

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 502

Eliminating secret Senate holds.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2010

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. ELIMINATING SECRET SENATE HOLDS.**

3       Rule VII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is  
4       amended by adding at the end the following:

5       “7. (a) The majority and minority leaders of the Sen-  
6       ate or their designees shall recognize a notice of intent  
7       of a Senator who is a member of their caucus to object  
8       to proceeding to a measure or matter only if the Senator—

9               “(1) submits the notice of intent in writing to  
10       the appropriate leader or their designee and grants  
11       in the notice permission for the leader or designee  
12       to object in the Senator’s name; and

1           “(2) not later than 2 session days after the sub-  
2           mission under clause (1), submits for inclusion in  
3           the Congressional Record and in the applicable cal-  
4           endar section described in subparagraph (b) the fol-  
5           lowing notice:

6           “‘I, Senator \_\_\_\_\_, intend to object to proceeding  
7           to \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_.’.

8           “(b) The Secretary of the Senate shall maintain for  
9           both the Senate Calendar of Business and the Senate Ex-  
10          ecutive Calendar a separate section entitled ‘Notices of In-  
11          tent to Object to Proceeding’. Each section shall include  
12          the name of each Senator filing a notice under subpara-  
13          graph (a)(2), the measure or matter covered by the cal-  
14          endar that the Senator objects to, and the date the objec-  
15          tion was filed.

16          “(c) A Senator may have an item relating to that  
17          Senator removed from a calendar to which it was added  
18          under subparagraph (b) by submitting for inclusion in the  
19          Congressional Record the following notice:

20          “‘I, Senator \_\_\_\_\_, do not object to proceeding to  
21          \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_.’.”.

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