

Dems have plan to keep gov candidates to five-minute speeches — and no more

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There's a risk anytime politicians are before a convention microphone that they'll go over the allotted time for a speech.

But the Dem Party has a plan to keep the gov contenders to their five minutes.

Spokeswoman Melanie Conklin said the 10 gov candidates who will address the convention Friday night are limited to five minutes each. They will have a timer they can see at the podium to keep track of their time.

Once they hit five minutes, the mic will be cut off — and not one second more.

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After that, the intro music for the next speaker will be played.

“Because the media like it when things are moving along smoothly and kept on track,” Conklin said when asked why the party decided on the policy.

Others slated to speak tonight include U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, and U.S. Reps. Gwen Moore, of Milwaukee, and Mark Pocan, of Town of Vermont. Other speakers have longer time limits, Conklin said.

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