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# H. RES. 36

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHEL (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HYDE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DELAY, Mr. PAXON, and Mr. SOLOMON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved*, That this resolution may be cited as, “A  
2 Mandate for Change in the People’s House”.

3               PRESENTMENT OF BILLS TO THE PRESIDENT

4               SEC. 101. In rule I of the Rules of the House, clause  
5 4 is amended by adding the following sentence at the end  
6 thereof: “In the case of a bill originating in the House  
7 of Representatives, he shall take care that the bill is pre-

1 sented to the President not later than the tenth calendar  
2 day beginning after the date upon which a bill has been  
3 agreed to in identical form by the House of Representa-  
4 tives and the Senate.”.

5 VETO MESSAGES

6 SEC. 102. In rule I of the Rules of the House, clause  
7 5 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

8 “(c) He shall, immediately after the reading of a veto  
9 message from the President, and without intervening mo-  
10 tion or business, state the question on reconsideration of  
11 the vetoed measure, and no motion shall have precedence  
12 over a demand for the previous question on such question  
13 except one motion to postpone the vote on reconsideration  
14 to a date certain which shall not be later than the tenth  
15 legislative day thereafter.”.

16 BROADCAST COVERAGE

17 SEC. 103. In rule I, clause 9(b)(1) is amended by in-  
18 serting after the first sentence the following new sentence:  
19 “He shall provide for the visual coverage of the proceed-  
20 ings of the House on a uniform basis throughout each  
21 day’s session, and any such coverage may include periodic  
22 views of the entire Chamber, *Provided* That it is uniform  
23 throughout the day and does not detract from the visual  
24 coverage of any person who is speaking.”.

25 HOUSE SCHEDULING

26 SEC. 104. In rule I, add the following new clause:

1       “11. (a) At the beginning of each session of the Con-  
2 gress the Speaker shall, after consultation with the minor-  
3 ity leader and the chairmen of the committees of the  
4 House, announce a legislative program for the session  
5 which shall include: (1) target dates for the consideration  
6 of specified major budgetary, authorization and appropria-  
7 tions bills; (2) an indication of those weeks during which  
8 the House will be in session (which, unless otherwise indi-  
9 cated, shall be assumed to be full, five-day work weeks  
10 for the conduct of committee and House floor business);  
11 (3) those weeks set aside for district work periods (which  
12 shall be scheduled at periodic intervals), holidays and  
13 other recesses; and (4) the target date for the adjourn-  
14 ment of that session.

15       “(b) the Speaker shall ensure that the minority leader  
16 is fully consulted in developing the legislative program for  
17 the House each week.”.

18                   ABOLITION OF OFFICE OF DOORKEEPER

19       SEC. 105. (a) Rule V, relating to the “Duties of the  
20 Doorkeeper,” is repealed; the provisions of clauses 1 and  
21 2 of rule V are redesignated as clauses 3 and 4 of rule  
22 IV (“Duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms;”) and the words  
23 “The Doorkeeper” in clause 3 (as redesignated) are strick-  
24 en and replaced by the word “He”.

25       (b) In rule II (“Election of Officers”) the word  
26 “Doorkeeper” is stricken wherever it appears, and, after

1 the words “Sergeant-at-Arms” where it first appears, the  
2 following is inserted: “, who should be a nationally-re-  
3 spected law enforcement professional”.

4 (c) In rule XIV, clause 7 is amended by striking the  
5 words “and the Doorkeeper are” and inserting in lieu  
6 thereof the word “is”.

7 OVERSIGHT REFORM

8 SEC. 106. (a) In rule X, clause 2 is amended by add-  
9 ing the following new paragraphs:

10 “(d)(1) Not later than March 1 of the first session  
11 of a Congress, each standing committee of the House  
12 shall, in a meeting which is open to the public and with  
13 a quorum present, adopt its oversight plans for that Con-  
14 gress, and such plans shall be submitted to the Committee  
15 on House Administration. In developing such plans each  
16 committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible—

17 “(A) consult with other committees of the  
18 House which have jurisdiction over the same or re-  
19 lated laws, programs, or agencies within its jurisdic-  
20 tion with the objective of ensuring that such laws,  
21 programs, or agencies are reviewed in the same Con-  
22 gress and that there is maximum coordination be-  
23 tween such committees in the conduct of such re-  
24 views; and such plans shall include an explanation of  
25 what steps have been and will be taken to assure  
26 such coordination and cooperation;

1           “(B) give priority consideration to including in  
2           its plans the review of those laws, programs, or  
3           agencies operating under permanent budget author-  
4           ity or permanent statutory authority;

5           “(C) have a view toward insuring that all sig-  
6           nificant laws, programs, or agencies within its juris-  
7           dictions are subject to review at least once every ten  
8           years.

9           “(2) It shall not be in order to consider any commit-  
10          tee expense resolution, or any amendment thereto, pursu-  
11          ant to clause 5 of rule XI for any committee which has  
12          not submitted its oversight plans as required by this para-  
13          graph.

14          “(3) Not later than March 15 in the first session of  
15          a Congress, after consultation with the Speaker, the ma-  
16          jority leader, and the minority leader, the Committee on  
17          House Administration shall report to the House the over-  
18          sight plans submitted by each committee together with  
19          any recommendations which it, or the House leadership  
20          group referred to above, may make to assure the most ef-  
21          fective coordination of such plans and otherwise achieve  
22          the objectives of this clause.

23          “(e) The Speaker, with the approval of the House,  
24          may appoint special ad hoc oversight committees for the

1 purpose of reviewing specific matters within the jurisdic-  
2 tion of two or more standing committees.”.

3 (b) In rule XI of the Rules of the House, clause 1(d)  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 “(d)(1) Each committee shall submit to the House  
6 not later than January 2 of each odd-numbered year, a  
7 report on the activities of that committee under this rule  
8 and rule X during the Congress ending on January 3 of  
9 each year.

10 “(2) Such report shall include separate sections sum-  
11 marizing the legislative and oversight activities of that  
12 committee during that Congress.

13 “(3) The oversight section of such report shall in-  
14 clude a summary of the oversight plans submitted by the  
15 committee pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule X, a summary  
16 of the actions taken and recommendations made with re-  
17 spect to each such plan, and a summary of any additional  
18 oversight activities undertaken by that committee, and any  
19 recommendations made or actions taken thereon.”.

20 MULTIPLE REFERRAL REFORM

21 SEC. 107. In rule X, clause 5(c) is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 “(c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with re-  
24 spect to any matter, the Speaker shall initially refer the  
25 matter to one committee which he shall designate as the  
26 committee of principal jurisdiction; but, he may also refer

1 the matter to one or more additional committees, for con-  
2 sideration in sequence (subject to appropriate time limita-  
3 tions), either on its initial referral or after the matter has  
4 been reported by the committee of principal jurisdiction;  
5 or refer portions of the matter to one or more additional  
6 committees (reflecting different subjects and jurisdictions)  
7 for the exclusive consideration of such portion or portions;  
8 or refer the matter to a special ad hoc committee ap-  
9 pointed by the Speaker, with the approval of the House,  
10 from the members of the committees having legislative ju-  
11 risdiction, for the specific purpose of considering that mat-  
12 ter and reporting to the House thereon; or make such  
13 other provisions as may be considered appropriate.”.

14 EARLY ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

15 SEC. 108. In rule X, the first sentence of clause  
16 6(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:

17 “The standing committees specified in clause 1 shall be  
18 elected by the House within the seventh calendar day after  
19 the commencement of each Congress, from nominations  
20 submitted by the respective party caucuses, and said com-  
21 mittees shall hold their organizational meetings beginning  
22 not later than four calendar days after their election and  
23 concluding not later than seven calendar days after their  
24 election.”.

## 1 EQUITABLE PARTY RATIOS ON COMMITTEES

2 SEC. 109. (a) In rule X, clause 6(a) is amended by  
3 adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:

4 “(3) The membership of each committee (and each  
5 subcommittee, task force, or other subunit thereof) shall  
6 reflect the ratio of majority to minority party Members  
7 of the House at the beginning of the Congress (unless oth-  
8 erwise provided by House Rules). For the purposes of this  
9 clause, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico and  
10 the Delegates to the House shall not be counted in deter-  
11 mining the party ratio of the House.”.

12 (b) In rule X, clause 6(f) is amended by inserting  
13 after the first sentence the following: “The membership  
14 of each such select committee (and of any subcommittee,  
15 task force or subunit thereof), and of each such conference  
16 committee, shall reflect the ratio of the majority to minor-  
17 ity party Members of the House at the time of its appoint-  
18 ment.”.

## 19 CONTROL OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

20 SEC. 110. In rule X, clause 6(a) is amended by add-  
21 ing the following new subparagraph:

22 “(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding  
23 paragraph, the majority of the membership, including the  
24 chairman, of the Committee on Government Operations,  
25 shall be composed of Members of a major political party

1 other than the political party of which the President of  
2 the United States is a member.”.

3 TERMS LIMITS FOR CHAIRMEN AND RANKING MINORITY

4 MEMBERS

5 SEC. 111. In rule X, clause 6(c) is amended by insert-  
6 ing after the first sentence the following: “The terms of  
7 the chairman and ranking minority member of each stand-  
8 ing committee shall not exceed three executive Congresses,  
9 beginning with the One Hundred Third Congress.”.

10 SUBCOMMITTEE LIMITS

11 SEC. 112. In rule X, clause 6(d) is amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 “(d)(1) No committee of the House shall have more  
14 than five subcommittees except the Committee on Appro-  
15 priations, which shall have not more than 13 subcommit-  
16 tees, and the following committees which shall have not  
17 more than six subcommittees: Ways and Means; Agri-  
18 culture; Armed Services; Banking, Finance and Urban Af-  
19 fairs; Education and Labor; Foreign Affairs; Energy and  
20 Commerce; the Judiciary; and Public Works and Trans-  
21 portation.

22 “(2) No Member may serve at any one time as a  
23 member of more than four subcommittees of the commit-  
24 tees of the House.

25 “(3) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term  
26 ‘subcommittee’ includes any panel, task force, special sub-

1 committee, or any subunit of a standing committee, or any  
2 select committee, which is established for a period of  
3 longer than six months in any Congress.”.

4 PROXY VOTING BAN

5 SEC. 113. In rule XI, clause 2(f) if amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 “(f) No vote by any member of any committee or sub-  
8 committee with respect to any measure or matter may be  
9 cast by proxy.”.

10 OPEN MEETINGS

11 SEC. 114. In rule XI, clause 2(g)(1) is amended—

12 (a) by inserting before the colon in the first  
13 sentence the following: “because disclosure of mat-  
14 ters to be considered would endanger national secu-  
15 rity, would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate  
16 any person or otherwise would violate any law or  
17 rule of the House, or involves committee personnel  
18 matters.”; and,

19 (b) by inserting in the second sentence a period  
20 after the word “paragraph” and striking all that fol-  
21 lows through the end of the sentence.

22 MAJORITY QUORUMS

23 SEC. 115. In rule XI, clause 2(h)(2) is amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 “(2) A majority of the members of each committee  
26 or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the trans-

1 action of any business, including the markup of legisla-  
2 tion.”.

3 REPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

4 SEC. 116. (a) In rule XI, clause 2(l)(2)(B) is amend-  
5 ed to read as follows:

6 “(B) With respect to each rollcall vote on a motion  
7 to report any bill, resolution or matter of a public char-  
8 acter, the total number of votes cast for and against re-  
9 porting, and the names of those members voting for and  
10 against, shall be included in the committee report on the  
11 measure or matter.”.

12 (b) In rule XI, clause 2(l)(2) is further amended by  
13 adding at the end thereof the following:

14 “(C) With respect to each nonrecord vote on a motion  
15 to report any measure or matter of a public character,  
16 the names of those members of the committee actually  
17 present at the time the measure or matter is ordered re-  
18 ported shall be included in the committee report.”.

19 COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS

20 SEC. 117. In rule XI, clause 2(l) is amended by in-  
21 serting after subparagraph (5) the following new subpara-  
22 graph, and by redesignating subparagraphs (6) and (7)  
23 as (7) and (8), respectively:

24 “(6)(A) Any committee or subcommittee print, docu-  
25 ment, or other material, other than reports subject to the  
26 preceding provisions of this clause, prepared for public dis-

1 tribution, shall either be approved by the committee or  
2 subcommittee prior to such public distribution, and oppor-  
3 tunity shall be afforded for the inclusion of supplemental,  
4 minority, or additional views in accordance with the provi-  
5 sions of subparagraph (5), or such print, document or  
6 other material shall contain on its cover the following dis-  
7 claimer in bold face type:

8           **This material has not been officially**  
9           **approved by the committee** [or subcommit-  
10          tee, as the case may be] **on** [name of the committee  
11          or subcommittee] **and may not therefore nec-**  
12          **essarily reflect the views of its members.'**

13 and any such print, document, or other material not ap-  
14 proved by the committee or subcommittee may not include  
15 the names of its members, other than the name of the  
16 committee or subcommittee chairman releasing the docu-  
17 ment, but shall be made available to all of the members  
18 of the committee not less than three calendar days (ex-  
19 cluding Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays) prior to  
20 its being made public, and in no event shall any such un-  
21 approved material be made public following the adjourn-  
22 ment of a Congress sine die.

23           “(B) The provisions of this subparagraph do not  
24 apply to prints of bills or resolutions, summaries thereof,  
25 or prints containing the names of committee of sub-

1 committee members, staff, or other factual information re-  
2 garding the committees or its subcommittees, their juris-  
3 dictions or rules, or any matters pending before such com-  
4 mittee or its subcommittees, provided, that such docu-  
5 ments do not also contain opinions, views, findings or rec-  
6 ommendations.

7 “(C) Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed  
8 to authorize any subcommittee or chairman thereof to  
9 issue any print, document or other material not otherwise  
10 authorized by the rules of the committee.”.

11 OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL REPORTING

12 SEC. 118. In rule XI of the Rules of the House,  
13 clause 2(n)(1)(B) is amended by inserting after the first  
14 sentence the following new sentence: “All such individual  
15 reports shall also include a listing of all official meetings,  
16 interviews, inspection tours or other functions in which the  
17 individual participated, by country and date.”.

18 SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RULES COMMITTEE

19 REPORTS

20 SEC. 119. In rule XI, the first sentence of clause 4(b)  
21 is amended by substituting the following for the matter  
22 in parenthesis: “(except that it shall not be called up for  
23 consideration on the same calendar day, nor on the subse-  
24 quent calendar day of the same legislative day, that it is  
25 presented to the House, unless so determined by vote of  
26 not less than two-thirds of the members voting, but this

1 provision shall not apply during the last three days of the  
2 session)”.  
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4 AFFIRMING MINORITY’S RIGHT ON MOTIONS TO

5 RECOMMIT

6 SEC. 120. In rule XI, the second sentence in clause  
7 4(b) is amended by substituting the following for the final  
8 clause: “nor shall it report any rule or order which would  
9 prevent the motion to recommit from being made as pro-  
10 vided in clause 4 of rule XVI, including a motion with  
11 amendatory instructions (except in the case of a Senate  
12 measure for which the language of a House-passed meas-  
13 ure has been proposed to be substituted).”.

14 RESTRICTIVE RULE LIMITATION

15 SEC. 121. In rule XI, clause 4 is amended by adding  
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(e) It shall not be in order to consider any resolution  
18 reported from the Committee on Rules providing for the  
19 consideration of any bill or resolution otherwise subject to  
20 amendment under House Rules if that resolution limits  
21 the right of Members to offer germane amendments to  
22 such bill or resolution unless the chairman of the Commit-  
23 tee on Rules has orally announced to the House, at least  
24 four legislative days prior to the scheduled consideration  
25 of such matter by the Committee on Rules, that less than  
an open amendment process might be recommended by the

1 Committee for the consideration of such bill or resolu-  
2 tion.”.

3           LIMITATION ON SELF-EXECUTING RULES

4           SEC. 122. In rule XI, clause 4 is amended by adding  
5 the following new paragraph:

6           “(f) It shall not be in order to consider any order  
7 of business resolution reported from the Committee on  
8 Rules which provides that, upon the adoption of such reso-  
9 lution, the House shall be considered to have automatically  
10 adopted a motion (other than for the previous question),  
11 amendment, or resolution, or to have passed a bill, joint  
12 resolution, or conference report thereon, unless the consid-  
13 eration of such order of business resolution is agreed to  
14 by not less than two-thirds of the members voting, and  
15 the yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered when  
16 the Speaker puts the question on consideration.”.

17           BUDGET WAIVER LIMITATION

18           SEC. 123. In rule XI, clause 4 is amended by adding  
19 at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

20           “(g)(1) It shall not be in order to consider any resolu-  
21 tion reported from the Committee on Rules for the consid-  
22 eration of any measure which waives any specified provi-  
23 sions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amend-  
24 ed, unless the report accompanying such resolution in-  
25 cludes an explanation of, and justification for, any such  
26 waiver, an estimated cost of the provisions to which the

1 waiver applies, and a summary or text of any written com-  
2 ments on the proposed waiver received by the committee  
3 from the Committee on the Budget.

4 “(2) It shall be in order after the previous question  
5 has been ordered on any such resolution, to offer motions  
6 proposing to strike one or more such waivers from the res-  
7 olution, and each such motion shall be decided without de-  
8 bate and shall require for adoption the requisite number  
9 of affirmative votes as required by the Budget Act or the  
10 rules of the House. After disposition of any and all such  
11 motions, the House shall proceed to an immediate vote  
12 on adoption of the resolution.”.

13 COMMITTEE STAFFING REFORM

14 SEC. 124. (a) In rule XI, clause 5 is amended by in-  
15 serting the following new paragraph and by redesignating  
16 existing paragraphs accordingly:

17 “(a)(1) It shall not be in order to consider any pri-  
18 mary expense resolution until the Committee on House  
19 Administration has reported, and the House has adopted,  
20 a resolution establishing an overall ceiling for the House  
21 on the total number of statutory and investigative staff  
22 personnel for that year for committees requiring such ex-  
23 pense resolutions, and any such staff ceiling resolution  
24 shall be privileged for consideration by the House.

25 “(2) In developing any primary expense resolution,  
26 the Committee on House Administration shall specify in

1 the resolution the number of staff positions authorized by  
2 the resolution. The committee shall verify in the report  
3 accompanying any such primary expense resolution that  
4 the number of staff positions authorized by such resolution  
5 is in conformity with the overall ceiling on such positions  
6 established by the House.

7       “(3) In no event shall the total number of additional  
8 staff positions authorized by all such primary expense res-  
9 olutions, taken together with the number of staff positions  
10 authorized by clause 6 of this rule (providing for profes-  
11 sional and clerical staff), exceed the ceiling established by  
12 the House for that year.

13       “(4) In allocating staff positions pursuant to the  
14 overall ceiling established by the House, the committee  
15 shall take into account the past and anticipated legislative  
16 and oversight activities of each committee.

17       “(5) In any supplemental expense resolution, and in  
18 any amendment thereto, the committee shall specify the  
19 number of additional staff positions, if any, authorized by  
20 such resolution, and shall indicate in the report accom-  
21 panying any such resolution whether the additional staff  
22 positions are in conformity with or exceed the overall ceil-  
23 ing established by the House.

24       “(6) It shall not be in order to consider any supple-  
25 mental expense resolution, or any amendment thereto, au-

1 authorizing additional staff positions in excess of the overall  
2 ceiling established by the House except by a vote of two-  
3 thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being present.

4       “(7) It shall not be in order to consider any primary  
5 or supplemental expense resolution for one or more com-  
6 mittees unless the report on such resolution includes a  
7 statement verifying that each such committee has adopted  
8 and complied with a committee rule entitling the minority  
9 party on such committee, upon the request of a majority  
10 of such minority, to not less than one-third of the funds  
11 provided for committee staff pursuant to each primary or  
12 supplemental expense resolution.

13       “(8)(a) For the purposes of the first and second ses-  
14 sions of the One Hundred Third Congress, and the first  
15 session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, the overall  
16 ceiling established for committee staff in a resolution re-  
17 ported by the committee pursuant to subparagraph (1) or  
18 contained in any amendment thereto, shall not exceed 90  
19 percentum of the total of such committee staff personnel  
20 employed in the previous session of Congress.

21       “(b) In order to ensure the comprehensive applicabil-  
22 ity of the foregoing provisions, the Committee on Appro-  
23 priations and the Committee on the Budget shall be treat-  
24 ed the same as other standing committees under this  
25 clause, subject to committee expense resolutions, and

1 clause 6 of this rule, authorizing the appointment of a  
2 specified number of professional and clerical staff.”.

3 (b) Technical and conforming amendments:

4 (1) In rule XI, clause 5(b) (as redesignated) by  
5 striking the following in the first sentence thereof:

6 “(except the Committee on Appropriations and the  
7 Committee on the Budget)”.

8 (2) In rule XI, clause 6(a)(5) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 “(5) The provisions of subparagraph (3) do not apply  
11 to shared staff, or designated associate staff members of  
12 committees provided that such staff engage only in official  
13 business of the House and, in the case of associate staff,  
14 committee rules specifically authorize them to engage in  
15 other official business of the House.”.

16 (3) In rule XI, clause 6 is amended by striking  
17 subparagraph (b)(4) and subparagraph (d).

18 COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

19 SEC. 125. In rule XIII, insert the following new  
20 clause 6 and redesignate succeeding clauses accordingly:

21 “6. There shall also be a Commemorative Calendar  
22 to be comprised of unreported bills and resolutions re-  
23 specting commemorative holidays and celebrations re-  
24 ferred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service  
25 and requested by the chairman and ranking minority  
26 member of such committee, in writing to the Speaker, to

1 be placed thereon. On the first and third Tuesdays of each  
2 month, after the disposal of such business on the Speak-  
3 er's table as requires reference only and bills and resolu-  
4 tions called on the Private Calendar, the Speaker shall di-  
5 rect the Clerk to call the bills and resolutions on the Com-  
6 memorative Calendar. Should objection be made by two  
7 or more Members to the consideration of any bill or resolu-  
8 tion so called, it shall be removed from such Calendar.  
9 Such bills and resolutions, if considered, shall be consid-  
10 ered in the House.”.

11 ACCURACY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

12 SEC. 126. In rule XIV, add the following new clause:

13 “9. (a) The Congressional Record shall be a substan-  
14 tially verbatim account of remarks made during the pro-  
15 ceedings of the House, subject only to technical, grammat-  
16 ical and typographical corrections authorized by the Mem-  
17 ber making the remarks involved.

18 “(b) Unparliamentary remarks may be deleted only  
19 by unanimous consent or by order of the House.

20 “(c) The provisions of clause 4(e)(1) of rule X shall  
21 apply to violations of this rule.”.

22 AUTOMATIC ROLLCALL VOTES

23 SEC. 127. In rule XV, add the following new clause:

24 “7. The yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered  
25 when the Speaker puts the question upon the final passage  
26 of any bill, joint resolution, or conference report thereon,



1 (b) In rule XXI, clause 2 is amended by inserting  
2 after subparagraph (d) the following:

3 “(e) It shall not be in order to consider any bill or  
4 joint resolution making continuing appropriations for a  
5 period of thirty days or less unless such measure only pro-  
6 vides for appropriations in the lesser amount and under  
7 the more restrictive authority of each pertinent appropria-  
8 tions measure: as passed by the House; as passed by the  
9 Senate; as agreed to by a committee of conference; or as  
10 enacted for the preceding fiscal year.”.

11 (c) In rule XXI, clause 2 is amended by inserting the  
12 following new subparagraph:

13 “(f) It shall always be in order during the consider-  
14 ation of any appropriations measure for amendment to  
15 consider off-setting, deficit-neutral amendments en bloc,  
16 even though they may amend portions of the bill not yet  
17 read for amendment, said amendments shall be considered  
18 as read when offered, and shall not be subject to a demand  
19 for a division of the question in the House or in the Com-  
20 mittee of the Whole.”.

21 (d) In rule XXI, clause 3 is amended by inserting  
22 before the period: “, and shall contain a list of all appro-  
23 priations contained in the bill for any expenditure not pre-  
24 viously authorized by law”.

1 (e) In rule XI, clause (2)(l)(3)(B) is amended by in-  
2 serting after “(other than continuing appropriations” the  
3 following: “except as provided by clause 2(d) of rule XXI”.

4 (f) In rule XI, clause 4 is amended by adding at the  
5 end thereof the following:

6 “(h) It shall not be in order, except by a vote of not  
7 less than three-fifths of the Members of the House duly  
8 chosen and sworn, to consider any rule or order from the  
9 Committee on Rules which waives the provisions of clause  
10 2(e) of rule XXI against the consideration of any short-  
11 term continuing appropriations measure as defined there-  
12 in; or which waives the provisions of clause 2 of rule XXI  
13 against, or denies amendment to, any provision in any ap-  
14 propriation measure if an authorization for such provision  
15 has not been previously considered and agreed to by the  
16 House with respect to the fiscal year to which the provi-  
17 sion applies.”.

18 PROHIBITION ON EXTRANEIOUS MATTERS IN

19 RECONCILIATION BILLS

20 SEC. 129. In rule XXI, add the following new clause:

21 “8. (a) No provision shall be reported in the House  
22 to any reconciliation bill pursuant to the most recently  
23 agreed to concurrent resolution on the budget, or be in  
24 order as an amendment thereto in the House or the Com-  
25 mittee of the Whole, which is not related to achieving the

1 purpose of the directives to House committees contained  
2 in such concurrent resolution.

3 “(b) Nothing in this clause shall be construed to pre-  
4 vent the consideration of any provision in a reconciliation  
5 bill, or any amendment thereto, which achieves savings  
6 greater than those directed of a committee and which con-  
7 forms to paragraph (c) of this clause, or to prevent the  
8 consideration of motions to strike made in order by the  
9 Committee on Rules to achieve the purposes of the direc-  
10 tives.

11 “(c) For the purposes of this clause, a provision shall  
12 be considered related to achieving the purposes of direc-  
13 tives contained in the most recently agreed to concurrent  
14 resolution on the budget if it is estimated by the House  
15 Committee on the Budget, in consultation with the Con-  
16 gressional Budget Office, to effectuate or implement a re-  
17 duction in budget authority or in new spending authority  
18 described in section 401(c)(2)(C) of the Congressional  
19 Budget Act, or to raise revenues, or both, and, in the case  
20 of an amendment, if it is within (in whole or in part) the  
21 jurisdiction of any committee instructed in the concurrent  
22 resolution.

23 “(d) The point of order provided for by this clause  
24 shall not apply to Senate amendments or to conference  
25 reports.

1 “(e) For the purposes of this clause, all points of  
2 order shall be considered as having been reserved against  
3 a reconciliation bill at the time it was reported.”.

4 AUTHORIZATION REPORTING DEADLINE

5 SEC. 130. In rule XXI, add the following new clause:

6 “9. It shall not be in order to consider in the House  
7 any bill or joint resolution which directly or indirectly au-  
8 thorizes the enactment of new budget authority for a fiscal  
9 year unless that bill or joint resolution is reported in the  
10 House on or before May 15 preceding the beginning of  
11 such fiscal year.”.

12 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

13 SEC. 131. In rule XXIV, clause 1 is amended by in-  
14 serting after the second order of business the following  
15 new order of business, and by redesignating succeeding or-  
16 ders accordingly: “Third. The Pledge of Allegiance to the  
17 Flag.”.

18 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

19 SEC. 132. In rule XXVII, clause 1 is amended by in-  
20 serting after “1.” the designation “(a)”, and by inserting  
21 after paragraph (a) the following new paragraphs:

22 “(b) It shall not be in order to entertain a motion  
23 to suspend the rules and pass or agree to any measure  
24 or matter unless by direction of the committee or commit-  
25 tees of jurisdiction over the measure or matter, or unless  
26 a written request is filed with the Speaker by the chairman

1 and ranking minority member of the committee or com-  
2 mittees having jurisdiction over the measure or matter,  
3 asking for its consideration under suspension of the rules.

4 “(c) A motion to suspend the rules and pass or agree  
5 to any measure or matter shall not be in order if the meas-  
6 ure or matter would enact or authorize the enactment of  
7 new budget authority or new spending authority in excess  
8 of \$50,000,000 for any fiscal year; nor shall it be in order  
9 to suspend the rules to pass any joint resolution which  
10 proposes to amend the Constitution.

11 “(d) It shall not be in order to entertain a motion  
12 to suspend the rules and pass or agree to any measure  
13 or matter unless written notice is placed in the Congres-  
14 sional Record of its scheduled consideration at least one  
15 calendar day prior to its consideration, and such notifica-  
16 tion shall include the numerical designation of the meas-  
17 ure or matter, its short title, and the text of any amend-  
18 ments to be offered thereto (if such amendments are not  
19 printed in the measure as reported), and the date on which  
20 the measure or matter is scheduled to be considered.”.

21 DISCHARGE MOTIONS

22 SEC. 133. In rule XXVII, clause 4 is amended by in-  
23 serting after the fourth sentence the following new sen-  
24 tence: “When one hundred Members have signed the mo-  
25 tion, the Clerk shall cause to be printed in the Congres-  
26 sional Record the name of each Member who has signed

1 or withdrawn a signature to the motion, and shall there-  
2 after publish an updated list in the Congressional Record  
3 at the end of each succeeding week the House is in ses-  
4 sion.”.

5 INCLUSION OF VIEWS WITH CONFERENCE REPORTS

6 SEC. 134. In rule XXVIII, clause 1 is amended by  
7 adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

8 “(e) If, on the day a report of any committee of con-  
9 ference has received the requisite number of signatures for  
10 approval by House conferees, any House conferee gives no-  
11 tice of intention to file supplemental, minority, or addi-  
12 tional views, that Member shall be entitled to not less than  
13 three calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and  
14 legal holidays) on which to file such views with the prin-  
15 cipal manager on the part of the House, such views shall  
16 be in writing and signed by that Member. All such views  
17 so filed by one or more Members of the committee shall  
18 be published in the same volume as the report of the com-  
19 mittee of conference and the joint explanatory statement  
20 filed in the House, and the volume shall bear on its cover  
21 a recital that any such supplemental, minority, or addi-  
22 tional views are included as part of that volume. This  
23 paragraph shall not preclude the immediate filing or print-  
24 ing of a conference report if a timely request to file such  
25 views was not made as provided by this paragraph.”.

## 1 PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIALS

2 SEC. 135. In rule XLIII (“Code of Official Con-  
3 duct”), add the following new clause:

4 “13. Before any Member, officer or employee of the  
5 House of Representatives may have access to classified in-  
6 formation, the following oath shall be executed:

7 ‘I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not dis-  
8 close any classified information received in the  
9 course of my service with the House of Representa-  
10 tives, except as authorized by House of Representa-  
11 tives or in accordance with its Rules.’

12 Copies of the executed oath shall be retained by the Clerk  
13 of the House as part of the records of the House.”.

## 14 COMPOSITION OF INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

15 SEC. 136. In rule XLVIII (“Permanent Select Com-  
16 mittee on Intelligence”), clause 1(a) is amended by strik-  
17 ing-out “nineteen Members with representation to” and  
18 inserting in lieu thereof “thirteen Members, of which not  
19 more than seven may be from the same party. The select  
20 committee shall”.

## 21 ENHANCED RESCISSION AUTHORITY

22 SEC. 137(a). The Committee on Rules and the Com-  
23 mittee on Government Operations shall, not later than  
24 May 31, 1993, report legislation granting the President  
25 enhanced rescission authority with respect to any discre-  
26 tionary budget authority in any fiscal year. Such legisla-

1 tion shall provide that any such budget authority shall be  
2 considered to be permanently canceled unless a joint reso-  
3 lution disapproving such rescission is enacted within a  
4 specified number of days of continuous session of Con-  
5 gress (as defined by section 1011 of the Congressional  
6 Budget Act of 1974) after the date on which the Presi-  
7 dent's special rescission message is received.

8 (b) If such legislation is not reported by the commit-  
9 tees named above by the date specified, the Committees  
10 not reporting shall be considered as having been dis-  
11 charged from the further consideration of the first such  
12 bill introduced and it shall be in order on any day after  
13 June 3, 1993, for any Member of the House (after con-  
14 sultation with the Speaker as to the most appropriate time  
15 for consideration), as a matter of highest privilege, to  
16 move to resolve into the Committee of the Whole House  
17 on the State of the Union for its consideration, and the  
18 bill shall be subject to two hours of general debate to be  
19 equally divided and controlled by the majority and minor-  
20 ity leaders, or their designees, followed by consideration  
21 of the measure for amendment under the five-minute rule.

22 BIENNIAL BUDGET-APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

23 SEC. 138. The House members of the Joint Commit-  
24 tee on the Organization of Congress are directed to re-  
25 quest that the Joint Committee conduct a complete and  
26 thorough study of the advisability and feasibility of con-

1 verting to a biennial budget and appropriations process  
2 and corresponding multi-year authorizations and that it  
3 report back its findings and recommendations not later  
4 than December 31, 1993.

5 REALIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE JURISDICTIONS

6 SEC. 139. The House members of the Joint Commit-  
7 tee on the Organization of the Congress shall request that  
8 the Joint Committee conduct a complete and thorough  
9 study of the committees of the House and the Senate with  
10 a view to realigning the jurisdictions along more functional  
11 and rational lines in order to eliminate the duplication,  
12 overlap, and inefficiencies in the present committee system  
13 and to ensure, to the extent feasible, that the committee  
14 systems of the two Houses are as parallel and compatible  
15 as possible with each other and with the Executive Depart-  
16 ments under their jurisdiction.

17 APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LAWS TO THE HOUSE

18 SEC. 140. (a) It is the policy of the House that the  
19 laws of the United States set forth in subparagraph (b)  
20 should be amended to apply to the House of Representa-  
21 tives in the same or similar manner as such laws apply,  
22 in the case of subparagraph (b)(1)–(8), to private sector  
23 employees; and, in the case of subparagraph (b)(9)–(11),  
24 to the Executive Branch; and that any bill reported by  
25 a committee of the House in the One Hundred Third Con-  
26 gress shall conform to this same principle. Such applica-

1 tion shall include, absent manifest constitutional limita-  
2 tions, the same remedies (including, where applicable,  
3 damages) and enforcement procedures (including, where  
4 applicable, private law suits) as those provided under the  
5 identified laws.

6 (b) Not later than June 30, 1993, the standing com-  
7 mittees of the House with subject matter jurisdiction over  
8 the following laws of the United States shall report to the  
9 House legislation to implement subparagraph (a):

10 (1) The National Labor Relations Act;

11 (2) The Occupational Safety and Health Act of  
12 1970;

13 (3) The Equal Pay Act of 1963;

14 (4) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act  
15 of 1967;

16 (5) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964  
17 (relating to equal employment opportunity);

18 (6) The Fair Labor Standards Act;

19 (7) The Americans with Disabilities Act;

20 (8) The Employee Polygraph Protection Act;

21 (9) Section 552 of title 5, United States Code  
22 (popularly known as the Freedom of Information  
23 Act);

1           (10) Section 552a of title 5, United States  
2           Code (popularly known as the Privacy Act of 1974);  
3           and);

4           (11) Chapter 39 of title 28, United States Code  
5           (relating to an independent counsel).

6           (c) The Committee on Rules shall, not later than ten  
7 legislative days after any such legislation has been re-  
8 ported, report a resolution providing for the consideration  
9 of such measure in the Committee of the Whole House  
10 on the State of the Union under an open amendment  
11 process.

12          (d) If such legislation is not reported by all the com-  
13 mittees named above by the date specified, the first bill  
14 introduced which implements the policy referred to in sub-  
15 paragraph (a) and which encompasses all the laws referred  
16 to in subparagraph (b) shall be considered as having been  
17 discharged from all the committees to which it was re-  
18 ferred. It shall be in order on any day after July 15, 1993,  
19 for any Member of the House (after consultation with the  
20 Speaker as to the most appropriate time for consider-  
21 ation), as a matter of highest privilege, to move to resolve  
22 into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of  
23 the Union for its consideration, and the bill shall be sub-  
24 ject to four hours of general debate to be equally divided  
25 and controlled by the majority and minority leaders, or

1 their designees, followed by consideration of the measure  
2 for amendment under the five-minute rule.

3 ABOLITION OF SELECT COMMITTEES

4 SEC. 141. (a) The following select committees shall  
5 be abolished and their funding for investigations and stud-  
6 ies is terminated for purposes of clause 5(f)(2) of House  
7 Rule XI: (1) the Select Committee on Children, Youth and  
8 Families; (2) the Select Committee on Hunger; and (3)  
9 the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.

10 (b) Clause (6)(i) of rule X of the Rules of the House,  
11 establishing a Select Committee on Aging, is repealed, the  
12 select committee is abolished, and its funding for inves-  
13 tigations and studies is terminated.

14 (c) It shall not be in order during the first session  
15 of the One Hundred Third Congress to consider any reso-  
16 lution reestablishing the above-named select committees,  
17 nor shall it be in order to consider any order of business  
18 resolution waiving this prohibition except by a two-thirds  
19 vote of the House.

20 CAMPAIGN REFORM

21 SEC. 142. (a) The Committee on House Administra-  
22 tion is directed to report to the House no later than June  
23 30, 1993, legislation to reform Federal election law and  
24 campaign practices.

25 (b) Not later than July 31, 1993, all other commit-  
26 tees to which such bill may have been referred shall report

1 such bill to the House with such amendments as may have  
2 been recommended. Any committee which has not reported  
3 as directed by such date shall be deemed to be discharged  
4 from the further consideration of such bill.

5 (c) Not later than ten legislative days after the July  
6 31, 1993, reporting deadline, the Committee on Rules  
7 shall report a resolution providing for the consideration  
8 of such campaign reform bill under an open amendment  
9 process. If such a resolution is not reported by such date,  
10 it shall be in order on any day thereafter for any Member  
11 to move that the House resolve into the Committee of the  
12 Whole House on the State of the Union for the consider-  
13 ation of the bill.

14 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

15 SEC. 143. (a) Strike clause 1(a) of rule VI, insert  
16 in lieu thereof the following, and redesignate clause 2 as  
17 clause 6.

18 "RULE VI

19 "CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

20 "1. There shall be elected by not less than two-thirds  
21 of Members voting, a quorum being present, the Chief Fi-  
22 nancial Officer of the House.

23 "2. The Chief Financial Officer should have appro-  
24 priate education and training, have demonstrated an abil-  
25 ity to manage large and complex administrative activities

1 and resources, and have experience that is relevant to the  
2 management of the financial operations of the House.

3 “3. The Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible  
4 for—

5 “(a) reviewing and analyzing the financial oper-  
6 ations of the House, including the efficiencies of its  
7 operations, the functions of its offices, and the cost-  
8 effectiveness of its operations, and providing periodic  
9 recommendations to the Speaker and minority leader  
10 respecting these operations;

11 “(b) conducting periodic audits of the financial  
12 operations of the House, simultaneously sending  
13 audit reports to the Speaker and minority leader,  
14 and making these audit reports available to the pub-  
15 lic;

16 “(c) keeping the accounts for the pay and mile-  
17 age of Members, Delegates, and the Resident Com-  
18 missioner from Puerto Rico, and paying them as  
19 provided by law; and

20 “(d) carrying out all other financial functions  
21 and operations that were exercised by the Clerk be-  
22 fore the date of the adoption of this rule, including,  
23 but not limited to—

1           “(1) keeping full and accurate accounts of  
2           the disbursements of the contingent fund of the  
3           House.

4           “(2) keeping the stationery account of the  
5           Members, Delegates, and Resident Commis-  
6           sioner of Puerto Rico.

7           “(3) paying the salaries of officers and em-  
8           ployees of the House, and

9           “(4) making or approving all contracts,  
10          bargains, or agreements relative to furnishing  
11          any matter or thing, or for the performance of  
12          any labor for the House of Representatives in  
13          pursuance of law or order of the House.

14          “(e)(1) reviewing existing and proposed rules of  
15          the House to determine the effect of such rules on  
16          the economy and efficiency of the financial oper-  
17          ations of the House, taking into consideration the  
18          need to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in such op-  
19          erations.

20          “(2) based on such review, providing periodic  
21          recommendations to the Speaker and the Minority  
22          Leader with respect to the Rules of the House.

23          “(f) keeping the House fully and currently in-  
24          formed of any instance of fraud, waste, or abuse, or  
25          any other serious deficiency in the financial oper-

1 ations of the House, including corrective actions  
2 taken or recommended;

3 “(g) reporting to the Speaker and the Minority  
4 Leader—

5 (1) any such instance that, because of its  
6 particularly serious nature, requires immediate  
7 attention; and

8 “(2) any lack of cooperation by a Member,  
9 officer, or employee of the House that inhibits  
10 the carrying out of the responsibilities of the  
11 Chief Financial Officer;

12 “(h) not later than October 31 of each year,  
13 submitting to the House with respect to the financial  
14 operations of the House in the preceding fiscal year  
15 a report of the activities of the Chief Financial Offi-  
16 cer, including—

17 “(1) a description of significant problems,  
18 abuses, and deficiencies in the financial oper-  
19 ations of the House, the recommendations  
20 made, the corrective actions completed, and the  
21 corrective actions uncompleted;

22 “(2) a summary of matters the Chief Fi-  
23 nancial Officer referred to the Committee on  
24 Standards of Official Conduct and the actions  
25 which have resulted from such referrals; and

1           “(3) a summary of each recommendation  
2           by the Chief Financial Officer to the Speaker  
3           and minority leader under these Rules;

4           “(i) receiving and investigating complaints from  
5           employees of the House with respect to fraud, waste,  
6           and abuse in the financial operations of the House,  
7           if such complaints assert the existence of a violation  
8           of law, a violation of these Rules, mismanagement,  
9           gross waste of funds, or abuse of authority, and

10          “(j) developing and maintaining an integrated  
11          accounting and financial management system for the  
12          House, including financial reporting and internal  
13          controls to provide performance measurement, cost  
14          information, and integration of accounting and  
15          budgeting information; and

16          “(k) directing, managing, providing policy guid-  
17          ance for, and conducting oversight of financial man-  
18          agement personnel and operations, including prepa-  
19          ration of a 5-year financial system plan, development  
20          of financial management budgets, recruitment, selec-  
21          tion and training of personnel to carry out financial  
22          management functions, and implementation of asset  
23          management systems, such as cash and credit man-  
24          agement, debt collection, and property and internal  
25          controls.

1           “4. (a) In carrying out clause 3(I), the  
2 Chief Financial Officer may not disclose the  
3 identity of a complaining employee without the  
4 consent of the employee, unless the Chief Fi-  
5 nancial Officer determines such disclosure is  
6 unavoidable.

7           “(b) Any intimidation of, or reprisal  
8 against, an employee of the House by an em-  
9 ploying authority because of a complaint made  
10 by the employee is a violation of rule LI.

11           “5. In accordance with policies and proce-  
12 dures approved by the Committee on House Ad-  
13 ministration, the Chief Financial Officer shall  
14 appoint such employees as may be necessary for  
15 the prompt and efficient performance of the du-  
16 ties of the Chief Financial Officer under these  
17 Rules. Such employees shall serve at the pleas-  
18 ure of the Chief Financial Officer.”.

19           (b) In the newly designated clause 6(c)(1), strike  
20 “Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services” and  
21 insert in lieu thereof “Chief Financial Officer”.

22           COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

23           SEC. 144. Clause 6(a) of rule X of the Rules of the  
24 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end  
25 the following:



## 1 “RULE V

## 2 “OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

3 “1. There is established in the House of Representa-  
4 tives an office to be known as the Office of the General  
5 Counsel, referred to hereinafter in this title as the  
6 “Officer”.

7 “2. ACCOUNTABILITY.—The Office shall be directly  
8 accountable to the Leadership Group, composed of—(a)  
9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; (b) the ma-  
10 jority leader and minority leader of the House of Rep-  
11 resentatives; (c) the majority whip and minority whip of  
12 the House of Representatives; (d) the chairman and rank-  
13 ing minority party member of the Committee on the Judi-  
14 ciary of the House of Representatives; and (e) 2 Members  
15 of the House to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
16 of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed upon  
17 the recommendation of the minority leader.

18 “3. PURPOSE AND POLICY.—The purpose of the Of-  
19 fice is to provide legal assistance to Members, officer, and  
20 employees of the House of Representatives on matters di-  
21 rectly related to their duties, other than matters commit-  
22 ted by law, rule, or other authority to the Office of the  
23 Parliamentarian, the Office of the Legislative Counsel, the  
24 Office of the Law Revision Counsel, the Legislative Classi-  
25 fication Office, the Congressional Research Service, the

1 Comptroller General, or the Office of Fair Employment  
2 Practices, or to another office, officer, or employee of the  
3 House of Representatives. The Office shall maintain—(1)  
4 impartiality as to issues of policy to be determined by the  
5 House of Representatives; and (2) the attorney-client rela-  
6 tionship with respect to all communications between it and  
7 any Member or committee of the House.

8 “4. SPECIFIC APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS.—

9 “(a) APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION.—Unless ap-  
10 proved by unanimous vote of the Leadership Group,  
11 the following actions of the Office require prior ap-  
12 proval by resolution of the House of Representatives.

13 “(1) Entering an appearance before any  
14 court.

15 “(2) Filing a brief in any court.

16 “(3) Representing any Member of the  
17 House of Representatives in any contested mat-  
18 ter that will result in formal legal proceedings.

19 “(b) APPROVAL BY THE LEADERSHIP GROUP.—

20 The following activities of the Office require prior  
21 approval by the Leadership Group:

22 “(1) Preparation of any legal memoran-  
23 dum or other item of legal research that re-  
24 quires more than 4 hours of preparation time.

1           “(2) Work other than in the routine course  
2           of business of the office.

3           “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—In carrying out any ac-  
4           tion under this title, the Office, in the case of any  
5           matter that affects an area of responsibility commit-  
6           ted to another office, officer, or employee referred to  
7           in section 123, shall consult the office, officer, or  
8           employee involved and coordinate such action with  
9           the office, officer, or employee.

10          “5. GENERAL COUNSEL.—The management, super-  
11         vision, and administration of the Office are vested in the  
12         General Counsel, who shall be appointed by the Speaker  
13         of the House of Representatives, upon the recommenda-  
14         tion of the majority leader and minority leader of the  
15         House of Representatives, acting jointly, without regard  
16         for political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness  
17         to perform the duties of the position. The General Counsel  
18         shall serve at the pleasure of the Leadership Group.

19          “6. STAFF.—With the approval of the Leadership  
20         Group or in accordance with policies and procedures ap-  
21         proved by the Leadership Group, the General Counsel may  
22         employ such attorneys and other employees as may be nec-  
23         essary for the performance of the functions of the Office,  
24         except that not more than 4 attorneys and 3 other employ-  
25         ees may be so employed and at least one attorney in the

1 Office shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the  
2 minority leader. Any individual employed under this sec-  
3 tion may be removed by the General Counsel, with the ap-  
4 proval of the Leadership Group.

5 “7. COMPENSATION.—

6 “(a) GENERAL COUNSEL.—The General Coun-  
7 sel shall be paid at a per annum gross rate fixed by  
8 the Leadership Group, but not more than the rate  
9 payable for positions at level III of the Executive  
10 Schedule, under section 5314 of the title 5, United  
11 States Code.

12 “(b) STAFF.—Members of the staff of the Of-  
13 fice shall be paid at per annum gross rates fixed by  
14 the General Counsel, with the approval of the Lead-  
15 ership Group or in accordance with policies and pro-  
16 cedures approved by the Leadership Group, but not  
17 more than the rate payable for positions at level IV  
18 of the Executive Schedule, under section 5315 of  
19 title 5, United States Code.

20 “8. EXPENDITURES.—Subject to appropriation and  
21 in accordance with policies and procedures approved by  
22 the Leadership Group, the General Counsel may make  
23 such expenditures as may be appropriate for the function-  
24 ing of the Office.

1       “9. TIME SHEETS.—The Attorneys and professional  
2 staff in the Office shall maintain regular, written records  
3 of the time expended on legal matters, consistent with gen-  
4 erally accepted practices in private law firms. Such time  
5 records shall be maintained on forms and according to  
6 procedures established by the General Counsel, and shall  
7 provide for the recordation of time allotted to legal work  
8 in increments of no more than one-quarter hour. The time  
9 records shall be reviewable by the Leadership Group and  
10 may not be made public other than by direction of the  
11 Leadership Group or resolution of the House.”.

12           REPEAL OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO RULES

13       SEC. 148. In House Resolution 5, One Hundred  
14 Third Congress, adopting the Rules of the House of the  
15 One Hundred Third Congress, the amendments to Rules  
16 of the House of the One Hundred Second Congress made  
17 by the following paragraphs are hereby repealed and, to  
18 the extent applicable, the original language from the Rules  
19 of the One Hundred Second Congress shall be restored  
20 as the language of the Rules of the House for the One  
21 Hundred Third Congress:

22           (a) paragraph (4) relating to questions of privi-  
23 lege;

24           (b) subparagraph (7)(a), relating to the Speak-  
25 er’s authority to appoint and remove members of se-  
26 lect and conference committees;

1 (c) subparagraph (8)(a) relating to the author-  
2 ity of committees to sit when the House is consider-  
3 ing bills for amendment under the five-minute rule;

4 (d) subparagraph (8)(b) relating to the required  
5 quorum in a committee for the purpose of reporting  
6 a measure or recommendation;

7 (e) paragraphs (9), (13), and (14), regarding  
8 granting the right to vote in and preside over the  
9 Committee of the Whole to the Resident Commis-  
10 sioner from Puerto Rico, and the Delegates from  
11 American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam  
12 and the Virgin Islands.

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