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Amending the Standing Rules of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on 

RESOLUTION

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Resolved,

SECTION 1. BIPARTISAN CLOTURE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED.

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

"3. If a cloture motion on a motion to proceed to a measure or matter is presented in accordance with this rule and is signed by 16 Senators, including the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, 7 additional Senators not affiliated with the majority, and 7 additional Senators not affiliated with the minority, one hour after the Senate meets on the following calendar day, the Presiding Officer,
or the clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall
lay the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked
on the motion to proceed, the question shall be on the mo-
tion to proceed, without further debate.”.

SEC. 2. CONFERENCE MOTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

(5) in paragraph 6, as so redesignated—

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

(B) in subparagraph (b), by striking
“paragraph (4)” each place it appears and in-
serting “paragraph (5)”; and
(6) inserting after paragraph 1 the following:

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

“(1) a motion to disagree to a House amendment or insist upon a Senate amendment;

“(2) a motion to request a committee of conference with the House or to agree to a request by the House for a committee of conference; and

“(3) a motion to authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees (or a motion to appoint conferees).

“(b) If a cloture motion is presented on a motion made pursuant to subparagraph (a), the motion shall be debatable for no more than 2 hours, equally divided in the usual form, after which the Presiding Officer, or the clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall lay the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked on the motion, the question shall be on the motion, without further debate.”.