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S. RES. 469

Providing for a protocol for nonpartisan confirmation of judicial nominees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Providing for a protocol for nonpartisan confirmation of
judicial nominees.

Whereas judicial nominations have long been the subject of
controversy and delay in the United States Senate, par-
ticularly over the last twenty years;

Whereas, in the past, the controversy over judicial nominees
has occurred regardless of which political parties con-
trolled the White House and the Senate; and

Whereas, in the current Congress the controversy over judi-
cial nominees continues: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. PROTOCOL FOR NONPARTISAN CONFIRMATION**

3 **OF JUDICIAL NOMINEES.**

4 (a) TIMETABLES.—

1 (1) COMMITTEE TIMETABLES.—The Chairman of the
 2 Committee on the Judiciary, in collaboration with the
 3 Ranking Member, shall—

4 (A) establish a timetable for hearings for nominees
 5 to the United States district courts, courts of appeals, and
 6 Supreme Court, to occur within 30 days after the names
 7 of such nominees have been submitted to the Senate by
 8 the President; and

9 (B) establish a timetable for action by the full Com-
 10 mittee to occur within 30 days after the hearings, and for
 11 reporting out nominees to the full Senate.

12 (2) SENATE TIMETABLES.—The majority leader shall
 13 establish a timetable for action by the full Senate to occur
 14 within 30 days after the Committee on the Judiciary has
 15 reported out the nominations.

16 (b) EXTENSION OF TIMETABLES.—

17 (1) COMMITTEE EXTENSIONS.—The Chairman of the
 18 Committee on the Judiciary, with notice to the Ranking
 19 Member, may extend by a period not to exceed 30 days,
 20 the time for action by the Committee for cause, such as
 21 the need for more investigation or additional hearings.

22 (2) SENATE EXTENSIONS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The majority leader, with notice
 24 to the minority leader, may extend by a period not to ex-

1 exceed 30 days, the time for floor action for cause, such as
2 the need for more investigation or additional hearings.

3 (B) RECESS PERIOD.—Any day of a recess period of
4 the Senate shall not be included in the extension period
5 described under subparagraph (A).

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