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Time to end Senate Treason actions

Our USA Senate calls itself "the greatest deliberative body in the world", yet it abuses power by creating unconstitutional "rules" giving "aid and comfort to our enemies", the legal definition of treason.

One Senate "rule" requiring 60 votes instead of a majority of 51 votes to pass legislation or conduct the people's business is treason, an outrageous abuse of power tactic that must end permanently for our federal government to function. It is devastating in that it stops all federal government business in these evil times.

Our Senators abuse Constitutional authority in pursuit of domination over the will of the We the People exactly the same way as the Roman Senate made their own rules to dominate the great Roman Empire. Our current Senators choose the same rule games that originated in the Roman Senate to abuse We the People today.

The Senate political game known as a "filibuster" is rooted in a Dutch word meaning "pirate", so "filibuster" in the 1850s described Senators talking for long periods of time to hold the Senate floor to prevent a vote on a bill or issue or conducting any other Senate business until the filibustering person got his way and relinquished the floor. This political "rules" game however started in the ancient Roman Empire.

The Roman Senate purpose was to have equal authority with the Roman Emperor so it required approval from both Senate and Emperor to get something done for the Roman Empire government.

The Roman Senate made their own rules, one of which was that all business before them each day must be concluded by sundown, so any issue introduced each day was approved by sundown or disapproved for good.

Roman Senator Cato used the rule to block Julius Caesar initiatives by taking the floor and talking until dark when the Senate had to disband for the day and all Senate business considered that day was concluded.

Caesar threw Cato in jail over it so the Roman Senate created a new rule allowing a motion (cloture) to close debate by a vote of two-thirds of Senators, which today we call a "super majority".

The principle was any minority should be able to extend debate indefinitely in attempting to sway the majority to its way of thinking, which sometimes identifies flaws in an issue the majority may not see. This is the very foundation of deliberation assemblies in honest pursuit of the best possible solution to an issue.

American Senators rediscovered Cato's practice of killing an issue by killing time, and the USA Senate filibuster was implemented. In 1908 Senator La Follette of Wisconsin held the floor for 18 hours to stall a banking reform bill. The bill eventually passed, but until the filibustered ended, the Senate could not move on to other business. Therefore the USA Senate was "pirated" by one Senator of the 100 and federal government was shut down by one Senator...think about that pirating of our entire federal government by one dissenting person.

Our Constitution Preamble makes it very clear the purpose, mission, role of the USA Senate.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I, Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 5

2: *Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings*, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

In the early years of Congress, representatives as well as senators could filibuster. As the House of Representatives expanded, new House “rules” limited debate. In the smaller Senate, unlimited debate continued on the grounds that any senator should have the right to speak as long as necessary on any issue.

In 1841, Democrats used the filibuster to block a bank bill promoted by Kentucky Senator Clay, so he threatened to change Senate rules to allow the majority to close debate. Missouri Senator Benton opposed Clay and stated he was trying to stifle the Senate's right to unlimited debate. In 2017 we don't have unlimited time to sit around and talk issues to death...we must act and function faster and better than in 1841, just to survive.

In 1917 USA Senators adopted a rule (Rule 22), at the urging of President Woodrow Wilson, that allowed the Senate to end a debate with a two-thirds majority vote, a device known as “cloture” The new Senate rule was first put to the test in 1919, when the Senate invoked cloture to end a filibuster against the Treaty of Versailles.

Even with the new cloture rule, filibusters remained an effective means to block legislation and Executive Branch issues, since a two-thirds vote is difficult if not impossible these days to obtain.

Filibusters by Southern state Senators blocked civil rights legislation, including anti-lynching legislation, until cloture was invoked after a 60 day filibuster against the Civil Right Act of 1964.

In 1975, the Senate “changed their rules” for cloture from two-thirds to three-fifths, or 60 of the current one hundred senators.

We the People must now rise up and demand our Senators do their Constitutional duty and permanently stop abusing their power by preventing legislation and other issues from even getting a vote in the Senate, thus dominating Federal government by simply stopping the will of the people in the House or Executive Branch.

We the People must demand our USA Senate “change their rules” to permanently end the pirating of our Federal government by holding it hostage by talking issues to death instead of serving the will and greater good of We the People as our Constitution requires.

For God's Glory and Old Glory,



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