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To establish requirements for committees of the Senate and the Senate to consider and hold votes on nominations of individuals for appointments by the President, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. POLIS, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. ESTY, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIND, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Mr. FOSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

A BILL

To establish requirements for committees of the Senate and the Senate to consider and hold votes on nominations of individuals for appointments by the President, and for other purposes.

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. REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATE CONSIDERATION**

4 **AND VOTE ON NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY**

5 **THE PRESIDENT.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMITTEES.—If the Presi-
7 dent submits to the Senate the nomination of an individual
8 for appointment to an office, the following shall apply:

1 (1) If the nomination is referred to a single
2 committee of the Senate, the committee to which the
3 nomination has been referred shall hold a vote on
4 the nomination not later than 90 days after the
5 President submits the nomination, or shall discharge
6 the nomination without recommendation.

7 (2) If, upon the submission of the nomination,
8 the nomination is referred jointly to more than one
9 committee of the Senate, each committee to which
10 the nomination has been referred shall hold a vote
11 on the nomination not later than 90 days after the
12 President submits the nomination, or shall discharge
13 the nomination without recommendation.

14 (3) If, after the nomination is referred initially
15 to a single committee of the Senate, the nomination
16 is referred sequentially by unanimous consent to an-
17 other committee of the Senate—

18 (A) the committee to which the nomination
19 was initially referred shall hold a vote on the
20 nomination not later than 60 days after the
21 President submits the nomination, or shall dis-
22 charge the nomination without recommendation;
23 and

24 (B) if the committee to which the nomina-
25 tion was initially referred reports the nomina-

1 tion favorably to the Senate, each committee to
2 which the nomination has been referred sequen-
3 tially shall hold a vote on the nomination not
4 later than 20 days after the first committee re-
5 ports the nomination favorably, or shall dis-
6 charge the nomination without recommendation.

7 (b) VOTE BY FULL SENATE.—

8 (1) VOTE UPON FAVORABLE REPORT BY COM-
9 MITTEE.—If each committee of the Senate to which
10 the nomination of an individual has been referred re-
11 ports the nomination favorably to the Senate or dis-
12 charges the nomination without recommendation,
13 the Senate shall hold a vote on the nomination not
14 later than 60 days after the last such committee re-
15 ports or discharges the nomination.

16 (2) VOTE ON NOMINATIONS NOT REFERRED TO
17 COMMITTEES.—If the President submits to the Sen-
18 ate the nomination of an individual for appointment
19 to an office and the nomination is not referred to
20 any committee of the Senate, the Senate shall hold
21 a vote on the nomination not later than 150 days
22 after the President submits the nomination.

23 (3) TREATMENT OF VOTES ON CLOTURE IN
24 CASE OF NOMINATIONS TO SUPREME COURT.—In
25 the case of the nomination of an individual for ap-

1 pointment to the Supreme Court of the United
2 States, a vote in the Senate on a motion to invoke
3 cloture on a motion to proceed to the consideration
4 of the nomination shall be treated as a vote on the
5 nomination for purposes of this subsection.

6 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 This Act shall apply with respect to nominations sub-
8 mitted on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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