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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on ____________

RESOLUTION

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Resolved,

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY FOR ABSENT SENATORS TO CAST VOTES OUTSIDE THE SENATE CHAMBER.

(a) In General.—Notwithstanding rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it shall be in order in the Senate for any Senator to make a privileged motion to authorize, for a specified period that may not exceed 30 days, Senators to cast votes from outside the Senate Chamber using technology that has been approved by the
Secretary of the Senate and Sergeant at Arms and Door-keeper of the Senate as reliable and secure for casting such votes (in this section referred to as a “motion to authorize remote voting”).

(b) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration of a motion to authorize remote voting, and on all amendments, debatable motions, and appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 2 hours, which shall be divided equally between the proponents and opponents of the motion. The only amendments in order shall be amendments to change the length of the specified period. A motion to postpone or a motion to commit the motion or a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business shall not be in order.

(c) SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENT.—A motion to authorize remote voting shall only be agreed to upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Senators, duly chosen and sworn.

(d) TREATMENT FOR PURPOSES OF A QUORUM.—During a period during which remote voting has been authorized, any Senator voting from outside the Senate Chamber and using technology described in subsection (a) to cast votes under this section shall be deemed to be present for purposes of establishing a quorum.