

Calendar No. 487

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 3657**

To establish as a standing order of the Senate that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to objecting to any measure or matter.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2010

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. McCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ELIMINATING SECRET SENATE HOLDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) COVERED REQUEST.—This standing order
6 shall apply to a notice of intent to object to the fol-
7 lowing covered requests:

1 (A) A unanimous consent request to pro-
2 ceed to a bill, resolution, joint resolution, con-
3 current resolution, conference report, or amend-
4 ment between the Houses.

5 (B) A unanimous consent request to pass
6 a bill or joint resolution or adopt a resolution,
7 concurrent resolution, conference report, or the
8 disposition of an amendment between the
9 Houses.

10 (C) A unanimous consent request for dis-
11 position of a nomination.

12 (2) RECOGNITION OF NOTICE OF INTENT.—The
13 majority and minority leaders of the Senate or their
14 designees shall recognize a notice of intent to object
15 to a covered request of a Senator who is a member
16 of their caucus if the Senator—

17 (A) submits the notice of intent to object
18 in writing to the appropriate leader and grants
19 in the notice of intent to object permission for
20 the leader or designee to object in the Senator's
21 name; and

22 (B) not later than 1 session day after sub-
23 mitting the notice of intent to object to the ap-
24 propriate leader, submits a copy of the notice of
25 intent to object to the Congressional Record

1 and to the Legislative Clerk for inclusion in the
 2 applicable calendar section described in sub-
 3 section (b).

4 (3) FORM OF NOTICE.—To be recognized by the
 5 appropriate leader a Senator shall submit the fol-
 6 lowing notice of intent to object:

7 “I, Senator _____, intend to ob-
 8 ject to _____, dated
 9 _____. I will submit a copy of this
 10 notice to the Legislative Clerk and the Congres-
 11 sional Record within 1 session day and I give
 12 my permission to the objecting Senator to ob-
 13 ject in my name.” The first blank shall be filled
 14 with the name of the Senator, the second blank
 15 shall be filled with the name of the covered re-
 16 quest, the name of the measure or matter and,
 17 if applicable, the calendar number, and the
 18 third blank shall be filled with the date that the
 19 notice of intent to object is submitted.

20 (b) CALENDAR.—Upon receiving the submission
 21 under subsection (a)(2)(B), the Legislative Clerk shall add
 22 the information from the notice of intent to object to the
 23 applicable Calendar section entitled “Notices of Intent to
 24 Object to Proceeding” created by Public Law 110–81.
 25 Each section shall include the name of each Senator filing

1 a notice under subsection (a)(2)(B), the measure or mat-
 2 ter covered by the calendar to which the notice of intent
 3 to object relates, and the date the notice of intent to object
 4 was filed.

5 (c) REMOVAL.—A Senator may have a notice of in-
 6 tent to object relating to that Senator removed from a cal-
 7 endar to which it was added under subsection (b) by sub-
 8 mitting for inclusion in the Congressional Record the fol-
 9 lowing notice:

10 “I, Senator _____, do not object to
 11 _____, dated _____.” The first
 12 blank shall be filled with the name of the Senator,
 13 the second blank shall be filled with the name of the
 14 covered request, the name of the measure or matter
 15 and, if applicable, the calendar number, and the
 16 third blank shall be filled with the date of the sub-
 17 mission to the Congressional Record under this sub-
 18 section.

19 (d) OBJECTING ON BEHALF OF A MEMBER.—If a
 20 Senator who has notified his or her leader of an intent
 21 to object to a covered request fails to submit a notice of
 22 intent to object under subsection (a)(2)(B) within 1 ses-
 23 sion day following an objection to a covered request by
 24 the leader or his or her designee on that Senator’s behalf,
 25 the Legislative Clerk shall list the Senator who made the

- 1 objection to the covered request in the applicable “Notice
- 2 of Intent to Object to Proceeding” calendar section.

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