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Maximum of 2 hours of floor debate per objection

No requirement to use the whole 2 hours

> @greg_doucette sure you've answered this question somewhere down the line but is there a 2 hour recess for EACH objection or are all objections handled under one 2 hour recess?
>
> — ReediculousS (@Rbd9787) January 3, 2021

Doubt it. I think you'll get maybe an hour with Arizona so Congresscritters can get their viral C-SPAN clips, then they'll get bored with it and move on https://t.co/KpZl17yjLv

> So we are looking at 24 hours of debate then?
>
> — Subtle Clever Username (@Noneya_Mindyers) January 3, 2021

Correct https://t.co/qHu8Y1yUhm

> And each person only gets 5 minutes to speak (also probably per objection), so the long-winded halfwits (Gohmert) won't be able to drag it out very long.
>
> — Mithras Angel (place blue checkmark here) (@mithrasangel) January 3, 2021

The Speaker and the Vice President preside over their respective chambers like normal, then decide who talks https://t.co/Uv7O3VySAK

> Who gets discretion on who talks. Is It just objectors or counterpoints may also be allotted time?
>
> — WillisisCray (@WillisisCray) January 3, 2021

I'd need to go through whatever rules the House adopts tomorrow, they're not my forte https://t.co/w5oCKVd4Ls

> can pelosi just ignore everybody

— Michael Durkin (@mdurkin86) January 3, 2021

A majority of those present and voting https://t.co/f9Ts2MBYFL

> who adopts the rules in the senate
>
> — Michael Durkin (@mdurkin86) January 3, 2021

Depends on chambers

In the past 20ish years, everything has been done in under an hour. That included verbal objections in 2001 and 2017, and written objections in 2005 https://t.co/VdznPJuVY9

> Given the time required to debate, vote, and resume the count, how long could a single objection take to resolve?
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> — Nomads of The Fourth Turning (@generationalize) January 3, 2021

They have the power to object to individual electors, as happened with NC's faithless elector for George Wallace in 1969's count

But if there isn't an individualized reason – just that they're each "illegitimate" – then individual objections would be dilatory / out of order https://t.co/0Mqcs1qmhx

> Could they object to each elector or are the forced to to object to the entire slate?
>
> — OgieOgilthorpe (@OgieOgilthorpe9) January 3, 2021

Pence presides over the joint session, 3 USC §18

He's got a flight to catch though so won't let this drag on, or he'll hand it over to Grassley https://t.co/j3Edvj6Azn

> Curious who gets to decide that objections to individual electors without reason is out of order? If its Pence then he has the power to drag this out if he wants to.
>
> — Kathy Vullis (@KathyVullis) January 3, 2021

Ah. In which case I suppose he's only bounded by his boredom

His statement today pretty clearly says he's not going to do anything outlandish https://t.co/T1YY369dpj

> https://t.co/tmYQ0FKubZ
>
> — Jrome G (@jrome56) January 3, 2021