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To establish as a standing order of the Senate that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to objecting to any measure or matter.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. McCASKILL, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie over under the rule

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

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

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) COVERED REQUEST.—This standing order
5 shall apply to a notice of intent to object to the fol-
6 lowing covered requests:

7 (A) A unanimous consent request to pro-
8 ceed to a bill, resolution, joint resolution, con-

1 current resolution, conference report, or amend-
2 ment between the Houses.

3 (B) A unanimous consent request to pass
4 a bill or joint resolution or adopt a resolution,
5 concurrent resolution, conference report, or the
6 disposition of an amendment between the
7 Houses.

8 (C) A unanimous consent request for dis-
9 position of a nomination.

10 (2) RECOGNITION OF NOTICE OF INTENT.—The
11 majority and minority leaders of the Senate or their
12 designees shall recognize a notice of intent to object
13 to a covered request of a Senator who is a member
14 of their caucus if the Senator—

15 (A) submits the notice of intent to object
16 in writing to the appropriate leader and grants
17 in the notice of intent to object permission for
18 the leader or designee to object in the Senator's
19 name; and

20 (B) not later than 1 session day after sub-
21 mitting the notice of intent to object to the ap-
22 propriate leader, submits a copy of the notice of
23 intent to object to the Congressional Record
24 and to the Legislative Clerk for inclusion in the

1 applicable calendar section described in sub-
 2 section (b).

3 (3) FORM OF NOTICE.—To be recognized by the
 4 appropriate leader a Senator shall submit the fol-
 5 lowing notice of intent to object:

6 “I, Senator _____, intend to ob-
 7 ject to _____, dated
 8 _____. I will submit a copy of this
 9 notice to the Legislative Clerk and the Congres-
 10 sional Record within 1 session day and I give
 11 my permission to the objecting Senator to ob-
 12 ject in my name.” The first blank shall be filled
 13 with the name of the Senator, the second blank
 14 shall be filled with the name of the covered re-
 15 quest, the name of the measure or matter and,
 16 if applicable, the calendar number, and the
 17 third blank shall be filled with the date that the
 18 notice of intent to object is submitted.

19 (b) CALENDAR.—Upon receiving the submission
 20 under subsection (a)(2)(B), the Legislative Clerk shall add
 21 the information from the notice of intent to object to the
 22 applicable Calendar section entitled “Notices of Intent to
 23 Object to Proceeding” created by Public Law 110–81.
 24 Each section shall include the name of each Senator filing
 25 a notice under subsection (a)(2)(B), the measure or mat-

1 ter covered by the calendar to which the notice of intent
 2 to object relates, and the date the notice of intent to object
 3 was filed.

4 (c) REMOVAL.—A Senator may have a notice of in-
 5 tent to object relating to that Senator removed from a cal-
 6 endar to which it was added under subsection (b) by sub-
 7 mitting for inclusion in the Congressional Record the fol-
 8 lowing notice:

9 “I, Senator _____, do not object to
 10 _____, dated _____.” The first
 11 blank shall be filled with the name of the Senator,
 12 the second blank shall be filled with the name of the
 13 covered request, the name of the measure or matter
 14 and, if applicable, the calendar number, and the
 15 third blank shall be filled with the date of the sub-
 16 mission to the Congressional Record under this sub-
 17 section.

18 (d) OBJECTING ON BEHALF OF A MEMBER.—If a
 19 Senator who has notified his or her leader of an intent
 20 to object to a covered request fails to submit a notice of
 21 intent to object under subsection (a)(2)(B) within 1 ses-
 22 sion day following an objection to a covered request by
 23 the leader or his or her designee on that Senator’s behalf,
 24 the Legislative Clerk shall list the Senator who made the

- 1 objection to the covered request in the applicable “Notice
- 2 of Intent to Object to Proceeding” calendar section.

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