

§ 305(b)(6)

(6) Notwithstanding any other rule,³⁶² an amendment or series of amendments to a concurrent resolution on the budget proposed in the Senate shall always be in order if such amendment or series of amendments proposes to change any figure or figures then contained in such concurrent resolution so as to make such concurrent resolution mathematically consistent or so as to maintain such consistency.³⁶³

§ 305(c)

(c) ACTION ON CONFERENCE REPORTS IN THE SENATE. —

³⁶² The rule of section 305(b)(6) runs contrary to the general rule in the Senate that it is not in order to amend solely material that the Senate has already amended. For discussions of the general rule, see ALAN S. FRUMIN, RIDDICK'S SENATE PROCEDURE 28-30 (1992) (and precedents cited there); M. Gold, *Senate Procedure and Practice: An Introductory Manual* 33-34, 46-47 (Dec. 1983).

³⁶³ See also 128 CONG. REC. S5759 (1982); Senate Precedent PRL19820520-006 (May 20, 1982) (LEGIS, Rules database) (inquiry of Majority Leader Baker regarding amendment by Sen. Sasser to the First Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 1983).

The Parliamentarian's notes accompanying the precedent of May 20, 1982, explains that office's position:

Section 305(b)(6) . . . protects amendments which would otherwise not be in order, namely those amending figures already amended or those amending the pending question at more than one place, if said amendments make or maintain mathematical consistency. Advice from this office has been given to the effect that to qualify for this exception, any increase or decrease in a budget function requires a commensurate increase or decrease in any one or combination of the following to make the amendment in order: Revenue totals, and the amounts by which revenues should be changed, budget authority totals, outlay totals, public debt totals, and the amounts by which the statutory limit on the public debt should be changed, the deficit for the fiscal year involved and interest on the public debt, and other budget functions. Reconciliation numbers need not be changed.

Senate Precedent PRL19820520-006 (May 20, 1982) (LEGIS, Rules database).

Note that section 305(d) creates a point of order against consideration of a budget resolution whose figures are not mathematically consistent. See *infra* pp. 141-142.