

Rules of the Senate is amended by striking "duly chosen and sworn" and inserting "present and voting".

SEC. 2. MOTIONS TO PROCEED.

Paragraph 2 of rule VIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

"2. Debate on a motion to proceed to the consideration of any matter, and any debatable motion or appeal in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 4 hours, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the majority leader and the minority leader or their designees except for—

"(1) a motion to proceed to a proposal to change the Standing Rules which shall be debatable; and

"(2) a motion to go into executive session to consider a specified item of executive business and a motion to proceed to consider any privileged matter which shall not be debatable.".

SEC. 3. NO FILIBUSTER AFTER COMPLETE SUBSTITUTE IS AGREED TO.

Paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"If a complete substitute amendment for a measure is agreed to after consideration under cloture, the Senate shall proceed to a final disposition of the measure without intervening action or debate except one quorum call if requested.".

SEC. 4. NO FILIBUSTER RELATED TO COMMITTEES ON CONFERENCE.

Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"10.(a) Upon the majority leader making a motion to disagree with a House amendment or amendments or insist on a Senate amendment or amendments, request a conference with the House, or agree to the conference requested by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, debate on the motion, and any debatable motion or appeal in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 4 hours, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the majority leader and the minority leader or their designees.

"(b) A motion made by the majority leader pursuant to subparagraph (a) shall not be divisible and shall not be subject to amendment.".

SEC. 5. TIME PRECLOTURE.

Paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) in the first subparagraph of paragraph 2, by striking "one hour after the Senate meets on the following calendar day but one" and inserting "24 hours after the filing of the motion"; and

(2) in the third undesignated paragraph, by striking the second sentence and inserting "Except by unanimous consent, no amendment shall be proposed after the vote to bring the debate to a close, unless it had been submitted in writing to the Journal Clerk 12 hours following the filing of the cloture motion if an amendment in the first degree, and unless it had been so submitted at least 1 hour prior to the beginning of the cloture vote if an amendment in the second degree.".

SEC. 6. DIVISION OF TIME POSTCLOTURE.

The fourth undesignated subparagraph of paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting "(to be equally divided between the majority and the minority)" after "thirty hours of consideration".

SEC. 7. ELIMINATING DEBATE TIME POSTCLOTURE ON NOMINATIONS.

The second undesignated paragraph of paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing

Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end the following: "If the matter on which cloture is invoked is a nomination, the Senate shall immediately proceed to vote on final disposition of the nomination upon invoking cloture on the nomination under this paragraph.".

SEC. 8. ALLOWING COMMITTEES TO MEET WITHOUT CONSENT.

Paragraph 5 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by—

(1) striking subparagraph (a); and

(2) redesignating subparagraphs (b) through (e) as subparagraphs (a) through (d), respectively.

SEC. 9. READING OF AMENDMENTS.

Paragraph 1 of rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"(c) The reading of an amendment may be waived by a nondebatable motion if the amendment has been printed in the Congressional Record and available for at least 24 hours before the motion.".

SEC. 10. ALLOWING AMENDMENTS WHEN AMENDMENTS PENDING BY A LIMITED MOTION.

Rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by adding at the end the following:

"6.(a) If an amendment is pending and except as provided in subparagraph (b), a nondebatable motion shall be in order to set aside any pending amendments in order to offer another germane amendment. No Senator shall offer more than 1 such motion in any calendar day and the Senate shall consider not more than 5 such motions in any calendar day.

"(b)(1) A nondebatable motion shall be in order to waive the requirement of germaneness under subparagraph (a).

"(2) A waiver motion under this subparagraph shall require three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn.

"(c) An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn shall be required to sustain an appeal of a ruling by the chair on a point of order raised under this paragraph.".

SENATE RESOLUTION 13—A BILL TO REQUIRE A TWO-FIFTHS THRESHOLD TO SUSTAIN A FILIBUSTER

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

S. RES. 13

Resolved,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

The second undesignated paragraph of paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by striking "And if that question shall be decided in the affirmative by three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn" and inserting "And if that question is decided in the affirmative and there are not negative votes by more than two-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn".

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE AND AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. REID of Nevada submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agrees to:

S. CON. RES. 1

Resolved, by the Senate of the United States (the House of Representatives concurring), (That (a) when the Senate adjourns or recesses on any day from Wednesday, January 5, 2011, through Monday, January 10, 2011, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned or recessed until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and

(b) when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Wednesday, January 12, 2011, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Wednesday, January 26, 2011, through Friday, January 28, 2011, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. (a) The Majority Leader of the Senate, or his designee, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate, or his designee, shall notify the Members of the Senate to reassemble at such place and time as he may designate if, in his opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

(b) After reassembling pursuant to subsection (a), when the Senate recesses or adjourns on a motion offered pursuant to this subsection by its Majority Leader or his designee, the Senate shall again stand recessed or adjourned pursuant to the first section of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 3. The Speaker or his designee, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify Members of the House to reassemble at such place and time as he may designate if, in his opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2—AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR AN EVENT MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Mr. KERRY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 2

Whereas John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected to the United States House of Representatives and served from January 3, 1947, to January 3, 1953, until he was elected by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Senate where he served from January 3, 1953, to December 22, 1960;

Whereas on November 8, 1960, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the United States; and

Whereas on January 20, 1961, President Kennedy was sworn in as President of the United States and delivered his inaugural address at 12:51 p.m., a speech that served as a clarion call to service for the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR AN EVENT HONORING PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

The rotunda of the United States Capitol is authorized to be used on January 20, 2011, for

a ceremony in honor of the 50th anniversary of the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy. Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kayti Fan be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Josh Davis, a legislative fellow on my staff, be granted privileges of the floor during the remainder of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 2010 fourth quarter Mass Mailings is Tuesday, January 25, 2011. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office at (202) 224-0322.

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE ROTUNDA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 2.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for an event marking the 50th anniversary of the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we run through these resolutions, and sometimes don't understand the importance of what we do to individuals. I just read about a half an hour ago one of the nicest letters I have ever received from Caroline Kennedy regarding this. When I think of Ted Kennedy, when I came to the Senate he was somebody I could never believe I would be working with. As you come into my Capitol office, as you walk in the door, I have a letter that was sent to me by President Kennedy between the time he was elected and before he was inaugurated. Ted used to come in to my office and many times he would look at that let-

ter from his brother. He said, "And that's his real signature." It was a letter to me congratulating me on establishing the first Young Democrat Club at Utah State University. And then to have this wonderful letter from Caroline.

These things we do affect people and there is no better example than that nice letter I got from Caroline today regarding her father and saying thanks for doing this for my father.

I further ask that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 2) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, after consultation with the chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, and pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107-306, as amended by Public Law 111-259, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for Review of Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: Gilman Louie of California and Troy Wade of Nevada.

BEGINNING THE 112TH CONGRESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this has been an exciting day, the beginning of the 112th Congress. It has been I think a historic day. The debate has been

very good. The exchange between the Republican leader and I set the stage, I hope—at least that is what I believe—for the conversation that came later from Democrats and Republicans about how this place is going to run. I think that has been very constructive for the Senate and for the country.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 1, until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; I finally ask that the Senate recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings on that date.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, rollcall votes are possible on Tuesday, January 25. Senators will be notified when votes are scheduled.

RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:33 p.m., recessed until Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

JIMMIE V. REYNA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT, VICE HALDANE ROBERT MAYER, RETIRED.

VICTORIA FRANCES NOURSE, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT, VICE TERENCE T. EVANS, RETIRED.

GOODWIN LIU, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, VICE A NEW POSITION CREATED BY PUBLIC LAW 110-117, APPROVED JANUARY 7, 2008.

JAMES E. GRAVES, JR., OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, VICE RHESA H. BARKSDALE, RETIRED.

CAITLIN JOAN HALLIGAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT, VICE JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., ELEVATED.

EDWARD CARROLL DUMONT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT, VICE PAUL R. MICHEL, RETIRED.

BERNICE BOUIT DONALD, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE RONALD LEE GILMAN, RETIRED.

SUSAN L. CARNEY, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, VICE BARRINGTON D. PARKER, RETIRED.

ARENDA L. WRIGHT ALLEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, VICE JEROME B. FRIEDMAN, RETIRED.

ANTHONY J. BATTAGLIA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE M. JAMES LORENZ, RETIRED.