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# S. RES. 727

Providing for consideration of changes to rules for the proceedings of the Senate.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2018

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

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

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

4       Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amend-  
5 ed—

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

8               (2) by inserting before paragraph 5 (as redesignated) the following:  
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1       “1.(a) At the beginning of a new Congress, the first  
2 matters considered by the Senate (other than a resolution  
3 described in subparagraph (b)) shall be a resolution ap-  
4 pointing majority and minority members of the Committee  
5 on Rules and Administration of the Senate and a resolu-  
6 tion amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the  
7 Senate. No other matter shall be in order, except by unan-  
8 imous consent, until the Senate has agreed to a resolution  
9 amending or adopting rules for the proceedings of the Sen-  
10 ate.

11       “(b) A resolution described in this subparagraph is  
12 a resolution—

13               “(1) informing the President that a quorum of  
14 each House is assembled;

15               “(2) informing the House of Representatives  
16 that a quorum of the Senate is assembled;

17               “(3) electing the President pro tempore of the  
18 Senate and notifying the President and the House of  
19 Representatives of such election;

20               “(4) fixing the hour of the daily meeting of the  
21 Senate;

22               “(5) electing the Secretary of the Senate and  
23 notifying the President and the House of Represent-  
24 atives of such election;

1           “(6) electing a Sergeant at Arms and Door-  
2           keeper of the Senate and notifying the President and  
3           the House of Representatives of such election; or

4           “(7) electing Secretaries for the Majority and  
5           Minority of the Senate.

6           “2. At the beginning of a new Congress, and until  
7           the Senate has agreed to a resolution adopting or amend-  
8           ing rules for the proceedings of the Senate, if the Com-  
9           mittee on Rules and Administration reports to the full  
10          Senate a resolution amending or adopting rules for the  
11          proceedings of the Senate, the Senate shall immediately  
12          proceed to consideration of the resolution.

13          “3. On and after the third day of session of the Sen-  
14          ate, if the Committee on Rules has not reported to the  
15          full Senate a resolution amending or adopting rules for  
16          the proceedings of the Senate, it shall be in order for any  
17          Senator to introduce and immediately move to proceed to  
18          consider a resolution amending or adopting rules for the  
19          proceedings of the Senate. Consideration of such a motion  
20          to proceed, including consideration of any motions or ap-  
21          peals in connection therewith, shall be limited to 2 hours.

22          “4. On and after the third day of session of the Sen-  
23          ate during which a resolution amending or adopting rules  
24          for the proceedings of the Senate is being considered, it  
25          shall be in order for any Senator to move to end debate

1 on such resolution. Consideration of such motion, includ-  
2 ing consideration of any motion or appeal in connection  
3 therewith, shall be limited to 2 hours. If such motion is  
4 decided in the affirmative, the Senate shall proceed imme-  
5 diately to vote on the resolution adopting or amending  
6 rules for the proceedings of the Senate, as amended if such  
7 resolution has been amended.”; and

8           (3) in paragraph 5 (as redesignated), by strik-  
9           ing “No motion” and inserting “Other than at the  
10          beginning of a new Congress, no motion”.

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