

and 23 percent of victims reported having been stalked almost every day;

Whereas 1 in 4 victims reported that stalkers had used email, instant messaging, blogs, bulletin boards, Internet sites, chat rooms, or other forms of electronic monitoring against them, and 1 in 13 victims reported that stalkers had used electronic devices to monitor them;

Whereas stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, including changing identity, relocating, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas 1 in 7 victims reported having relocated in an effort to escape a stalker;

Whereas approximately 1 in 8 employed victims of stalking missed work because they feared for their safety or were taking steps to protect themselves, such as by seeking a restraining order;

Whereas less than 50 percent of victims reported stalking to police, and only 7 percent of victims contacted a victim service provider, shelter, or hotline;

Whereas stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States;

Whereas stalking affects victims of every race, age, culture, gender, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;

Whereas national organizations, local victim service organizations, campuses, prosecutor's offices, and police departments stand ready to assist stalking victims and are working diligently to develop effective and innovative responses to stalking;

Whereas there is a need to improve the response of the criminal justice system to stalking through more aggressive investigation and prosecution;

Whereas there is a need for increased availability of victim services across the United States, and such services must include programs tailored to meet the needs of stalking victims;

Whereas persons aged 18 to 24 experience the highest rates of stalking victimization, and rates of stalking among college students exceed the prevalence rates found in the general population;

Whereas as many as 75 percent of women in college who experience stalking-related behavior experience other forms of victimization, including sexual or physical victimization, or both;

Whereas there is a need for effective responses to stalking on campuses; and

Whereas the Senate finds that "National Stalking Awareness Month" provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about stalking: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates January 2013 as "National Stalking Awareness Month";

(2) applauds the efforts of the many stalking victim service providers, police, prosecutors, national and community organizations, campuses, and private sector supporters to promote awareness of stalking;

(3) encourages policymakers, criminal justice officials, victim service and human service agencies, college campuses and universities, and nonprofit organizations to increase awareness of stalking and the availability of services for stalking victims; and

(4) urges national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media to promote awareness of the crime of stalking through "National Stalking Awareness Month".

## SENATE RESOLUTION 15—TO IMPROVE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION AND NOMINATIONS IN THE SENATE

Mr. REID of Nevada (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted the following resolution; which was submitted and read:

S. RES. 15

*Resolved*,

### SECTION 1. CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.

(a) MOTION TO PROCEED AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS.—A motion to proceed to the consideration of a measure or matter made pursuant to this section shall be debatable for no more than 4 hours, equally divided in the usual form. If the motion to proceed is agreed to the following conditions shall apply:

(1) The first amendments in order to the measure or matter shall be one first-degree amendment each offered by the minority, the majority, the minority, and the majority, in that order. If an amendment is not offered in its designated order under this paragraph, the right to offer that amendment is forfeited.

(2) If a cloture motion has been filed pursuant to rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate on a measure or matter proceeded to under this section, it shall not be in order for the minority to propose its first amendment unless it has been submitted to the Senate Journal Clerk by 1:00 p.m. on the day following the filing of that cloture motion, for the majority to propose its first amendment unless it has been submitted to the Senate Journal Clerk by 3:00 p.m. on the day following the filing of that cloture motion, for the minority to propose its second amendment unless it has been submitted to the Senate Journal Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the filing of that cloture motion, or for the majority to propose its second amendment unless it has been submitted to the Senate Journal Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on the day following the filing of that cloture motion. If an amendment is not timely submitted under this paragraph, the right to offer that amendment is forfeited.

(3) An amendment offered under paragraph (1) shall be disposed of before the next amendment in order under paragraph (1) may be offered.

(4) An amendment offered under paragraph (1) is not divisible or subject to amendment while pending.

(5) An amendment offered under paragraph (1), if adopted, shall be considered original text for purpose of further amendment.

(6) No points of order shall be waived by virtue of this section.

(7) No motion to commit or recommit shall be in order during the pendency of any amendment offered pursuant to paragraph (1).

(8) Notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, if cloture is invoked on the measure or matter before all amendments offered under paragraph (1) are disposed of, any amendment in order under paragraph (1) but not actually pending upon the expiration of post-cloture time may be offered and may be debated for not to exceed 1 hour, equally divided in the usual form. Any amendment offered under paragraph (1) that is ruled non-germane on a point of order shall not fall upon that ruling, but instead shall remain pending and shall require 60 votes in the affirmative to be agreed to.

(b) SUNSET.—This section shall expire on the day after the date of the sine die adjournment of the 113th Congress.

### SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) POST-CLOTURE CONSIDERATION.—If cloture is invoked in accordance with rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate on a nomination described in paragraph (2), there shall be no more than 8 hours of post-cloture consideration equally divided in the usual form.

(2) NOMINATIONS COVERED.—A nomination described in this paragraph is any nomination except for the nomination of an individual—

(A) to a position at level I of the Executive Schedule under section 5312 of title 5, United States Code; or

(B) to serve as a judge or justice appointed to hold office during good behavior.

(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISTRICT COURT NOMINEES.—If cloture is invoked in accordance with rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate on a nomination of an individual to serve as a judge of a district court of the United States, there shall be no more than 2 hours of post-cloture consideration equally divided in the usual form.

(c) SUNSET.—This section shall expire on the day after the date of the sine die adjournment of the 113th Congress.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 16—AMENDING THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID of Nevada (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted the following resolution; which was submitted and read:

S. RES. 16

### SECTION 1. BIPARTISAN CLOTURE ON THE MOTION TO PROCEED.

Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"3. If a cloture motion on a motion to proceed to a measure or matter is presented in accordance with this rule and is signed by 16 Senators, including the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, 7 additional Senators not affiliated with the majority, and 7 additional Senators not affiliated with the minority, one hour after the Senate meets on the following calendar day, the Presiding Officer, or the clerk at the direction of the Presiding Officer, shall lay the motion before the Senate. If cloture is then invoked on the motion to proceed, the question shall be on the motion to proceed, without further debate."

### SEC. 2. CONFERENCE MOTIONS.

Rule XXVIII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs 2 through 9 as paragraphs 3 through 10, respectively;

(2) in paragraph 3(c), as so redesignated, by striking "paragraph 4" and inserting "paragraph 5";

(3) in paragraph 4(b), as so redesignated, by striking "paragraph 4" and inserting "paragraph 5";

(4) in paragraph 5(a), as so redesignated, by striking "paragraph 2 or paragraph 3" and inserting "paragraph 3 or paragraph 4";

(5) in paragraph 6, as so redesignated—

(A) in subparagraph (a), by striking "paragraph 2 or 3" and inserting "paragraph 3 or paragraph 4";

(B) in subparagraph (b), by striking "paragraph (4)" each place it appears and inserting "paragraph (5)"; and

(6) inserting after paragraph 1 the following:

"2. (a) When a message from the House of Representatives is laid before the Senate, it shall be in order for a single, non-divisible motion to be made that includes—

"(1) a motion to disagree to a House amendment or insist upon a Senate amendment;