

**Bill 002**  
**A Bill to ensure the opportunity for Full & Open Debate**  
**Sponsored by: Senator Mackisey**  
**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Sharpe**

***Whereas,***

The Senate Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4, Clause 1, state in part that “No Senator shall speak more than twice on any question.”

***Whereas,***

Clause 1 limits the ability of individual Senators to participate fully in a free, fair, and lively debate of the issues that come before the Senate.

***Whereas,***

Clause 1 limits the ability of individual Senators to properly do their job by questioning & debating the merits of legislation.

***Be it enacted that,***

The Student Government Association Senate acting in its official capacity as representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, amend Article IV, Section 4, Clause 1 of The Senate Bylaws of The Student Government Association to the following:

No Senator shall be limited on the number of times he or she may speak on any question, or be interrupted when speaking, except by a call to order by the presiding officer or by a Senator through the presiding officer.

***Be it enacted that,***

The Student Government Senate acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, amend Article IV, Section 4, of The Senate Bylaws of The Student Government Association adding the following as Clause 4 of Section 4, Article IV:

The Senate may at any time, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, or by the call to order of the presiding officer, declare a Senator in attempt of filibuster and out of order. If the two-thirds threshold is met, the Presiding Officer will follow the procedure laid out in in Article IV, Section 8.

Agreed to by a vote of \_\_\_\_ yeas to \_\_\_\_ nays on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ abstaining and \_\_\_\_ not present.

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Jimmy Harrington

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