

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, INC.
GENERAL STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION
"AN AUTHOR'S RIGHT TO SPEAK"

Date: 02-04-2026

Resolution #: 47S-POL-07-02-10-2026

AN ACT TO: Add author terminology and explanation to Rule V, Section 1, Subsection D of the Standing Rules.

WHEREAS, currently, according to the Standing Rules, the author line on a Resolution has no power and only recognizes the writer; and

WHEREAS, due to the sponsor line becoming optional, should there be a lack of a sponsor, according to the Standing Rules no one has the right to explain said Resolution.

RESOLVED, Rule V, Section 1, Subsection D, of the Standing Rules shall be amended to read,
G. Sponsors [and Authors] of Resolutions
Sponsors ~~and authors~~ ~~and/or co-sponsors~~ of a Resolution may be any member of the Undergraduate Student Body **however there must be at least (1) Senator or Ex-officio Member as either a sponsor or an author for the Resolution to be presented to the Senate.** ~~Sponsors and/or co-sponsors~~ **Sponsor(s) and/or Author(s)** may, when first recognized by the Chair, speak on the Resolution to explain such points that shall include but are not limited to the merits of, the reasoning behind, and the possible implications of the Resolution. ~~Sponsors and/or co-sponsors~~ **They** may speak as long as they so choose or until a Senator objects to the length of the ~~Sponsor's or co-sponsors'~~ speech. The Senate may then vote to end the ~~speaker's~~ ~~Sponsor's or co-sponsors'~~ speech. Debate on the Resolution shall proceed when the speech(es) have ended.

AUTHOR(S): **Senator Sparks**
COMMITTEE: **Policy and Procedure**
RECOMMENDATION: **[4-0-0] OTP**

SENATE VOTE: **[PASSED/PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS/FAILED]**

SIGNATURE: 

President, University of Maine General Student Senate

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President, University of Maine Student Government, Inc.