

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1149**

**TITLE: The Right to Debate Act**

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**RULE VI  
RULES GOVERNING DEBATE**

(AMENDED: 2011-116, 2016-117, 2019-124, 2019-1104, 2021-1003, 2023-137)

4. Special Rules Governing Debate:

- a. The Senate may add special rules to the agenda from the floor during Amendments to the Agenda pertaining to the structure of debate with a two-thirds vote of the Senate.
- b. The Replacement and Agenda Committee may add special rules to the agenda pertaining to the structure of debate with a two-thirds vote of the committee. The Senate may suspend these special rules by a two-thirds vote from the floor during Amendments to the Agenda.
- c. A motion to call previous question may be called with a two-thirds vote from the floor. Upon the adoption of a motion to call previous question, a motion can be made for a shortened debate period of one round of con and pro debate with two minutes per round per side with a one-fifth vote of Senators present and voting.
  - i. If a motion for a shortened debate period was adopted, a subsequent motion to call previous question may not be made for the remainder of the debate on that particular subject.
  - ii. A motion for a shortened debate period shall not be permitted when a motion to call previous question is made following the completion of a second round of debate.

*Proviso: This bill of law will go into effect immediately upon its passage.*

