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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Parliamentarian of the Senate should serve not more than 1 term of 6 years.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26 (legislative day, JUNE 24), 2025

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Parliamentarian of the Senate should serve not more than 1 term of 6 years.

Whereas the Parliamentarian of the Senate serves at the will of the Secretary of the Senate, who is chosen by the majority leader;

Whereas the Parliamentarian of the Senate advises the presiding officer on rules, procedures, and precedents;

Whereas, since 1981, only 3 individuals have served as Parliamentarian of the Senate, serving an average of 15 years;

Whereas, in 2001, the Secretary of the Senate dismissed the Parliamentarian of the Senate; and

Whereas a 6-year term limit for the Parliamentarian of the Senate would prevent entrenchment of power, promote accountability, and encourage fresh perspectives: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) acknowledges that the Parliamentarian of
3 the Senate serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of
4 the Senate, who is chosen by the majority leader of
5 the Senate;

6 (2) recognizes that historical precedent allows
7 the Secretary of the Senate to dismiss the Parlia-
8 mentarian of the Senate;

9 (3) remains committed to using the reconcili-
10 ation process to return the United States to sound
11 fiscal footing by removing waste, fraud, and abuse
12 from mandatory spending programs; and

13 (4) believes that the Parliamentarian of the
14 Senate should serve not more than 1 term of 6
15 years.

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