

SREC RESOLUTION
ON
TEXAS SENATE ROSEBUSH-BLOCKER RULE

Whereas, Republican voters worked very hard over many years to win a majority in the Texas Senate,

Whereas, Republican voters are frustrated that Democrats, who are in the minority, can block critical conservative legislation with just 11 votes,

Whereas, the Republican Party of Texas 2010 Party Platform says on page six, “Rosebush–Blocker Rule – We oppose the Rosebush-Blocker Rule in the Texas Senate”, which is the will of the grassroots Republicans as embodied by 2010 State Republican Party Convention,

Be it resolved, that the SREC strongly urges that the Texas Senate take whatever steps are necessary to pass conservative legislation over the opposition of the Democrat minority, including consideration of discontinuing the use of the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule, if necessary; and

Be it resolved, that if outright elimination of the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule does not appear to be able to be passed by the Texas Senate in its initial caucuses and meetings, that the SREC strongly urges that the Texas Senate, at the very least, change the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule by reducing the 2/3rds requirement to 60%, which is an equivalent percentage to the 60% cloture rule in the United States Senate,

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be immediately forwarded to all Texas State Senators, and that RPT HQ’s disseminate it via e-mail and the RPT website,

Be it further resolved, that the SREC encourages all Texas Republicans to contact their state senator to urge them to end or at least, modify this rule as described above, so the will of the majority can finally be represented in the Texas Senate.

Adopted by the SREC, December 4, 2010

Note: this language is the exact same language as was passed near-unanimously by the 2008 & 2006 SREC at its December 2008 & 2006 meetings, with simple update for 2010.