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S. RES. 7

To permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mr. MERKLEY (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie over under the rule

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES OF THE**
3 **SENATE.**

4 Paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of
5 the Senate is amended by—

6 (1) inserting after the second undesignated sub-
7 paragraph the following:

8 “Following the filing of the cloture motion and prior
9 to the cloture vote, as long as the matter on which cloture
10 has been filed remains the pending matter—

1 “(1) there shall be no dilatory motion, including
2 dilatory quorum calls, in order; and

3 “(2) if, at any time, no Senator seeks recogni-
4 tion on the floor, it shall be in order for the Majority
5 Leader to put the question on cloture as long as any
6 applicable filing deadline for first degree amend-
7 ments has passed.”; and

8 (2) inserting after the fifth undesignated sub-
9 paragraph (after the amendment by paragraph (1))
10 the following:

11 “If, at any time after cloture is invoked on an execu-
12 tive nomination or a motion to proceed, no Senator seeks
13 recognition on the floor, it shall be in order for the Major-
14 ity Leader to put the question on which cloture has been
15 invoked.”.

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