

## HJRES 4

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that debate upon legislation pending before the Senate may not be brought to a close without the concurrence of a minimum of three-fifths of the Senators.

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2025

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 3, 2025)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Congress

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 3, 2025)

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This joint resolution proposes amending the Constitution to limit how the Senate may end debate on a measure or motion. Specifically, the proposed amendment provides that debate may only be brought to a close as provided under laws as in effect on January 3, 2025; by unanimous consent; or with the concurrence of at least three-fifths of all Senators.

The joint resolution provides that the amendment shall be valid when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

Under Article V of the Constitution, both chambers of Congress may propose an amendment by a vote of two-thirds of all Members present for such vote. A proposed amendment must be ratified by the states as prescribed in Article V and as specified by Congress.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 3, 2025:** Introduced in House
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