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S. RES. 562

To increase transparency by requiring Senate amendments to be made available to the public in a timely manner.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRASSLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC.**

3 Not later than 6 months after the date of adoption
4 of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall make
5 the Senate amendment database (ats.senate.gov or a similar amendment database) available to the public on a public website in a manner that will allow the public to view
6 amendments as soon as they are made widely available to
7 Members of Congress and staff.

1 **SEC. 2. UPGRADES TO THE WEBSITE.**

2 Not later than 6 months after the date of adoption
3 of this resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall im-
4 prove the Senate amendment website and any other
5 amendment website made available to the public by ensur-
6 ing that—

7 (1) all amendments are scanned and posted on
8 the website in their entirety;

9 (2) all submitted amendments have their pur-
10 pose inputted when they are entered into the
11 website;

12 (3) all amendments are identified on the
13 website as first degree or second degree and by what
14 bill or amendment they are offered, if available;

15 (4) all amendments on the website have the
16 dates they were submitted, proposed, and disposed
17 of; and

18 (5) all amendments and any associated
19 metadata are permanently available on the website
20 or the Legislative Information System (LIS)/
21 THOMAS sites.

22 **SEC. 3. FUNDING.**

23 It is the sense of the Senate that appropriations
24 should be made available through the appropriations proc-
25 ess to carry out this resolution.