

# Budget Reconciliation

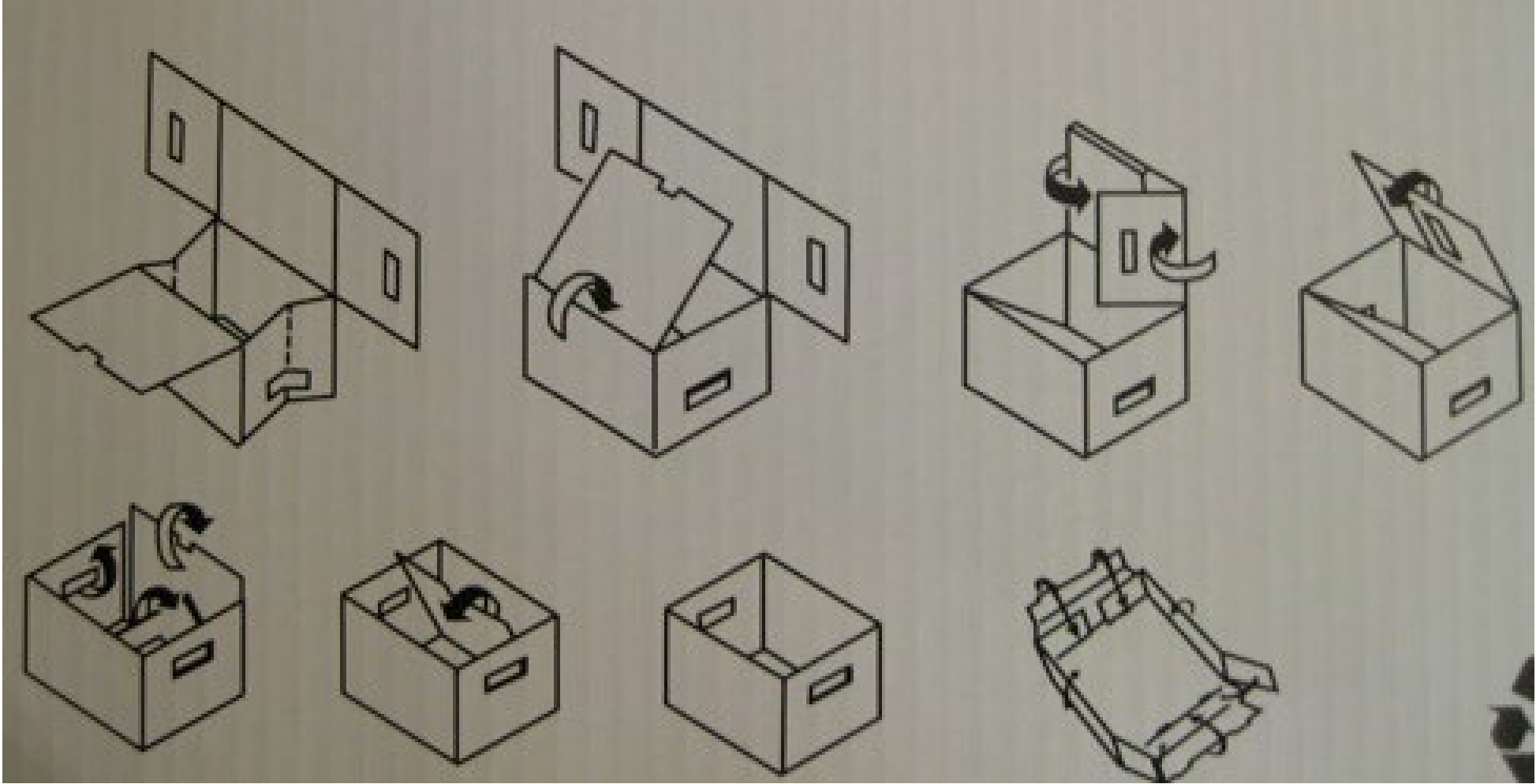
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# Step #1: Assembling the Box



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- How many boxes are we building?
  - How big is the box?
  - Which committees are allowed to put things in the box?
  - Is there anything in the box that might violate Senate rules?
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- Once the box is assembled, the budget resolution comes to the floor; can't be filibustered in the Senate

## Step #2: Filling the Box



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- The job of individual committees
- Types of spending that you can put in the box
- Rules can constrain in two ways
  - Is the box actually a reconciliation bill? (Does the bill retain privilege?)
  - Does everything in the box comply with the rules? (Are there Byrd Rule violations?)

# Step #3: Carrying the Box Over the Finish Line



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- Debate in the Senate is limited to 20 hours
  - Amendments must be germane
  - Potential for a vote-a-rama
- Debate in the House has generally been limited to one or three hours, with limited amendments

