

Calendar No. 247

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. RES. 444**

Providing for the en bloc consideration of military nominations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 2023

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

NOVEMBER 14 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 13), 2023

Reported by Ms. KLOBUCHAR, without amendment

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.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—

2 (A) AUTHORIZATION.—Except as provided
3 in subparagraph (B), during the 118th Con-
4 gress, it shall be in order for the majority lead-
5 er, or a designee, to make a single motion in
6 Executive Session, or a single motion in Legis-
7 lative Session to proceed to Executive Session,
8 to the en bloc consideration of 2 or more mili-
9 tary nominations that, at the time of the mo-
10 tion—

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

13 (ii) have laid over 1 day, as required
14 under paragraph 1 of rule XXXI of the
15 Standing Rules of the Senate; and

16 (iii) have been favorably reported to
17 the Senate by the Committee on Armed
18 Services of the Senate.

19 (B) EXCEPTION.—It shall not be in order
20 to include in a motion under subparagraph (A)
21 a nomination to—

22 (i) a position described in section
23 151(a) of title 10, United States Code (re-
24 lating to the membership of the Joint
25 Chiefs of Staff); or

1 (ii) a position as the commander of a
2 combatant command established under sec-
3 tion 161, 167, or 167b of title 10, United
4 States Code.

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

9 (c) CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY NOMINATIONS.—

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

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

1 to a close on the military nominations the Senate
2 agreed to consider en bloc?''.

3 (3) VOTE THRESHOLD TO INVOKE CLOTURE.—

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

7 (4) POST CLOTURE CONSIDERATION.—If clo-

8 ture is invoked under paragraph (3), the military
9 nominations being considered en bloc shall be the
10 unfinished business to the exclusion of all other busi-
11 ness until disposed of and there shall be no more
12 than 2 hours of consideration of the military nomi-
13 nations being considered en bloc.

14 (5) VOTE ON NOMINATIONS.—After no more

15 than 2 hours of consideration of the military nomi-
16 nations under paragraph (4), the Senate shall vote,
17 without any intervening action or debate, except a
18 single quorum call on demand to establish the pres-
19 ence of a quorum (and motions required to establish
20 a quorum), on the confirmation of the military nomi-
21 nations en bloc.

22 (6) DISPOSING OF NOMINATIONS.—Following

23 confirmation of the military nominations en bloc
24 under paragraph (5), the motion to reconsider the
25 confirmation vote on the military nominations en

1 bloc shall be considered made and laid upon the
2 table and the President shall be immediately notified
3 of the Senate's action on the military nominations.

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

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