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1ST SESSION

S. RES. 123

Providing for consideration of changes to rules for the proceedings of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2015

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

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO RULES FOR**
3 **THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE.**

4 Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs 1 and 2 as
7 paragraphs 5 and 6, respectively;

8 (2) by inserting before paragraph 5 (as redesign-
9 nated) the following:

1 “1.(a) At the beginning of a new Congress, the first
2 matters considered by the Senate (other than a resolution
3 described in subparagraph (b)) shall be a resolution ap-
4 pointing majority and minority members of the Committee
5 on Rules and Administration of the Senate and a resolu-
6 tion amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the
7 Senate. No other matter shall be in order, except by unan-
8 imous consent, until the Senate has agreed to a resolution
9 amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Sen-
10 ate.

11 “(b) A resolution described in this subparagraph is
12 a resolution—

13 “(1) informing the President that a quorum of
14 each House is assembled;

15 “(2) informing the House of Representatives
16 that a quorum of the Senate is assembled;

17 “(3) electing the President pro tempore of the
18 Senate and notifying the President and the House of
19 Representatives of such election;

20 “(4) fixing the hour of the daily meeting of the
21 Senate;

22 “(5) electing the Secretary of the Senate and
23 notifying the President and the House of Represent-
24 atives of such election;

1 “(6) electing a Sergeant at Arms and Door-
2 keeper of the Senate and notifying the President and
3 the House of Representatives of such election; or

4 “(7) electing Secretaries for the Majority and
5 Minority of the Senate.

6 “2. At the beginning of a new Congress, and until
7 the Senate has agreed to a resolution adopting or amend-
8 ing rules for the proceedings of the Senate, if the Com-
9 mittee on Rules and Administration reports to the full
10 Senate a resolution amending or adopting rules for the
11 proceedings of the Senate, the Senate shall immediately
12 proceed to consideration of the resolution.

13 “3. On and after the third day of session of the Sen-
14 ate, if the Committee on Rules has not reported to the
15 full Senate a resolution amending or adopting rules for
16 the proceedings of the Senate, it shall be in order for any
17 Senator to introduce and immediately move to proceed to
18 consider a resolution amending or adopting rules for the
19 proceedings of the Senate. Consideration of such a motion
20 to proceed, including consideration of any motions or ap-
21 peals in connection therewith, shall be limited to 2 hours.

22 “4. On and after the third day of session of the Sen-
23 ate during which a resolution amending or adopting rules
24 for the proceedings of the Senate is being considered, it
25 shall be in order for any Senator to move to end debate

1 on such resolution. Consideration of such motion, includ-
2 ing consideration of any motion or appeal in connection
3 therewith, shall be limited to 2 hours. If such motion is
4 decided in the affirmative, the Senate shall proceed imme-
5 diately to vote on the resolution adopting or amending
6 rules for the proceedings of the Senate, as amended if such
7 resolution has been amended.”; and

8 (3) in paragraph 5 (as redesignated), by strik-
9 ing “No motion” and inserting “Other than at the
10 beginning of a new Congress, no motion”.

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