that it was inevitable that lawmakers would ultimately push it to the sidelines or find workarounds. # " This is a reminder, albeit one with no teeth in it, that they have to take their bearings from the Constitution, " he said. " To be quite honest, if they were to get rid of it it's not like the operations of Congress or the government would be fundamentally altered. " # He said he supposes it's good that Democrats will retain the practice, but that there would be zero political upside for them to try to tinker with it at this point. # " It hasn't changed much, and if it were really a hindrance to big government activism, they would have scrapped it, " he said.