

or when it has been more than forty-eight hours since a quorum was demonstrated. If upon a roll call it shall be ascertained that a quorum is not present, then the Senate shall adjourn to a time previously decided by order of the Senate or, if no such time has been established, then to a time certain determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Minority Leader.

"During a period of extended debate a motion to adjourn or recess shall not be in order, unless made by the Majority Leader (or his or her designee) or if the absence of a quorum has been demonstrated. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of rule XIX, there shall be no limit to the number of times a Senator may speak upon any question during a period of extended debate.

"If, during the course of extended debate, the Presiding Officer puts any question to a vote, the Majority Leader (or his or her designee) may postpone any such vote, which shall occur at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Minority Leader, but not later than the time at which a quorum is next demonstrated.

"If at any time during a period of extended debate no Senator seeks recognition, then the Presiding Officer shall inquire as to whether any Senator seeks recognition. If no Senator seeks recognition, then the Presiding Officer shall again put the question as to bringing debate to a close (and the Majority Leader or his or her designee may postpone such vote in accordance with the preceding paragraph), which shall be decided without further debate or intervening motion. If that question shall be decided in the affirmative by a majority of Senators voting, a quorum being present, then cloture has been invoked and the period of extended debate has ended. If that question shall be decided in the negative by a majority of Senators voting, a quorum being present, then the period of extended debate has ended.

"If cloture is invoked, then the measure, motion, other matter pending before the Senate, or the unfinished business, in relation to which the motion to close debate was offered, shall remain the unfinished business to the exclusion of all other business until disposed of."

SENATE RESOLUTION 726—AMENDING RULE XXVIII OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TO PROVIDE FOR TIMELY ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

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

S. RES. 726

Resolved,

SECTION 1. MOTIONS TO GO TO CONFERENCE.

Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by striking paragraph 2(b) and inserting the following:

"(b) Consideration of a motion described in subparagraph (a), including consideration of any debatable motion or appeal in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 2 hours."

SENATE RESOLUTION 727—PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO RULES FOR THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE

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

S. RES. 727

Resolved,

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

Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

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

(2) by inserting before paragraph 5 (as redesignated) the following:

"1.(a) At the beginning of a new Congress, the first matters considered by the Senate (other than a resolution described in subparagraph (b)) shall be a resolution appointing majority and minority members of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and a resolution amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Senate. No other matter shall be in order, except by unanimous consent, until the Senate has agreed to a resolution amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Senate.

"(b) A resolution described in this subparagraph is a resolution—

"(1) informing the President that a quorum of each House is assembled;

"(2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled;

"(3) electing the President pro tempore of the Senate and notifying the President and the House of Representatives of such election;

"(4) fixing the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate;

"(5) electing the Secretary of the Senate and notifying the President and the House of Representatives of such election;

"(6) electing a Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate and notifying the President and the House of Representatives of such election; or

"(7) electing Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate.

"2. At the beginning of a new Congress, and until the Senate has agreed to a resolution adopting or amending rules for the proceedings of the Senate, if the Committee on Rules and Administration reports to the full Senate a resolution amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Senate, the Senate shall immediately proceed to consideration of the resolution.

"3. On and after the third day of session of the Senate, if the Committee on Rules has not reported to the full Senate a resolution amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Senate, it shall be in order for any Senator to introduce and immediately move to proceed to consider a resolution amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Senate. Consideration of such a motion to proceed, including consideration of any motions or appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to 2 hours.

"4. On and after the third day of session of the Senate during which a resolution amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Senate is being considered, it shall be in order for any Senator to move to end debate on such resolution. Consideration of such motion, including consideration of any motion or appeal in connection therewith, shall be limited to 2 hours. If such motion is decided in the affirmative, the Senate shall proceed immediately to vote on the resolution adopting or amending rules for the proceedings of the Senate, as amended if such resolution has been amended."; and

(3) in paragraph 5 (as redesignated), by striking "No motion" and inserting "Other than at the beginning of a new Congress, no motion".

SENATE RESOLUTION 728—AMENDING RULE XXII OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TO LIMIT DEBATE ON MOTIONS TO PROCEED

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

S. RES. 728

Resolved,

SECTION 1. LIMITING DEBATE ON MOTIONS TO PROCEED UNDER RULE XXII.

Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by—

(1) redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

"2. Other than a motion made during the first 2 hours of a new legislative day, as described in paragraph 2 of rule VIII, consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of any debatable matter, including consideration of any debatable motion or appeal in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 2 hours, to be divided equally between the majority and the minority. This paragraph shall not apply to motions considered nondebateable by the Senate pursuant to rule or precedent."

SENATE RESOLUTION 729—AMENDING RULE XV OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TO PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MINIMUM NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS

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

S. RES. 729

Resolved,

SECTION 1. GUARANTEED AMENDMENTS.

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

"6.(a) During the consideration of any bill, resolution, or other amendable matter, it shall be in order for the Senate to consider not less than 5 amendments offered by members of the majority and not less than 5 amendments offered by members of the minority. If a motion to invoke cloture under the provisions of rule XXII is presented to the Senate, and fewer than the 5 amendments guaranteed to each of the minority and the majority under this paragraph have been considered, then, notwithstanding the status of any pending amendments, it shall be in order for as many members of the majority as appropriate, and as many members of the minority as appropriate, to offer 1 amendment each, in alternating order, until in total 5 amendments offered by members of the majority and 5 amendments offered by members of the minority have been considered.

"(b) Amendments offered under this paragraph may only pertain to matter encompassed by the title of the bill, resolution, or other matter, except that 1 amendment offered by a member of the majority and 1 amendment offered by a member of the minority may be exempted from this requirement. An amendment exempted from this requirement shall only be agreed to upon an affirmative vote of three-fifths of Senators duly chosen and sworn.

"(c) The majority leader and minority leader may, by mutual agreement, call up

additional amendments under the provisions of this paragraph. Such additional amendments shall be offered in equal number by members of the majority and members of the minority, and may only pertain to subject matter encompassed by the title of the bill, resolution, or other matter.

“(d) Consideration by the Senate of an amendment offered under the provisions of this paragraph shall be limited to not more than 2 hours, divided equally between the majority and the minority.”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 730—CON-DEMNING THE TRAGIC MASS SHOOTING IN THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING ALL OF THE PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE HORRIFIC EVENT, AND THANKING LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTERS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAMS FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO THE ATTACK AND SAVE LIVES

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 730

Whereas, on November 7, 2018, a mass shooting took place at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, California, where residents and students were enjoying a night of country music and dancing;

Whereas many individuals were wounded and 12 innocent people were tragically killed in the attack, including—

- (1) students;
- (2) a law enforcement officer;
- (3) veterans; and

(4) a survivor of the mass shooting that took place at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 2017 and at which 58 people were tragically killed;

Whereas the people of California and the United States are thankful to law enforcement officials, firefighters, and emergency medical teams for their quick response to the shooting;

Whereas the attack was committed by a gunman armed with smoke bombs and a Glock semiautomatic pistol equipped with a high-capacity ammunition magazine;

Whereas the shooting in Thousand Oaks is the deadliest mass shooting in the State of California since the 2015 terror attack in San Bernardino that took the lives of 14 people;

Whereas Thousand Oaks is considered one of the safest cities in the United States by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, demonstrating that no community in the United States is safe from the threat of gun violence;

Whereas mass shootings are an increasingly pervasive danger in the United States and threaten schools, theaters, malls, offices, bars, concerts, and places of worship; and

Whereas the people of Thousand Oaks have now joined the ever-growing list of communities that have been forced to endure a mass shooting: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the deadly mass shooting at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, California, that occurred on November 7, 2018, and tragically cut short the lives of 12 beautiful people;

(2) expresses deepest condolences to the families of the victims and offers continued support to—

(A) the people injured in the attack; and

(B) the Thousand Oaks community as the community begins the long process of healing and recovering from the tragedy;

(3) honors the lives and memories of the victims lost in the tragedy;

(4) honors the families of the victims that are now working to rebuild their lives;

(5) recognizes the service of Ventura County Sheriff Sergeant Ron Helus, who was killed in the attack when bravely rushing onto the scene to confront the shooter;

(6) applauds the dedication of the law enforcement officials, firefighters, and emergency medical teams who saved precious lives through service and care during and after the attack; and

(7) reaffirms the continuing commitment of the Senate—

(A) to protect the public safety of the people of the United States; and

(B) to support the recovery of all of the people impacted by the horrific attack in Thousand Oaks, California.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a Senate Resolution honoring the victims of the mass shooting in Thousand Oaks, California.

On November 7, 2018, a shooter armed with a semiautomatic pistol and high-capacity ammunition magazine attacked the Borderline Bar and Grill. Borderline is known as a popular meeting place for residents and country music fans. That night was a “college night,” and students had gathered there for a night of music and dancing.

What happened next was the deadliest mass shooting in California since the 2015 terror attack in San Bernardino. Twelve people lost their lives that night in Thousand Oaks. They included students, military veterans, and 27 year old Telemachus Orfanos, who was a survivor of the October 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas.

Just think about that for a moment. A survivor of the deadliest mass shooting in our Nation’s history lost his life in another mass shooting a year later.

Ventura County Sheriff Sergeant Ron Helus also lost his life that night. He was one of the first law enforcement officers on the scene, and he gave his life confronting the assailant and protecting his community. Thousand Oaks is one of the safest cities in America. If an attack like this can happen there, it can happen anywhere.

This Resolution condemns the terrible violence experienced by the Thousand Oaks community and honors the memory of those who we have lost. This Resolution also recognizes the efforts of law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical teams, whose steadfast dedication and service to the victims and survivors in Thousand Oaks undoubtedly saved lives.

Finally, this Resolution reaffirms our commitment to ensure that the victims’ families and those who were injured receive the assistance they need.

Mr. President, our Nation suffers one mass shooting after another. We no longer have time to grieve before gun violence devastates another community. Thousand Oaks has now joined the ever growing list of communities across America that are mourning the

loss of loved ones from this ongoing epidemic. I call upon all of my Republican colleagues to work with us and do everything we can to prevent another attack.

I also ask that each member of this chamber remember the victims, their families, the survivors, and the entire community of Thousand Oaks, and continue to hold them in their hearts.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

SENATE RESOLUTION 731—DESIGNATING DECEMBER 10, 2018, AS “HUMAN RIGHTS DAY” AND RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 731

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, represents the first comprehensive agreement among countries as to the specific rights and freedoms of all human beings;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights upholds the basic principles of liberty and freedom enshrined in the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights;

Whereas the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (known as the “Declaration on Human Rights Defenders”) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 9, 1998;

Whereas awareness of human rights—

(1) is essential to the realization of fundamental freedoms;

(2) promotes equality;

(3) contributes to preventing conflict and human rights violations; and

(4) enhances participation in democratic processes;

Whereas Congress has a proud history of promoting human rights that are internationally recognized; and

Whereas December 10 of each year is celebrated around the world as “Human Rights Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 10, 2018, as “Human Rights Day”;;

(2) recognizes—

(A) the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

(B) the 20th anniversary of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (known as the “Declaration on Human Rights Defenders”);

(3) reaffirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(4) supports the right of human rights defenders all over the world to promote the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to observe Human Rights Day; and

(B) to continue a commitment to upholding freedom, democracy, and human rights around the globe.