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S. RES. 251

Amending rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to provide for
timely consideration of nominations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

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to provide for timely consideration of nominations.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS.**

3 Rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs 3 through 7 as
6 paragraphs 4 through 8, respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph 2 the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “3.(a) In this paragraph, the term ‘basic require-
10 ments’ means—

1 “(1) an agreement with the Office of Govern-
2 ment Ethics;

3 “(2) a financial disclosure form;

4 “(3) a background check conducted by the Fed-
5 eral Bureau of Investigation;

6 “(4) a questionnaire of each relevant com-
7 mittee;

8 “(5) tax forms, if required by a relevant com-
9 mittee; and

10 “(6) any other requirements of a relevant com-
11 mittee.

12 “(b) If a nomination has not been confirmed or re-
13 jected not later than 180 days after the day on which the
14 nominee completes the basic requirements, the appropriate
15 committees shall be automatically discharged and the
16 nomination shall be eligible for expedited consideration in
17 accordance with subparagraph (c).

18 “(c)(1) The majority leader may provide notice that
19 a nomination that is eligible for expedited consideration
20 in accordance with this subparagraph shall be considered
21 on an expedited basis.

22 “(2) Notwithstanding rule XXII, expedited consider-
23 ation of a covered nomination under this subparagraph,
24 including consideration of any debatable motion or appeal

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- 1 in connection therewith shall be limited to 2 hours, evenly
- 2 divided in the usual form.”.

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