

**Calendar No. 473**103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. RES. 228**

To improve Senate floor procedures.

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. FORD, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, reported the following original resolution; which was placed on the calendar

**RESOLUTION**

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1 *Resolved,*2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This resolution may be cited as  
4 the “Senate Floor Procedures Reform Resolution of  
5 1994”.6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents is  
7 as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Sense of the Senate amendments.
- Sec. 3. Dispensing with the reading of conference reports.
- Sec. 4. Nondebatability motion to proceed.
- Sec. 5. Requirement of a three-fifths vote to overturn the chair post-cloture.
- Sec. 6. Restriction on amendments to appropriation bills.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS.**

2 Rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is  
3 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

4 “6. On a point of order made by any Senator, no  
5 amendment expressing the sense of the Senate or the  
6 sense of the Congress, or an amendment to such amend-  
7 ment, shall be received unless the amendment is signed  
8 by at least 10 Senators.”.

9 **SEC. 3. DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF CONFERENCE**  
10 **REPORTS.**

11 Paragraph 1 of rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules  
12 of the Senate is amended by striking “and shall be deter-  
13 mined without debate.” and inserting the following: “not-  
14 withstanding a request for the reading of the conference  
15 report (if such report is printed and available one day  
16 prior to the motion to consider), and shall be determined  
17 without debate.”.

18 **SEC. 4. NONDEBATABLE MOTION TO PROCEED.**

19 Paragraph 2 of rule VIII of the Standing Rules of  
20 the Senate is amended by striking the period at the end  
21 thereof and inserting the following: “; except those mo-  
22 tions to proceed made by the majority leader, or his des-  
23 ignee, on which there shall be a time limitation for debate  
24 of two hours equally divided between the majority and the  
25 minority leaders, or their designees. Any such motion to  
26 proceed, by the majority leader, or any other Senator, to

1 any motion, resolution, or amendment to change any of  
2 the Standing Rules of the Senate shall be debatable.”.

3 **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENT OF A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE TO OVER-**  
4 **TURN THE CHAIR POST-CLOTURE.**

5 The third undesignated paragraph of paragraph 2 of  
6 rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended  
7 by adding at the end thereof the following: “Appeals from  
8 the decision of the Presiding Officer shall require an af-  
9 firmative vote of three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen  
10 and sworn—except on a measure or motion to amend the  
11 Senate rules, in which case the necessary affirmative vote  
12 shall be two-thirds of the Senators present and voting.”.

13 **SEC. 6. RESTRICTION ON AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIA-**  
14 **TION BILLS.**

15 Paragraph 4 of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of  
16 the Senate is amended by—

17 (1) inserting “as passed by the House or as re-  
18 ported to the Senate,” after “contained in the bill”;

19 (2) striking “relevancy of amendments under  
20 this rule” and inserting “relevancy or germaneness  
21 of amendments under this paragraph”;

22 (3) striking “submitted to the Senate and be  
23 decided without debate” and inserting “ruled on by  
24 the chair”;

25 (4) inserting “(a)” after “4.”; and

1           (5) adding at the end thereof the following:

2           “(b)(1) An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Sen-  
3 ators, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to overturn  
4 a ruling of the Chair regarding questions of germaneness,  
5 relevancy, or legislation under this paragraph.

6           “(2) This paragraph may be waived with respect to  
7 an amendment by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of  
8 the Senators, duly chosen and sworn.”.



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