

What's Wrong With Vote-a-Rama

- **Back-to-back votes, sometimes for several days**
- **Little time to review and debate many amendments**
- **Senators often don't know what they are voting on**

Number of Amendments Offered to Budget Resolution Has Been Rising

2006, 2007, and 2008 Among Top Five Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Amendments Offered</u>
2008	113
1998	106
1999	94
2007	91
2006	87

Source: CRS

Number of Budget Resolution Roll Call Votes Has Been Rising

*Senators Taking More Votes on Amendments
Given No Time to Debate*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	<u>% Offered After Time Expired</u>
1995	56	71%
2003	50	80%
1993	43	37%
2008	40	60%
1996	40	20%

Source: CRS

Potential Ways to Reform Vote-a-Rama

- Filing deadlines for 1st and 2nd degree amendments
- Increase number of amendments debated prior to vote-a-rama by reducing time on each amendment
- Brief “lay over” period to review amendments
- Yielding back time only by UC