

## SRES 8

A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Congress

**Introduced:** Jan 5, 2011

**Current Status:** Returned to the Calendar. Under Over, Under the Rule.

**Latest Action:** Returned to the Calendar. Under Over, Under the Rule. (Jan 27, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-resolution/8>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 5, 2011
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 5, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 5, 2011

### Committee Activity

*No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.*

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Congress

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 SRES 10	Related bill	<b>Jan 27, 2011:</b> Returned to the Calendar. Under Over, Under the Rule.

Amends rule XXII (Precedence of Motions) of the Standing Rules of the Senate with respect to cloture votes to close debate (end a filibuster) on any measure, motion, or other matter pending before the Senate.

Declares that, if the Senate fails to invoke cloture with respect to a measure, motion, or other pending matter, or the unfinished business, subsequent motions to end debate on the same measure, motion, matter, or unfinished business, may be filed, but only by unanimous consent, until the previous motion has been disposed of.

States that the affirmative vote on a subsequent motion to close debate on any measure, motion, or other matter, or unfinished business (other than a measure or motion to amend Senate rules) shall be reduced by three votes on the second such motion, and by three additional votes on each succeeding motion, until the affirmative vote is reduced to a number equal to or less than an affirmative vote of a majority of the Senators duly chosen and sworn. Declares that the required vote shall then be an affirmative vote of a majority of such Senators. Prohibits any further reduction in the requirement of an affirmative vote of a majority of Senators upon any vote taken on any later motion to close debate on the same measure, motion, matter, or unfinished business.

Authorizes the Majority and Minority Leaders, after debate has concluded under the rule (cloture) but before final disposition of the pending matter, each to offer up to three leadership amendments if they have been timely filed and are germane to the matter being amended. Limits debate on a leadership amendment to one hour equally divided. Prohibits division of such amendments.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jan 27, 2011:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S296-304, S304-329)
- **Jan 27, 2011:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in Senate: Disagreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 12 - 84. Record Vote Number: 4.
- **Jan 27, 2011:** Disagreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 12 - 84. Record Vote Number: 4.
- **Jan 27, 2011:** Returned to the Calendar. Under Over, Under the Rule.
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S19-25, S29, S31, S32-33)
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Submitted in the Senate. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Over, Under the Rule. (text of measure as introduced: CR S65)