

PURPOSE: To eliminate time limit on debate

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SENATE:

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

With all the new developments in how Senate functions (Limit on filibusters, the study hour time limit, and the ability to table bills) there is no longer a need for a time limit on debate. The idea as a whole means generally nothing thanks to motion to extend the time limit. If we are allowed to extend the limit for debate as much as we would like, what purpose does a limit serve at all. Furthermore, I have found that the only good that keeping this motion does is interrupting debate. I have seen people making excellent debate just to be interrupted by a motion to extend the time limit on debate. Additionally, there is no need for a time limit with the Senate's ability to table a bill to continue the debate at a later date. I feel like we as a senate are able to manage our time responsibly without the need for a stopwatch on the screen.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

(On page 20 of the SGA constitution)

Close Current Period of Debate and Move to Next Step	I motion to move to the previous question	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Presiding Officer Discretion
Limit/Extend Debate	I motion to limit/extend the debate by [time]	Yes	Yes	No	No	Presiding Officer Discretion
Amend Legislation (Friendly/Critical)	I move to propose a friendly/critical amendment	No	No/Yes	No/Yes	No/Yes	Presenter Discretion/Majority