



KEY ACTORS IN BUDGET PROCESS

While the Budget Resolution is in committee: February through mid/late March 2005

Primary Legislators: Senate Budget Committee members

Republicans (12)*

Judd Gregg, NH, Chair
Pete Dominici, NM
Chuck Grassley, IA
Wayne Allard, CO
Michael Enzi, WY
Jeff Sessions, AL
Jim Bunning, KY
Mike Crapo, ID
John Ensign, NV
John Cornyn, TX
Lamar Alexander, TN
Lindsey Graham, SC

Democrats (10)

Kent Conrad, ND, Ranking
Paul Sarbanes, MD
Patty Murray, WA
Ron Wyden, OR
Russ Feingold, WI
Tim Johnson, SD
Robert Byrd, WV
Bill Nelson, FL
Debbie Stabenow, MI
Jon Corzine, NJ

Secondary Legislators: Off committee Senators, particularly moderate Republicans – Alexander (TN), Chafee (RI), Collins (ME), DeWine (OH), Smith (OR), Snowe (ME), Specter (PA), and Voinovich (OH) – who can weigh in with committee members against a bad budget resolution.

Secondary Legislators: State and local officials such as mayors, state legislators, and program directors who might weigh in with their governors against a bad federal budget resolution. Governors should also be urged directly to weigh in with their members of Congress against a budget resolution that cuts funding for key state programs. There are probably key Republican governors, Schwarzenegger (CA) is the most obvious example, that we might want to at least neutralize, even if they won't help.

When the Budget Resolution is on the floor: mid/late March through early April 2005

Primary Legislators: All senators, but especially moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats.

Moderate Republicans

Alexander (TN)
Chafee (RI)
Collins (ME)
DeWine (OH)
Smith (OR)
Snowe (ME)

Conservative Democrats

Baucus (MT)
Bayh (IN)
Carper (DE)
Kohl (?) (WI)
Landrieu (LA)
Lincoln (AR)

Specter (PA)
Voinovich (OH)

Nelson, Ben (NE)

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***When the Budget Resolution is in conference:
April 2005:***

Primary Legislators: House and Senate conferees (we won't know who these are until they're appointed after versions of the bill have passed in both Houses).

Secondary Legislators: Off committee House and Senator Members who can weigh in with conferees against a bad budget resolution conference report.

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***When the Conference Report is on the House and Senate floor
for a final vote:***

Primary Legislators: All Senators, but particularly moderate Republicans -- Alexander (TN), Chafee (RI), Collins (ME), DeWine (OH), Smith (OR), Snowe (ME), Specter (PA), and Voinovich (OH) -- who might be convinced to vote against a bad Budget Resolution conference report. Conservative Democrats -- Baucus (MT), Bayh (IN), Carper (DE), Kohl (WI), Landrieu (LA), Lincoln (AR), and Nelson, Ben (NE) should also be targeted to make sure they don't vote for a bad conference report.

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