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**10 AN AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER OF THE MARYLAND**  
**20 STUDENT LEGISLATURE – ARTICLE IV BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

30 FOR the purposes of making debate more efficient

40 BY repealing and re-enacting with amendments  
50 Article IV Bills and Resolutions  
60 Section 28

**70 WHEREAS:** Often, in debate, amendments are offered as a tactic to stall debate in order to  
80 kill good legislation; and,

**90 WHEREAS:** In almost every event, the Chair usually entertains a motion to limit debate time  
100 in the interest of hearing as much legislation as possible; and,

**110 WHEREAS:** Making debate more efficient will attract more members to write legislation and  
120 to actually have that legislation heard.

**130 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,** That Article IV,  
140 Section 28 of the Standing Rules of Order of the Maryland Student Legislature  
150 read as follows:

**160 §28. Consideration**

170 (a) Consideration of a Bill or Resolution is limited to ~~one hour~~ FORTY MINUTES in length not  
180 including any recess of the General Assembly, equally divided in open debate.

190 (b) No Member may address the General Assembly, without leave of the General Assembly, for  
200 more than ten consecutive minutes on any third reading question.

210 (c) No Member may speak twice on any third reading, except to answer an inquiry, unless all  
220 members wishing to speak on the same side of a question have done so.

230 (d) Consideration of any amendment to a bill or resolution is limited to ~~twenty~~ TEN minutes  
240 equally divided in open debate. NEITHER SIDE SHALL BE PERMITTED TO OFFER MORE  
250 THAN TWO AMENDMENTS ON ANY ONE BILL OR RESOLUTION.

260 (e) IN THE EVENT ONE HOUR ELAPSES ON ANY ONE BILL OR RESOLUTION, THE  
270 BODY SHALL IMMEDIATELY MOVE INTO A VOTE ON THE BILL OR RESOLUTION  
280 BEFORE IT.

**290 BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,** That this  
300 shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**310 MANDATES:** Governor Brooke Barrash  
320 Lt. Governor Alvin Cole  
330 Attorney General Chris Tinsman  
340 Secretary of State Tammy Barnes  
350 Speaker of the Assembly Kevin Rodkey  
360 Comptroller Brian Bailey

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