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Dear C-Span:

While watching your coverage, from time to time, of the recent House and Senate debates on the Budget Resolution I found it frustrating that the information you provide on the screen as to the currently pending business identifies the proposed legislation or amendment by number and title only. Thus the viewer who tunes in at the mid-point of an ongoing debate has no idea what the substance of the matter is that is being debated (except insofar as that can be inferred, sometimes with great difficulty and sometimes not at all, from what a speaker may be saying at the time).

Why can't you, in addition to providing the title and number of the pending business, also include a one phrase or sentence summary or characterization of the topic under discussion? I realize the risk you might thus run of stating it in a way that some proponent or opponent regards as unfair or non-objective, but I should think if it is done carefully and very briefly that pitfall could be avoided. It is even something that a bright student intern ought to be able to compose. And it would be enormously helpful to your viewers.

Sincerely,

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Visiting Professor

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