

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 125

Providing for reform of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1993

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota submitted the following resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Rules and House Administration

RESOLUTION

Providing for reform of the House of Representatives.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “House of Rep-
4 representatives Reform Resolution of 1993”.

5 **SEC. 2. SELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN THE**
6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

7 Clause 6(a) of rule X of the Rules of the House of
8 Representatives is amended by inserting at the end the
9 following new subparagraph:

10 “(3) As soon as practicable after the commencement
11 of each Congress, the chairman of each committee shall
12 appoint members of that committee to serve as chairmen

1 of its subcommittees. A vacancy in any subcommittee
2 chairmanship shall be filled in the manner in which the
3 original appointment was made.”.

4 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION IN COMMITTEE STAFFING.**

5 The number of staff positions and the amount of
6 funding for such positions for each committee of the
7 House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixth Con-
8 gress and each succeeding Congress may not exceed 50
9 percent of the number and amount for such committee in
10 the One Hundred Third Congress. The reductions re-
11 quired by the preceding sentence shall be carried out incre-
12 mentally, with approximately equal reductions to be imple-
13 mented for each of the 5 sessions of Congress beginning
14 with the first session of the One Hundred Fourth Con-
15 gress.

16 **SEC. 4. REDUCTION IN CLERK HIRE STAFFING.**

17 The number of clerk hire positions and the amount
18 of funding for such positions for each Member of the
19 House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixth Con-
20 gress and each succeeding Congress may not exceed 50
21 percent of the number and amount for each Member in
22 the One Hundred Third Congress. The reductions re-
23 quired by the preceding sentence shall be carried out incre-
24 mentally, with approximately equal reductions to be imple-
25 mented for each of the 5 sessions of Congress beginning

1 with the first session of the One Hundred Fourth Con-
2 gress.

3 **SEC. 5. ELIMINATION OF JOINT REFERRALS OF LEGISLA-**
4 **TION.**

5 Clause 5(c) of rule X of the Rules of the House of
6 Representatives is amended to read as follows:

7 “(c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with re-
8 spect to any matter, the Speaker shall initially refer the
9 matter to one committee which he shall designate as the
10 committee of principal jurisdiction.”.

11 **SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON LENGTH OF SERVICE ON ANY COM-**
12 **MITTEE.**

13 Clause 6 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives is amended by inserting at the end the follow-
15 ing:

16 “(i)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of these
17 rules, no Member shall serve as a member of any commit-
18 tee for more than 8 years or as chairman of any committee
19 for more than 4 years.

20 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)—

21 “(A) any service performed as a member or
22 chairman of any committee for less than a full ses-
23 sion in any Congress shall be disregarded; and

1 “(B) previous service on any committee before
2 the One Hundred Fourth Congress shall be dis-
3 regarded.”.

4 **SEC. 7. ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL-ORDER AND ONE-**
5 **MINUTE SPEECHES ON THE FLOOR OF THE**
6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

7 Clause 2 of rule XIV of the Rules of the House of
8 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new sentence: “The Speaker shall not recognize
10 any Member for the purpose of making a special-order or
11 one-minute speech.”.

12 **SEC. 8. ELIMINATION OF EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS.**

13 Rule XXXIV of the Rules of the House of Represent-
14 atives is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “4. Extensions of remarks by Members may not be
16 inserted in the Congressional Record, except as they per-
17 tain to legislative matters before the House of Representa-
18 tives, its committees or subcommittees.”.

19 **SEC. 9. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LAWS TO THE HOUSE.**

20 (a) It is the policy of the House that the laws of the
21 United States set forth in subsection (b) should be amend-
22 ed to apply to the House of Representatives in the same
23 or similar manner as such laws apply to the Executive
24 Branch.

1 (b) Not later than September 15, 1993, the standing
2 committees of the House with subject matter jurisdiction
3 over the following laws of the United States shall report
4 to the House legislation to implement subsection (a):

5 (1) The National Labor Relations Act.

6 (2) The Occupational Safety Act and Health
7 Act of 1970.

8 (3) The Equal Pay Act of 1963.

9 (4) The Age Discrimination in Employment Act
10 of 1967.

11 (5) Section 552 of title 5, United States Code
12 (popularly known as the Freedom of Information
13 Act).

14 (6) Section 552a of title 5, United States Code
15 (popularly known as the Privacy Act of 1974).

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

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