

Table 1. Maximum Number of Hours of Post-Cloture Consideration of Nominations

113th Congress, pursuant to S. Res. 15 and Senate Rule XXII

Nomination	Maximum Consideration
U.S. district courts	2 hours
Courts with fixed terms, such as the court of claims, the tax court, and presumably the territorial courts	8 hours
All executive branch positions except 21 high-level positions	8 hours
21 high-level executive branch positions, including the head of each executive department. ^a	30 hours
The Supreme Court, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of International Trade	30 hours

Source: S. Res. 15, Section 2.

a. The standing order excludes positions "at level I of the Executive Schedule under Section 5312 of title 5, United States Code," which, in addition to the 15 heads of departments (14 Secretaries and the Attorney General), includes the United States Trade Representative; the Director of the Office of Management and Budget; the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration; the Director of National Drug Control Policy; the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and the Director of National Intelligence.

Source: Changes to Senate Procedures at the Start of the 113th Congress Affecting the Operation of Cloture (S.Res. 15 and S.Res. 16)

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