

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 16

Amending the Standing Rules of the Senate.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 2013

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

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## RESOLUTION

Amending the Standing Rules of the Senate.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. BIPARTISAN CLOTURE ON THE MOTION TO**  
3                               **PROCEED.**

4       Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is  
5 amended by inserting at the end the following:

6       “3. If a cloture motion on a motion to proceed to  
7 a measure or matter is presented in accordance with this  
8 rule and is signed by 16 Senators, including the Majority  
9 Leader, the Minority Leader, 7 additional Senators not  
10 affiliated with the majority, and 7 additional Senators not  
11 affiliated with the minority, one hour after the Senate  
12 meets on the following calendar day, the Presiding Officer,

1 or the clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall  
 2 lay the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked  
 3 on the motion to proceed, the question shall be on the mo-  
 4 tion to proceed, without further debate.”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONFERENCE MOTIONS.**

6 Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is  
 7 amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs 2 through 9 as  
 9 paragraphs 3 through 10, respectively;

10 (2) in paragraph 3(c), as so redesignated, by  
 11 striking “paragraph 4” and inserting “paragraph  
 12 5”;

13 (3) in paragraph 4(b), as so redesignated, by  
 14 striking “paragraph 4” and inserting “paragraph  
 15 5”;

16 (4) in paragraph 5(a), as so redesignated, by  
 17 striking “paragraph 2 or paragraph 3” and inserting  
 18 “paragraph 3 or paragraph 4”;

19 (5) in paragraph 6, as so redesignated—

20 (A) in subparagraph (a), by striking  
 21 “paragraph 2 or 3” and inserting “paragraph 3  
 22 or paragraph 4”;

23 (B) in subparagraph (b), by striking  
 24 “paragraph (4)” each place it appears and in-  
 25 serting “paragraph (5)”; and

1 (6) inserting after paragraph 1 the following:

2 “2. (a) When a message from the House of Rep-  
3 resentatives is laid before the Senate, it shall be in order  
4 for a single, non-divisible motion to be made that in-  
5 cludes—

6 “(1) a motion to disagree to a House amend-  
7 ment or insist upon a Senate amendment;

8 “(2) a motion to request a committee of con-  
9 ference with the House or to agree to a request by  
10 the House for a committee of conference; and

11 “(3) a motion to authorize the Presiding Officer  
12 to appoint conferees (or a motion to appoint con-  
13 ferees).

14 “(b) If a cloture motion is presented on a motion  
15 made pursuant to subparagraph (a), the motion shall be  
16 debatable for no more than 2 hours, equally divided in  
17 the usual form, after which the Presiding Officer, or the  
18 clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall lay  
19 the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked  
20 on the motion, the question shall be on the motion, with-  
21 out further debate.”.

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