or either of them, may, from

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A Senator may offer again on behalf of the committee that had reported the measure an amendment that the Chair had ruled out of order as nongermane when offered by the Senator in the Senator's individual capacity. *See* 128 CONG. REC. S9014-15 (1982); Senate Precedent PRL19820722-005 (July 22, 1982) (LEGIS, Rules database) (Dole amendment to the Tax Reconciliation Act of 1982).

The Chair will consider germane an amendment that is germane to an amendment for which the Senate has waived the germaneness requirement of the Congressional Budget Act. 132 CONG. REC. S12,986 (1986); Senate Precedent PRL19860919-004 (Sept. 19, 1986) (LEGIS, Rules database); 131 CONG. REC. S14,015-16 (1985); Senate Precedent PRL19851024-003 (Oct. 24, 1985) (LEGIS, Rules database).

A motion under section 904(b) to waive the germaneness requirement of the Congressional Budget Act without specifying the object of that motion, even though made in response to a point of order against an amendment, would waive that requirement without restriction. 131 CONG. REC. S14,015-16 (1985); Senate Precedent PRL19851024-003 (Oct. 24, 1985) (LEGIS, Rules database).

Setting the time or sequence for a vote on an amendment does not implicitly waive the germaneness requirement. *See* 129 CONG. REC. S1807 (1983); Senate Precedent PRL19830301-001 (Mar. 1, 1983) (LEGIS, Rules database) (inquiries of Sens. Metzenbaum, Byrd, and Baker regarding cloture).

The germaneness requirement does not apply to a motion to recommit a reconciliation bill with instructions to report back forthwith a specific amendment that would bring a committee into compliance with the reconciliation instructions in the budget resolution. Senate Precedent PRL19810617-001 (June 17, 1981) (LEGIS, Rules database); *see also infra* note 446.

In contrast to the germaneness test, the test for relevance is a looser, subject matter test. *See infra* note 1722.

Also in contrast to the germaneness test, the test for extraneousness (in the context of reconciliation) depends on another set of criteria regarding, among other things, whether the provision in question reduces the deficit. *See* section 313 (sometimes called the "Byrd Rule") *infra* pp. 198-245.

³³³ The language that such amendments "shall not be received" merely permits a Senator to raise a point of order after time on the amendment has expired, and does not authorize the Chair to rule on the amendment at the Chair's initiative. 127 CONG. REC. S3148 (1981); Senate Precedent PRL19810401-001 (Apr. 1, 1981) (LEGIS, Rules database). On April 1, 1981, the following debate took place before time on the amendment had expired:

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Mr. LONG.

.... Mr. President, I make the point of order that this amendment is not germane to the bill.

Mr. METZENBAUM. Mr. President, I believe the Senator's point of order is premature.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair would inform the Senator from Louisiana that a point of order is not in order at this time.

Mr. LONG. Mr. President, the reorganization law says that an amendment that is not germane will not be received.

Mr. METZENBAUM. But it also says it is not in order until time for debate on the amendment has expired.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana has the floor.

The point of order would be in order after the time for debate on the amendment has expired.

Mr. LONG. Mr. President, might I just discuss it? We have before us an amendment which, under the law, is an amendment that is not to be received. Therefore, I make the point of order that this amendment is out of order. It should not have been received and there is nothing to debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair is of the opinion that the point of order may or may not be correct. It looks as if it might be correct. But the language "shall not be received" is standard language used by the Senate in unanimous-consent agreements which impose germaneness on amendments. Under the precedents of the Senate, it has been held uniformly that, under those circumstances, a point of order against an amendment on the ground that it is not germane may not be made until the time of the amendment has expired.

Id.

Cf. supra note 293 (Congressional Budget Act prohibitions are not self-enforcing, and require points of order from the floor for their enforcement; regarding section 303(a)).

Contrast the rule under cloture, where the Chair will take the initiative to rule out of order nongermane amendments without waiting for a point of order from the floor. *See, e.g.*, 130 CONG. REC. S11,111-12 (1984); Senate Precedent PRL19840913-001 (Sept. 13, (continued...))

the time under their control on the passage of the concurrent resolution, allot additional time to any Senator during the consideration of any amendment, debatable motion, or appeal.

§ 305(b)(3)

(3) Following the presentation of opening statements on the concurrent resolution on the budget for a fiscal year by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate, there shall be a period of up to four hours for debate on economic goals and policies.



§ 305(b)(4)

(4) Subject to the other limitations of this Act, only if a concurrent resolution on the budget reported by the Committee on the Budget of the Senate sets forth the economic goals (as described in sections 3(a)(2)³⁵⁴ and 4(b)³⁵⁵ of the Employment Act of 1946) which the estimates, amounts, and levels (as described in section 301(a)³⁵⁶) set forth in such resolution are designed to

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1984) (LEGIS, Rules database); 128 CONG. REC. S11,844 (1982); Senate Precedent PRL19820920-002 (Sept. 20, 1982) (LEGIS, Rules database) (inquiry of Sen. Robert C. Byrd).

For further examples of the application of the point of order under section 305(b), see, e.g., 133 CONG. REC. S17,652-53 (daily ed. Dec. 10, 1987) (Harkin motion to waive rejected 47-49 regarding his amendment no. 1257 to S. 1920, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987); 133 CONG. REC. S17,600 (daily ed. Dec. 10, 1987) (Majority Leader Byrd's motion to waive section 305(b) and other sections approved 81-13 regarding specified amendments and motion to recommit regarding S. 1920, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987).

³⁵⁴ See *supra* note 200.

³⁵⁵ See *supra* note 152.

³⁵⁶ See *supra* pp. 50-56.