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# S. RES. 15

To improve procedures for the consideration of legislation and nominations  
in the Senate.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted the following  
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

To improve procedures for the consideration of legislation  
and nominations in the Senate.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.**

3       (a) MOTION TO PROCEED AND CONSIDERATION OF  
4 AMENDMENTS.—A motion to proceed to the consideration  
5 of a measure or matter made pursuant to this section shall  
6 be debatable for no more than 4 hours, equally divided  
7 in the usual form. If the motion to proceed is agreed to  
8 the following conditions shall apply:

9               (1) The first amendments in order to the meas-  
10       ure or matter shall be one first-degree amendment

1 each offered by the minority, the majority, the mi-  
2 nority, and the majority, in that order. If an amend-  
3 ment is not offered in its designated order under  
4 this paragraph, the right to offer that amendment is  
5 forfeited.

6 (2) If a cloture motion has been filed pursuant  
7 to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate on  
8 a measure or matter proceeded to under this section,  
9 it shall not be in order for the minority to propose  
10 its first amendment unless it has been submitted to  
11 the Senate Journal Clerk by 1:00 p.m. on the day  
12 following the filing of that cloture motion, for the  
13 majority to propose its first amendment unless it  
14 has been submitted to the Senate Journal Clerk by  
15 3:00 p.m. on the day following the filing of that clo-  
16 ture motion, for the minority to propose its second  
17 amendment unless it has been submitted to the Sen-  
18 ate Journal Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day following  
19 the filing of that cloture motion, or for the majority  
20 to propose its second amendment unless it has been  
21 submitted to the Senate Journal Clerk by 7:00 p.m.  
22 on the day following the filing of that cloture mo-  
23 tion. If an amendment is not timely submitted under  
24 this paragraph, the right to offer that amendment is  
25 forfeited.

1           (3) An amendment offered under paragraph (1)  
2 shall be disposed of before the next amendment in  
3 order under paragraph (1) may be offered.

4           (4) An amendment offered under paragraph (1)  
5 is not divisible or subject to amendment while pend-  
6 ing.

7           (5) An amendment offered under paragraph  
8 (1), if adopted, shall be considered original text for  
9 purpose of further amendment.

10          (6) No points of order shall be waived by virtue  
11 of this section.

12          (7) No motion to commit or recommit shall be  
13 in order during the pendency of any amendment of-  
14 fered pursuant to paragraph (1).

15          (8) Notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing  
16 Rules of the Senate, if cloture is invoked on the  
17 measure or matter before all amendments offered  
18 under paragraph (1) are disposed of, any amend-  
19 ment in order under paragraph (1) but not actually  
20 pending upon the expiration of post-cloture time  
21 may be offered and may be debated for not to exceed  
22 1 hour, equally divided in the usual form. Any  
23 amendment offered under paragraph (1) that is  
24 ruled non-germane on a point of order shall not fall  
25 upon that ruling, but instead shall remain pending

1 and shall require 60 votes in the affirmative to be  
2 agreed to.

3 (b) SUNSET.—This section shall expire on the day  
4 after the date of the sine die adjournment of the 113th  
5 Congress.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 (1) POST-CLOTURE CONSIDERATION.—If cloture  
9 is invoked in accordance with rule XXII of the  
10 Standing Rules of the Senate on a nomination de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (2), there shall be no more  
12 than 8 hours of post-cloture consideration equally di-  
13 vided in the usual form.

14 (2) NOMINATIONS COVERED.—A nomination  
15 described in this paragraph is any nomination except  
16 for the nomination of an individual—

17 (A) to a position at level I of the Executive  
18 Schedule under section 5312 of title 5, United  
19 States Code; or

20 (B) to serve as a judge or justice ap-  
21 pointed to hold office during good behavior.

22 (b) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISTRICT COURT NOMI-  
23 NEES.—If cloture is invoked in accordance with rule XXII  
24 of the Standing Rules of the Senate on a nomination of  
25 an individual to serve as a judge of a district court of the

1 United States, there shall be no more than 2 hours of  
2 post-cloture consideration equally divided in the usual  
3 form.

4 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall expire on the day  
5 after the date of the sine die adjournment of the 113th  
6 Congress.

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