

## SRES 501

A resolution amending the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the Senate When Sitting on Impeachment Trials to ensure adequate access to witnesses and documents in impeachment trials of a President or Vice President, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Congress

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### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Feb 13, 2020)

This resolution revises Senate procedures for impeachment trials, including to

- establish a process for obtaining testimony from witnesses and relevant documents in an impeachment trial of the President or the Vice President;
- make it out of order to consider a resolution or motion that would modify, supersede, waive, or be inconsistent with specified impeachment trial rules; and
- require the Presiding Officer to rule on any assertion of privilege or immunity in connection with the production of evidence in an impeachment trial of the President or the Vice President.

## Actions Timeline

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