

SRES 120

A resolution modifying extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 26, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 27, 2015

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 SRES 20	Related bill	Jan 6, 2015: Submitted in the Senate. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Over, Under the Rule. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S23-24; text of measure as introduced: CR S22)

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2015)

Amends Rule XXII (Precedence of Motions) of the Standing Rules of the Senate to consider cloture of debate to have been invoked unless one more than two-fifths of all Senators votes in the negative. (The two-thirds affirmative vote requirement remains for measures or motions to amend the Senate rules.)

Declares that cloture fails, and it is in order for the Majority Leader (or a designee) to initiate extended debate on the measure in question, if the vote to close debate is decided in the affirmative by a majority of Senators voting, a quorum being present, and in the negative by more than two-fifths of all Senators.

Prescribes related procedures with respect to extended debate.

Actions Timeline

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