

# SR-18

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Shen of North Dakota submitted the following resolution;

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# RESOLUTION

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Whereas the filibuster is defined to prolong debate and to delay or prevent vote on a bill;

Whereas filibustering is unproductive and prolongs urgent national priorities;

Whereas the filibuster gives disproportionate power to the minority of senators over the majority of senators;

Whereas filibustering has increased bipartisanship as opposing parties use filibusters to block key legislation favored by the other political party;

Whereas restricting filibustering would bring more public trust to the Senate;

Whereas the "cloture rule" requires 60 votes to end debate making it difficult to prevent filibustering;

Whereas overusing the filibuster undermines democracy and impedes the ability of elected representatives to speak on the floor; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate -

(1) restrict the use of filibustering in the Senate.