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H. RES. 280

Expressing the sense of the House that a schedule should be adopted to require three consecutive 5-day work weeks per month.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROEMER (for himself, Ms. DUNN, Ms. SHEPHERD, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. FINGERHUT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the profound uncertainty of the current scheduling of legislative activity in the House of Representatives disrupts the legislative process and the efficient workings of the House of Representatives in ways that make changes imperative;

Whereas taxpayer dollars are not being utilized as effectively as they could in the administration of the duties and scheduling of the House of Representatives;

Whereas the current schedule makes it difficult to conduct committee hearings and meetings while the House is in

session, disrupting the coordination of legislative activity and the fulfillment of Congress' oversight responsibilities;

Whereas the current schedule often provides inadequate time for the thoughtful consideration of the Nation's important business;

Whereas scheduling floor votes at the beginning and end of the week, having recorded committee attendance and votes, and using computer scheduling could improve committee attendance and reduce conflicts resulting from simultaneous committee meetings; and

Whereas a more predictable and organized schedule would allow Members to use their time more effectively with both their constituents and their families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that a formal schedule should be adopted of
3 three consecutive 5-day work weeks for legislative business
4 in Washington, followed by a week in which Members may
5 attend to important matters in their districts.

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