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The Ticking Clocks of the Build Back Better Act

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The Build Back Better Act (BBBA) is a reconciliation bill, which means it is very much time sensitive. In a new insight, Director of Fiscal Policy Gordon Gray walks through the multiple time constraints at play for the BBBA – in particular, the most pressing deadline to get the bill through the Senate.

Key points:

> - *First, reconciliation allows the BBBA to bypass a Senate filibuster, as debate is limited to 20 hours.*
> - *Second, the BBBA's reconciliation process is available to legislators only until September 30, 2022 – the end of the fiscal year covered by the budget.*
> - *Finally, the fundamental time constraint on the BBBA is political (i.e., this year's midterm elections).*

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