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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Parliamentarian of the Senate
should serve not more than 1 term of 6 years.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

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of the Senate should serve not more than 1 term of
6 years.

Whereas the Parliamentarian of the Senate serves at the will
of the Secretary of the Senate, who is chosen by the ma-
jority leader;

Whereas the Parliamentarian of the Senate advises the pre-
siding officer on rules, procedures, and precedents;

Whereas, since 1981, only 3 individuals have served as Par-
liamentarian of the Senate, serving an average of 15
years;

Whereas, in 2001, the Secretary of the Senate dismissed the
Parliamentarian of the Senate; and

Whereas a 6-year term limit for the Parliamentarian of the Senate would prevent entrenchment of power, promote accountability, and encourage fresh perspectives: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) acknowledges that the Parliamentarian of
3 the Senate serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of
4 the Senate, who is chosen by the majority leader of
5 the Senate;

6 (2) recognizes that historical precedent allows
7 the Secretary of the Senate to dismiss the Parlia-
8 mentarian of the Senate;

9 (3) remains committed to using the reconcili-
10 ation process to return the United States to sound
11 fiscal footing by removing waste, fraud, and abuse
12 from mandatory spending programs; and

13 (4) believes that the Parliamentarian of the
14 Senate should serve not more than 1 term of 6
15 years.