

113TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 7

To permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mr. MERKLEY (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie over under the rule

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES OF THE**  
3                               **SENATE.**

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

6               (1) inserting after the second undesignated sub-  
7 paragraph the following:

8       “Following the filing of the cloture motion and prior  
9 to the cloture vote, as long as the matter on which cloture  
10 has been filed remains the pending matter—

1           “(1) there shall be no dilatory motion, including  
2           dilatory quorum calls, in order; and

3           “(2) if, at any time, no Senator seeks recogni-  
4           tion on the floor, it shall be in order for the Majority  
5           Leader to put the question on cloture as long as any  
6           applicable filing deadline for first degree amend-  
7           ments has passed.”; and

8           (2) inserting after the fifth undesignated sub-  
9           paragraph (after the amendment by paragraph (1))  
10          the following:

11          “If, at any time after cloture is invoked on an execu-  
12          tive nomination or a motion to proceed, no Senator seeks  
13          recognition on the floor, it shall be in order for the Major-  
14          ity Leader to put the question on which cloture has been  
15          invoked.”.

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