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H. RES. 237

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require open committee meetings and to allow the broadcasting and still photography of any committee meetings or hearings that are open to the public.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 1993

Ms. DUNN (for herself, Mr. BACCHUS of Florida, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. ZIMMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That (a) the first sentence of clause 2(g)(1)
2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives
3 is amended—

4 (1) by striking “and with a majority present”
5 and by inserting “, approved by a majority of its
6 total membership,” after “rollcall vote”; and

7 (2) by inserting “because disclosure of matters
8 to be considered would endanger the national secu-

1 rity, tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any
2 person, jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation,
3 or compromise a confidential source of any criminal
4 investigation” after “public” the second place it ap-
5 pears.

6 (b) Clause 3(d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House
7 of Representatives is amended by striking “is a privilege
8 made available by the House and”.

9 (c) Clause 3(e) of rule XI of the Rules of the House
10 of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

11 “(e) Whenever a hearing or meeting conducted by
12 any committee of the House is open to the public, those
13 proceedings shall be open to television broadcast, radio
14 broadcast, and still photography, or by any of such meth-
15 ods of coverage. No committee or subcommittee chairman
16 may limit the number of television or still cameras below
17 2 representatives from each medium.”.

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