

§ 258B(e)(2) (2) The title of the joint resolution shall be "Joint resolution approving the report of the President submitted under section 258B of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985."

§ 258B(e)(3) (3) Such joint resolution shall not contain any preamble.

§ 258B(f)(1) (f)(1) A joint resolution introduced in the Senate under subsection (d) shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and if not reported within 5 calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) from the date of introduction shall be considered as having been discharged therefrom and shall be placed on the appropriate calendar pending disposition of such joint resolution in accordance with this subsection. In the Senate, no amendment¹⁷¹⁹ proposed¹⁷²⁰ in the Committee on Appropriations shall be in order other than an amendment (in the nature of a substitute) that is germane¹⁷²¹ or relevant¹⁷²² to the provisions of the

¹⁷¹⁹ An amendment is subject to points of order under the Congressional Budget Act even if the Senate has specified by unanimous consent that the amendment is one of the amendments in order and the yeas and nays have been ordered. *Cf. supra* note 295 (regarding section 303(a)).

¹⁷²⁰ Section 8003(e) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 substituted the word "proposed" here for the word "made" to reflect the fact that, in this context, committees merely propose amendments, while the Senate acts on them. Pub. L. No. 100-203, § 8003(e), 101 Stat. 1330, 1330-281 (1987).

¹⁷²¹ For a discussion of germaneness, see *supra* note 352.

¹⁷²² The test of relevance of amendments is broader than the germaneness test; it is a subject matter test, and amendments that deal with the subject matter of the bill are in order if they do not contain any significant matter not dealt with in the bill. 131 CONG. REC. S16,503 (1985); Senate Precedent PRL19851123-002 (Nov. 23, 1985). In the precedent of November 23, 1985, the Majority Leader (Senator Dole of Kansas) attempted to obtain a unanimous consent agreement on S. 1884, a bill to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1974, which proposed that amendments be germane. *Id.* The following colloquy took place:

Mr. BAUCUS. — I wonder if the majority leader would agree to change the consent agreement to allow the Senator from Montana to offer an
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