

Urgent Vote in Brazilian Senate to Push Through Labor Reforms



Brasilia, July 5 (RHC)-- Brazil's Senate is set to analyze an urgent request to vote on the controversial labor reform put forward by Michel Temer. If approved, the reform bill, known as PLC 38/2017, will be scheduled for a vote after two regular Senate sessions.

Carta Capital reports that Eunício Oliveira, president of the Senate, intends to have the vote on labor reform by July 18th. "I'm not anxious to have a vote today, on Monday or Tuesday. I will follow regulations and respect the opposition," he said.

Labor reforms proposed by Brazilian President Michel Temer include the elimination of payment for workers' commute from their contracts, a reduction in employer compensation for abuse and allowing employers to reduce workers' salaries while increasing their work hours.

Social Security reform continues to circulate in Brazil's Congress despite its unpopularity. It would scrap the average retirement age of 54, making it mandatory that women retire at 62 and men at 65.

Temer has made labor and pension reforms flagship proposals of his government. However, embroiled in a series of corruption scandals, he hopes to ram through his controversial legislation before he is forced to step down.

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