

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 502

Eliminating secret Senate holds.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2010

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

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

3 Rule VII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “7. (a) The majority and minority leaders of the Sen-
6 ate or their designees shall recognize a notice of intent
7 of a Senator who is a member of their caucus to object
8 to proceeding to a measure or matter only if the Senator—

9 “(1) submits the notice of intent in writing to
10 the appropriate leader or their designee and grants
11 in the notice permission for the leader or designee
12 to object in the Senator’s name; and

1 “(2) not later than 2 session days after the sub-
 2 mission under clause (1), submits for inclusion in
 3 the Congressional Record and in the applicable cal-
 4 endar section described in subparagraph (b) the fol-
 5 lowing notice:

6 “‘I, Senator _____, intend to object to proceeding
 7 to _____, dated _____.’.

8 “(b) The Secretary of the Senate shall maintain for
 9 both the Senate Calendar of Business and the Senate Ex-
 10 ecutive Calendar a separate section entitled ‘Notices of In-
 11 tent to Object to Proceeding’. Each section shall include
 12 the name of each Senator filing a notice under subpara-
 13 graph (a)(2), the measure or matter covered by the cal-
 14 endar that the Senator objects to, and the date the objec-
 15 tion was filed.

16 “(c) A Senator may have an item relating to that
 17 Senator removed from a calendar to which it was added
 18 under subparagraph (b) by submitting for inclusion in the
 19 Congressional Record the following notice:

20 “‘I, Senator _____, do not object to proceeding to
 21 _____, dated _____.’.”.

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