

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 312

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 312 is amended as follows:

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SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. House Rule 312 is amended as follows:

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NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to a suggestion that this rule specifically include motions to close, limit, or extend debate. The previous question is a motion used to close debate (and put the question to an immediate vote) and similar treatment (e.g., allowing the motion to be made during debate) would be accorded to a motion to close, limit, or extend debate.

The motion to close, limit, or extend debate is treated as not being subject to debate, and proposed amendments to Senate and House Rules 317 add such motions to the list of nondebatable motions.