



November looms behind trifecta bill

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“If the Senate kills the trifecta bill, we will not return to it this year. That means we would have no permanent death-tax reform, no tax-policy extenders and no minimum-wage increase,” Frist said. “It’s now or never. It’s this week.”

Several Republicans and Democrats bristled at the process, including Finance Committee member Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), who called the move “unbecoming of the Senate.”

Enzi, who joined with Grassley in a last-ditch bid to revive the pension conference before the House took up its bill late Friday night, suggested more subtly that he would have preferred a different tack.

“I’m not the one doing the process,” Enzi said. “If you watch the process, often it doesn’t go the way reasonable people thought it would go.”

