2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 11

June 24, 2003 – Introduced by Senator Carpenter. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

- 1 **To amend** senate rule 76 (1), senate rule 77 (1) and (3) and senate rule 80; **relating**
- 2 **to:** limits on debate.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This resolution changes the senate rules to prohibit cutting off debate unless approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Resolved by the senate, That:

- **SECTION 1.** Senate rule 76 (1) is amended to read:
 - Senate Rule 76 (1) Time limits and schedules for debate may be designated in the manner described in sub. (2). The time limits may be rejected or modified by majority vote of the senate a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but this question is not debatable. The schedules and time limits shall be announced by the presiding officer immediately upon being presented. Promptly at the expiration of the time allotted, the presiding officer shall put the question.
- **SECTION 2.** Senate rule 77 (1) and (3) are amended to read:

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SENATE RULE 77 (1) When any matter is under consideration any member may move the "current question" or that the "current question be put." The motion is not debatable and if carried by a <u>majority vote of two-thirds of the members present</u> the subsidiary question then pending before the senate shall be put without debate.

(3) When a matter is under consideration a member may move the "previous question" or that the "previous question be put." The motion is not debatable and if carried by <u>a majority vote of two-thirds of the members present</u> the main question then pending before the senate shall be put without debate.

SECTION 3. Senate rule 80 is amended to read:

Senate Rule 80. **But one call of the senate in order.** On motion for the previous question, and before the ordering of the main question, one call of the senate is in order; but after proceedings under the call have been once dispensed with, or after a majority the senate orders the main question, a call is not in order before the decision of the question.

15 (END)