
tion carrying out all such recommendations without any substantive revision.

For purposes of this subsection, a reconciliation resolution is a concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the Secretary of the Senate, as the case may be, to make specified changes in bills and resolutions which

⁴⁴⁴(...continued)

deadline has passed, the Budget Committee may report out the reconciliation bill absent the contributions of the tardy committees, or the Budget Committee may wait for all committees to report. Only when all committees report, does the Budget Committee's obligation ripen.

What becomes of the bill that includes a title that is reported late? This lateness is a factor that the Chair must take into account in determining whether the bill as a whole constitutes a reconciliation bill deserving of the procedural protections set forth in the statute. It is a factor, but I should think a rather minor factor when weighed along with whether the other requirements are met, that is whether the committees instructed have achieved deficit reduction of the right amount, whether they have done so in their jurisdiction, and whether provisions are otherwise extraneous or non-germane.

Should a title reported late be subject to any extraordinary remedies? We submit, no. The remedy for failure to comply with the amount of reconciliation instructions is that any Senator may rise and offer a motion to recommit with instructions to report back forthwith an amendment that would bring the title into complete compliance.

But could that remedy apply here? It would make no sense. There is no possible amendment that could make the committee's title comply with the deadline for reporting recommendations.

There is no way it could be sent back and the clock turned back to make it comply with the time requirement.

Now, should the tardy committee be otherwise punished? The Committee on the Budget would respond no. There is sufficient sanction in the threat that the Budget Committee might report the reconciliation bill and the Senate might consider it without that committee's title. In essence, the committee that reports in a tardy fashion, gambles on the patience of the Budget Committee and on the patience of the Senate leadership.

Id. (The Republican leader never propounded of the Chair the inquiries that he said he would.)