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To amend the Standing Rules of the Senate

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

To amend the Standing Rules of the Senate

1 *Resolved*, That rule XV of the Standing Rules of the
2 Senate is amended by adding at the end thereof the follow-
3 ing new paragraph:
4 “6.(a) At any time following the second day of consid-
5 eration of a measure, regardless of the pendency, it shall
6 twice be in order during a calendar day to move that no
7 amendment, other than the reported committee amend-
8 ments, which is not relevant to the subject matter of the
9 measure or to the subject matter of an amendment pro-
10 posed by the committee which reported the measure, shall
11 thereafter be in order. The motion shall be privileged and
12 shall be decided after two hours of debate, without any

1 intervening action, to be equally divided and controlled by
2 the Majority and the Minority leaders or their designees.

3 “(b) If a motion made under subparagraph (a) is
4 agreed to by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Sen-
5 ators voting, a quorum being present, no amendment not
6 already agreed to (except amendments proposed by the
7 committee which reported the measure) which is not rel-
8 evant to the subject matter of the measure, or the subject
9 matter of an amendment proposed by the committee which
10 reported the measure, shall be in order.

11 “(c) When a motion made under subparagraph (a)
12 has been agreed to as provided in subparagraph (b) with
13 respect to a measure, points of order with respect to ques-
14 tions of relevancy of amendments shall be decided without
15 debate, except that the Presiding Officer may entertain
16 debate for his own guidance prior to ruling on the point
17 of order. Appeals from the decision of the Presiding Offi-
18 cer on such points of order shall be decided without de-
19 bate.

20 “(d) Whenever an appeal is taken from a decision of
21 the Presiding Officer on the question of relevancy of an
22 amendment, or whenever the Presiding Officer submits
23 the question of relevancy of an amendment to the Senate,
24 the vote necessary to overturn the decision of the Presid-
25 ing Officer or hold the amendment relevant shall be three-

1 fifths of the Senators voting, a quorum being present. No
2 amendment proposing sense of the Senate or sense of the
3 Congress language that does not directly relate to the
4 measure or matter before the Senate shall be considered
5 relevant.”.

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