

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 444

Providing for the en bloc consideration of military nominations.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## RESOLUTION

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nominations.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY NOMI-**  
3                                   **NATIONS.**

4           (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “military  
5 nomination” means a nomination to a position in, or pro-  
6 motion of an individual serving in a position in, an Armed  
7 Force.

8           (b) MOTION TO PROCEED.—

9                   (1) IN GENERAL.—

10                           (A) AUTHORIZATION.—Except as provided  
11                   in subparagraph (B), during the 118th Con-

1           gress, it shall be in order for the majority lead-  
 2           er, or a designee, to make a single motion in  
 3           Executive Session, or a single motion in Legis-  
 4           lative Session to proceed to Executive Session,  
 5           to the en bloc consideration of 2 or more mili-  
 6           tary nominations that, at the time of the mo-  
 7           tion—

8                   (i) are pending on the Executive cal-  
 9                   endar or are on the Secretary's Desk;

10                  (ii) have laid over 1 day, as required  
 11                  under paragraph 1 of rule XXXI of the  
 12                  Standing Rules of the Senate; and

13                  (iii) have been favorably reported to  
 14                  the Senate by the Committee on Armed  
 15                  Services of the Senate.

16           (B) EXCEPTION.—It shall not be in order  
 17           to include in a motion under subparagraph (A)  
 18           a nomination to—

19                   (i) a position described in section  
 20                   151(a) of title 10, United States Code (re-  
 21                   lating to the membership of the Joint  
 22                   Chiefs of Staff); or

23                   (ii) a position as the commander of a  
 24                   combatant command established under sec-

1                   tion 161, 167, or 167b of title 10, United  
2                   States Code.

3                   (2) CONSIDERATION OF MOTION.—A motion to  
4                   proceed under paragraph (1) shall not be debatable  
5                   and shall not be divisible or subject to a point of  
6                   order.

7                   (c) CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY NOMINATIONS.—

8                   (1) CLOTURE MOTION IN ORDER.—If a motion  
9                   to proceed to 2 or more military nominations under  
10                  subsection (b)(1) is agreed to, the military nomina-  
11                  tions considered en bloc shall not be subject to divi-  
12                  sion and it shall be in order for a Senator to present  
13                  a single cloture motion to bring to a close debate on  
14                  the military nominations, en bloc, signed in accord-  
15                  ance with rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the  
16                  Senate.

17                  (2) QUESTION.—When, in accordance with rule  
18                  XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Pre-  
19                  siding Officer submits to the Senate by a yea-and-  
20                  nay vote the question on a cloture motion presented  
21                  under paragraph (1), the question shall be: “Is it  
22                  the sense of the Senate that debate shall be brought  
23                  to a close on the military nominations the Senate  
24                  agreed to consider en bloc?”.

1           (3) VOTE THRESHOLD TO INVOKE CLOTURE.—

2           The question under paragraph (2) shall be decided  
3           by a majority of the Senators voting, a quorum  
4           being present.

5           (4) POST CLOTURE CONSIDERATION.—If clo-  
6           ture is invoked under paragraph (3), the military  
7           nominations being considered en bloc shall be the  
8           unfinished business to the exclusion of all other busi-  
9           ness until disposed of and there shall be no more  
10          than 2 hours of consideration of the military nomi-  
11          nations being considered en bloc.

12          (5) VOTE ON NOMINATIONS.—After no more  
13          than 2 hours of consideration of the military nomi-  
14          nations under paragraph (4), the Senate shall vote,  
15          without any intervening action or debate, except a  
16          single quorum call on demand to establish the pres-  
17          ence of a quorum (and motions required to establish  
18          a quorum), on the confirmation of the military nomi-  
19          nations en bloc.

20          (6) DISPOSING OF NOMINATIONS.—Following  
21          confirmation of the military nominations en bloc  
22          under paragraph (5), the motion to reconsider the  
23          confirmation vote on the military nominations en  
24          bloc shall be considered made and laid upon the

1 table and the President shall be immediately notified  
2 of the Senate's action on the military nominations.

3 (d) MULTIPLE MOTIONS AUTHORIZED.—There shall  
4 be no limit on the number of motions in order under this  
5 resolution.

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