Changing the bar numbers in midstream

Sometimes you may want to alter the consecutive bar numbering of MusiXTeX/PMX manually. This occurs most often in pieces starting with a pickup, and then a repeat of the first part. The Bourre I of the first Suite by J.S. Bach is a case in point: you might want to count the incomplete bar of the end of the first part and the pickup of the next part as one bar.

To obtain that, simply insert the type 3 inline MusiXTeX command

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\advance\barno by-1
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before the pickup bar – this simply reduces the current value of the bar number by one.

In other cases, you might want to set a definite value, without having to count how many bars to skip. In that case you can use

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\barno=[n]
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But note that the value of \textit{n} you need to use here is \textit{one less} than the bar number you want the following bar to have!

This is similar to changing page numbers in \TeX/L\LaTeX\midstream.

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