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# **S. RES. 32**

To amend the Standing Rules of the Senate.

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## 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

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# **RESOLUTION**

To amend the Standing Rules of the Senate.

1       *Resolved*, That rule VIII of the Standing Rules of the  
2 Senate is amended by striking the “.” at the end of para-  
3 graph 2 and inserting the following: “; except those mo-  
4 tions to proceed made by the Majority Leader, or his des-  
5 ignee, on which there shall be a time limitation for debate  
6 of two hours equally divided between the Majority and the  
7 Minority Leaders, or their designees: *Provided*, That any  
8 motion to proceed, by the Majority Leader, or any other  
9 Senator, to any motion, resolution, or proposal to change  
10 any of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall be debat-  
11 able.”.

1        That rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate  
2 is amended by striking the “.” at the end of paragraph  
3 3 of section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
4 “, such appeals shall require an affirmative vote of three-  
5 fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn—except on  
6 a measure or motion to amend the Senate rules, in which  
7 case the necessary affirmative vote shall be two-thirds of  
8 the Senators present and voting.”.

9        That rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate  
10 is amended by adding at the end of paragraph 3 of section  
11 2 the following: “In the case of a measure that has been  
12 reported by a committee that contains recommended com-  
13 mittee amendments, such amendments shall be considered  
14 germane.”.

15       That rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate  
16 is amended by striking the “.” after speaks in paragraph  
17 3 of section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
18 “, with the time consumed by quorum calls being charged  
19 to the Senator who requested the call of the quorum.”.

20       That rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate  
21 is amended by adding the following:

22       “6. That whenever the Senate has in its possession  
23 a measure that has been passed by both Houses it shall  
24 be in order, once the measure has been placed before the  
25 Senate, to make one nondivisible motion that contains the

1 following: to insist on the Senate amendments(s), or dis-  
2 agree to the House amendment(s); to request a conference  
3 with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two  
4 Houses, or agree to the request of the House for the same;  
5 and that the Presiding Officer be authorized to appoint  
6 the Senate conferees.”.

7 That rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Sen-  
8 ate is amended by striking “and shall be determined with-  
9 out debate.” in paragraph 1. and inserting in lieu thereof  
10 the following: “notwithstanding a request for the reading  
11 of the conference report, and shall be determined without  
12 debate.”.

13 That rule XV of the Standing Rules of the Senate  
14 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
15 paragraph:

16 “6. (a) At any time following the second day of con-  
17 sideration of a measure, regardless of its pendency, it shall  
18 twice be in order during a calendar day to move that no  
19 amendment, other than the reported committee amend-  
20 ments, which is not relevant to the subject matter of the  
21 measure or to the subject matter of an amendment pro-  
22 posed by the committee which reported the measure, shall  
23 thereafter be in order. The motion shall be privileged and  
24 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  
19 debate.

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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