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S. RES. 84

Amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit the consideration of legislation in the Senate unless the text of the legislation that will be considered has been made publicly available in electronic form for a mandatory minimum review period.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit the consideration of legislation in the Senate unless the text of the legislation that will be considered has been made publicly available in electronic form for a mandatory minimum review period.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION OF TEXT OF**
3 **LEGISLATION UNTIL COMPLETION OF MAN-**
4 **DATORY MINIMUM REVIEW PERIOD.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Rule XII of the Standing Rules
6 of the Senate is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(5)(a) It shall not be in order to consider a
2 bill, joint resolution, resolution, or conference report
3 unless the text of the bill, joint resolution, resolu-
4 tion, or conference report which will be considered
5 has been publicly available in electronic form for the
6 mandatory minimum review period.

7 “(b) Each Senator shall self certify that the
8 Senator has read a bill, joint resolution, resolution,
9 or conference report before voting on the bill, joint
10 resolution, resolution, or conference report.

11 “(c) In this paragraph, the term ‘mandatory
12 minimum review period’ means, with respect to a
13 bill, joint resolution, resolution, or conference report,
14 the greater of—

15 “(i) the period—

16 “(I) that begins with the first hour
17 beginning after the text of the bill, joint
18 resolution, resolution, or conference report
19 which will be considered is first made pub-
20 licly available in electronic form; and

21 “(II) that consists of a number of
22 minutes equal to two times the number of
23 pages of the text of the bill, joint resolu-
24 tion, resolution, or conference report which
25 will be considered; and

1 “(ii) 72 hours after the text of the bill,
2 joint resolution, resolution, or conference report
3 which will be considered is first made publicly
4 available in electronic form.”.

5 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 The Standing Rules of the Senate is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) in paragraph 1 of rule VIII, by inserting
9 “the text of which has been available for the manda-
10 tory minimum review period, as defined in para-
11 graph 5 of rule XII, and” after “bills and resolu-
12 tions”;

13 (2) in rule XIV—

14 (A) in paragraph 3, by striking “on that
15 day” and inserting “before the expiration of the
16 mandatory minimum review period, as defined
17 in paragraph 5 of rule XII,”; and

18 (B) in paragraph 6, by striking “one day”
19 and inserting “for the mandatory minimum re-
20 view period, as defined in paragraph 5 of rule
21 XII,”;

22 (3) in paragraph 5 of rule XVII, by striking
23 “two calendar days (excluding Sundays and legal
24 holidays” and inserting “the mandatory minimum

1 review period, as defined in paragraph 5 of rule
2 XII,”; and

3 (4) in paragraph 5 of rule XXVIII, by striking
4 “shall be immediately put” and inserting “shall be
5 put after the expiration of the mandatory minimum
6 review period, as defined in paragraph 5 of rule
7 XII”.

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