

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 16

Amending the Standing Rules of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 2013

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Amending the Standing Rules of the Senate.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. BIPARTISAN CLOTURE ON THE MOTION TO**
3 **PROCEED.**

4 Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is
5 amended by inserting at the end the following:

6 “3. If a cloture motion on a motion to proceed to
7 a measure or matter is presented in accordance with this
8 rule and is signed by 16 Senators, including the Majority
9 Leader, the Minority Leader, 7 additional Senators not
10 affiliated with the majority, and 7 additional Senators not
11 affiliated with the minority, one hour after the Senate
12 meets on the following calendar day, the Presiding Officer,

1 or the clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall
2 lay the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked
3 on the motion to proceed, the question shall be on the mo-
4 tion to proceed, without further debate.”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONFERENCE MOTIONS.**

6 Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is
7 amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs 2 through 9 as
9 paragraphs 3 through 10, respectively;

10 (2) in paragraph 3(c), as so redesignated, by
11 striking “paragraph 4” and inserting “paragraph
12 5”;

13 (3) in paragraph 4(b), as so redesignated, by
14 striking “paragraph 4” and inserting “paragraph
15 5”;

16 (4) in paragraph 5(a), as so redesignated, by
17 striking “paragraph 2 or paragraph 3” and inserting
18 “paragraph 3 or paragraph 4”;

19 (5) in paragraph 6, as so redesignated—

20 (A) in subparagraph (a), by striking
21 “paragraph 2 or 3” and inserting “paragraph 3
22 or paragraph 4”;

23 (B) in subparagraph (b), by striking
24 “paragraph (4)” each place it appears and in-
25 serting “paragraph (5)”; and

1 (6) inserting after paragraph 1 the following:

2 “2. (a) When a message from the House of Rep-
3 resentatives is laid before the Senate, it shall be in order
4 for a single, non-divisible motion to be made that in-
5 cludes—

6 “(1) a motion to disagree to a House amend-
7 ment or insist upon a Senate amendment;

8 “(2) a motion to request a committee of con-
9 ference with the House or to agree to a request by
10 the House for a committee of conference; and

11 “(3) a motion to authorize the Presiding Officer
12 to appoint conferees (or a motion to appoint con-
13 ferees).

14 “(b) If a cloture motion is presented on a motion
15 made pursuant to subparagraph (a), the motion shall be
16 debatable for no more than 2 hours, equally divided in
17 the usual form, after which the Presiding Officer, or the
18 clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall lay
19 the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked
20 on the motion, the question shall be on the motion, with-
21 out further debate.”.

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