

SRES 118

A resolution amending rule XXXI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to provide for timely consideration of nominations.

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Amends Rule XXXI (Executive Session - Proceedings on Nominations) of the Standing Rules of the Senate to make a covered nomination eligible for expedited consideration, if it has been on the Executive Calendar for more than 14 calendar days.

Excludes from coverage by this resolution the nomination of an individual:

- to serve as a justice, including Chief Justice, of the U.S. Supreme Court, or
- to one of several specified positions entitled to expedited procedures under S. Res. 116 (112th Congress).

Deems the covered nomination confirmed by the Senate unless at least 10 Senators have submitted written requests that it be considered by the full Senate in executive session before the end of the 14-day period.

Makes a covered nomination (other than to serve as a judge or justice appointed to hold office during good behavior, or to a position at level I of the Executive Schedule [Cabinet Secretaries and certain others]) eligible for expedited consideration, under similar requirements.

Requires the Senate to proceed to executive session and begin consideration of a nomination:

- 24 hours after the majority leader provides notice that it is eligible for expedited consideration; and
- 48 hours after the majority leader provides such notice of an individual to serve as a judge or justice appointed to hold office during good behavior, or to a position at level I of the Executive Schedule.

Limits expedited consideration of a covered nomination to:

- four hours, evenly divided in the usual form, for a nomination to serve as a judge of a circuit court of the United States or a nomination to a position at level I of the Executive Schedule; and
- two hours, evenly divided in the usual form, for any other covered nomination.

Actions Timeline

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