

Resolution on the Filibuster in the US Senate

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3 **WHEREAS** the filibuster is a Self-Imposed Senate rule with no mention in the
4 constitution;

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6 **WHEREAS** it has been estimated that the threat of the filibuster is currently being used
7 to obstruct 70% of major legislation;

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9 **WHEREAS** Senators Harkin and Lieberman introduced a bill to curtail the use of the
10 filibuster in 1995;

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12 **WHEREAS** Senator Harkins intends to reintroduce this bill in 2010; and

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14 **WHEREAS** the proposed rules allow for continued debate until a threshold of 51
15 Senators is obtained to end debate;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats support
18 passage of Senator Harkin's rule change; and

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats ask
21 that Senators Cantwell and Murray also support this rule change.

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24 Submitted by the 26th LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
25 Committee for consideration at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle. (Date Submitted
26 1/6/2010)

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28 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
29 its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.

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31 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.