

1 **Reform of the Rules for Filibuster**
2 **in the United States Senate**

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4 **WHEREAS** the present rules of the United States Senate permit the threat of filibuster
5 to delay or prohibit any proposed legislation lacking a 60 vote super-majority; and
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7 **WHEREAS** Senator Tom Harkin is preparing legislation to reform this rule which
8 would allow delay for a period of time, perhaps a month, but finally, a majority vote of
9 51 would pass a bill;

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11 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell be urged
12 to join Senator Harkin in writing and passing legislation to alter or abolish the filibuster
13 rule so that majority rule is restored to the Senate; and
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15 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be
16 transmitted to relevant officials along with a request for response within thirty days,
17 listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the
18 reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.
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21 Submitted by the Whitman County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
22 consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/13/2010)

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24 Recommended Pass by the Subcommittee on Foreign Policy, Government and Political
25 Reform, and the Military. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

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27 Recommended Pass by the State Convention Platform Committee. (Date Considered
28 6/5/2010)

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30 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,
31 2010 meeting in Vancouver.