

Media – Senate Budget Committee Chairman Suggests Getting Rid of Committee (Newsmax) April 17, 2018

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Sen. Tom Enzi, R-Wyo., the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, has suggested getting rid of that committee, Republican **sources told The Hill**.

Enzi has said increasing deficits are making the passage of a spending blueprint more difficult, the sources told The Hill. The deadline for a budget resolution was April 15, and Republican lawmakers said they are not expecting to pass a budget before the end of the 2018 election year, The Hill reported. Deficits are growing at such a rate that putting together a budget that balances in a decade would require items lawmakers do not want to support, such as spending cuts or tax increases, the report said.

Sen. Enzi said the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform must change the budgeting and appropriations process in order to make his committee "valuable," The Hill reported. "I'm really counting on that special committee to come up with a way to make budgets valuable again," Enzi said.

Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., a member of the joint budget-reform committee and a member of the Senate Budget Committee, related a conversation with Enzi about the budget, The Hill reported. "Given the lack of functionality of the Budget Committee . . . we could do away with it, and I agree with that," Perdue said, The Hill reported.

However, if the committee were ended, the Senate would have to come up with another method to enforce budget rules and to oversee the Congressional Budget Office, The Hill reported.

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