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## 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.

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3     **Resolved by the senate, That:**

4     **SECTION 1.** Senate rule 76 (1) is amended to read:

5     SENATE RULE 76 (1) Time limits and schedules for debate may be designated in  
6     the manner described in sub. (2). The time limits may be rejected or modified by  
7     majority ~~vote of the senate~~ a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but this  
8     question is not debatable. The schedules and time limits shall be announced by the  
9     presiding officer immediately upon being presented. Promptly at the expiration of  
10    the time allotted, the presiding officer shall put the question.

11    **SECTION 2.** Senate rule 77 (1) and (3) are amended to read:

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

5           (3) When a matter is under consideration a member may move the “previous  
6           question” or that the “previous question be put.” The motion is not debatable and if  
7           carried by ~~a majority~~ vote of two-thirds of the members present the main question  
8           then pending before the senate shall be put without debate.

9           **SECTION 3.** Senate rule 80 is amended to read:

10          SENATE RULE 80. **But one call of the senate in order.** On motion for the  
11          previous question, and before the ordering of the main question, one call of the senate  
12          is in order; but after proceedings under the call have been once dispensed with, or  
13          after a ~~majority~~ the senate orders the main question, a call is not in order before the  
14          decision of the question.

15                                **(END)**