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Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

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Mr. ARMEY submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **TITLE I. CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: A**

3 **BILL OF ACCOUNTABILITY**

4 SEC. 101. The Rules of the House of Representatives
5 of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable
6 provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted
7 rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third
8 Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this
9 resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopt-
10 ed as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the

1 One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amend-
2 ments:

3 **Committee, Subcommittee, and Staff Reforms**

4 (a) COMMITTEE STAFF REDUCTIONS.—In the One
5 Hundred Fourth Congress, the total number of staff of
6 House committees shall be at least one-third less than the
7 corresponding total in the One Hundred Third Congress.

8 (b) SUBCOMMITTEE REDUCTIONS.—In clause 6 of
9 rule X, amend paragraph (d) to read as follows:

10 “(d) No committee of the House shall have more than
11 five subcommittees (except the Committee on Appropria-
12 tions, which shall have no more than thirteen; the Com-
13 mittee on Government Reform and Oversight, which shall
14 have no more than seven; and the Committee on Transpor-
15 tation and Infrastructure, which shall have no more than
16 six).”.

17 (c) CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE STAFF AND BIEN-
18 NIAL FUNDING.—

19 (1) In clause 5(a) of rule XI, amend the first
20 sentence to read as follows: “Whenever any commit-
21 tee, commission, or other entity (except the Commit-
22 tee on Appropriations) is to be granted authorization
23 for the payment of its expenses (including all staff
24 salaries) for a Congress, such authorization initially

1 shall be procured by one primary expense resolution
2 reported by the Committee on House Oversight.”.

3 (2)(A) In clause 5(b) of rule XI, amend the
4 first sentence to read as follows: “After the date of
5 adoption by the House of any such primary expense
6 resolution for any such committee, commission, or
7 other entity for any Congress, authorization for the
8 payment of additional expenses (including staff sala-
9 ries) in that Congress may be procured by one or
10 more supplemental expense resolutions reported by
11 the Committee on House Oversight, as necessary.”.

12 (B) In clause 5(c)(1) of rule XI—

13 (i) strike “the contingent fund” and insert
14 “committee salary and expense accounts”; (ii)
15 strike “any year” and insert “any odd-num-
16 bered year”; and

17 (iii) strike “for that year” and insert “for
18 that Congress”.

19 (C) In clause 5(c)(2) of rule XI, strike “the
20 contingent fund” and insert “committee salary and
21 expense accounts”.

22 (D) In clause 5(f)(1) of rule XI—

23 (i) strike “the contingent fund” and insert
24 “committee salary and expense accounts”; and

1 (ii) strike “of each year” and insert “in
2 each odd-numbered year”.

3 (3)(A) INTERIM FUNDING RULE.—For the pur-
4 poses of implementing this section, and notwith-
5 standing the provisions of clause 5(f) of rule XI, at
6 the beginning of the One Hundred Fourth Congress,
7 the committees established by this resolution are au-
8 thorized, pending the adoption of the primary ex-
9 pense resolution for the One Hundred Fourth Con-
10 gress, to expend such sums as are necessary to pay
11 compensation for staff services performed for, or to
12 pay other expenses of, the committee consistent with
13 its planned reductions in committee staff.

14 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of clause
15 5(f) of rule XI, payments thereunder during the One
16 Hundred Fourth Congress may be made only on
17 vouchers signed by a Member elected as chairman of
18 the committee concerned in the One Hundred
19 Fourth Congress and approved by the Committee on
20 House Oversight, or, in the case of late expenses of
21 any committee from the One Hundred Third Con-
22 gress not reestablished by the Rules of the One
23 Hundred Fourth Congress, on vouchers signed by
24 the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight.

1 (4) In clause 5 of rule XI, amend paragraph (d)
2 to read as follows:

3 “(d) From the funds made available for the appoint-
4 ment of committee staff pursuant to any primary or addi-
5 tional expense resolution, the chairman of each committee
6 shall ensure that sufficient staff is made available to each
7 subcommittee to carry out its responsibilities under the
8 rules of the committee, and that the minority party is fair-
9 ly treated in the appointment of such staff.”.

10 (5)(A) In clause 6(a)(1) of rule XI, amend the
11 first sentence to read as follows: “Subject to sub-
12 paragraph (2) and paragraph (f), each standing
13 committee may appoint, by majority vote of the com-
14 mittee, not more than thirty professional staff mem-
15 bers from the funds provided for the appointment of
16 committee staff pursuant to primary and additional
17 expense resolutions.”.

18 (B) In clause 6(a)(2) of rule XI, amend the
19 first sentence by striking “six persons” and inserting
20 “ten persons (or one-third of the total professional
21 committee staff appointed under this clause, which-
22 ever is less)”.

23 (C) In clause 6(a) of rule XI, strike subpara-
24 graphs (3) through (5);

1 (D) In clause 6 of rule XI, amend paragraph
2 (b) to read as follows:

3 “(b)(1) The professional staff members of each
4 standing committee—

5 “(A) may not engage in any work other than
6 committee business during congressional working
7 hours; and

8 “(B) may not be assigned any duties other than
9 those pertaining to committee business.

10 “(2) This paragraph does not apply to any staff des-
11 igned by a committee as ‘associate’ or ‘shared’ staff who
12 are not paid exclusively by the committee, provided that
13 the chairman certifies that the compensation paid by the
14 committee for any such employee is commensurate with
15 the work performed for the committee, in accordance with
16 the provisions of clause 8 of rule XLIII.

17 “(3) The use of any ‘associate’ or ‘shared’ staff by
18 any committee shall be subject to the review of, and to
19 any terms, conditions, or limitations established by, the
20 Committee on House Oversight in connection with the re-
21 porting of any primary or additional expense resolution.

22 “(4) The foregoing provisions of this clause do not
23 apply to the Committee on Appropriations.”.

24 (E) In clause 6(c) of rule XI strike “, clerical
25 and investigating” and insert “and investigative”.

1 (F) In clause 6(d) of rule XI, strike “and the
2 Committee on Budget”.

3 (G)(i) In clause 6(f) of rule XI, strike “, or a
4 minority clerical staff member under paragraph
5 (b),” and strike “or paragraph (b), as applicable”.

6 (ii) In clause 6(f) of rule XI, strike “or the cler-
7 ical staff, as the case may be,”.

8 (H) In clause 6(g) of rule XI, strike “or (b)”
9 in both places it appears.

10 (I) In clause 6 of rule XI, amend paragraph (h)
11 to read as follows:

12 “(h) Paragraph (a) shall not be construed to author-
13 ize the appointment of additional professional staff mem-
14 bers of a committee pursuant to a request under such
15 paragraph by the minority party members of that commit-
16 tee if ten or more professional staff members provided for
17 in paragraph (a)(1) who are satisfactory to a majority of
18 the minority party members, are otherwise assigned to as-
19 sist the minority party members.”.

20 (J) In clause 6(i) of rule XI, strike “paragraphs
21 (a)(2) and (b)(2)” and insert “paragraph (a)(2)”.

22 SEC. 102. The Rules of the House of Representatives
23 of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable
24 provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted
25 rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third

1 Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this
2 resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopt-
3 ed as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
4 One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amend-
5 ments:

6 **Truth-in-Budgeting Baseline Reform**

7 (a) In clause 2(l)(3)(B) of rule XI (relating to cost
8 estimates in committee reports) insert before the semi-
9 colon the following: “, except that the estimates with re-
10 spect to new budget authority shall include, when prac-
11 ticable, a comparison of the total estimated funding level
12 for the relevant program (or programs) to the appropriate
13 levels under current law”.

14 (b) In clause 7(a) of rule XIII (relating to required
15 cost estimates in committee reports)—

16 (1) strike “and” at the end of the subpara-
17 graph (1);

18 (2) strike the period at the end of the para-
19 graph and insert “; and”; and

20 (3) add the following new subparagraph at the
21 end:

22 “(3) when practicable, a comparison of the total
23 estimated funding level for the relevant program (or
24 programs) with the appropriate levels under current
25 law.”.

1 One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amend-
2 ments:

3 **Committee Sunshine Rules**

4 (a) In rule clause 2(g)(1) of rule XI—

5 (1) insert “, including to radio, television, and
6 still photography coverage, except as provided by
7 clause 3(f)(2),” after “public” the first place it ap-
8 pears;

9 (2) insert “because disclosure of matters to be
10 considered would endanger national security, would
11 compromise sensitive law enforcement information,
12 would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any
13 person, or otherwise would violate any law or rule of
14 the House” after “public” the second place it ap-
15 pears; and

16 (3) strike “, or to any meeting that relates sole-
17 ly to internal budget or personnel matters”.

18 (b) In clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI—

19 (1) insert “, including to radio, television, and
20 still photography coverage,” after “public” the first
21 place it appears; and

22 (2) insert “, would compromise sensitive law en-
23 forcement information,” after “would endanger na-
24 tional security” in both places it appears.

1 (c) In clause 3(d) of rule XI strike “is a privilege
2 made available by the House and”.

3 (d) In clause 3 of rule XI, amend paragraph (e) to
4 read as follows:

5 “(e) Whenever a hearing or meeting conducted by
6 any committee or subcommittee of the House is open to
7 the public, those proceedings shall be open to coverage by
8 television, radio, and still photography, except as provided
9 in paragraph (f)(2). A committee or subcommittee chair-
10 man may not limit the number of television or still cam-
11 eras to fewer than two representatives from each medium
12 (except for legitimate space or safety considerations, in
13 which case pool coverage shall be authorized).”.

14 SEC. 106. The Rules of the House of Representatives
15 of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable
16 provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted
17 rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third
18 Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this
19 resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopt-
20 ed as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
21 One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amend-
22 ments:

1 **Limitations on Tax Increases**

2 (a) THREE-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIRED FOR TAX IN-
3 CREASE MEASURES AND AMENDMENTS.—In clause 5 of
4 rule XXI, add the following new paragraph at the end:

5 “(c) No bill or joint resolution, amendment, or con-
6 ference report carrying a Federal income tax rate increase
7 shall be considered as passed or agreed to unless so deter-
8 mined by a vote of not less than three-fifths of the Mem-
9 bers voting.”.

10 (b) PROHIBITION ON RETROACTIVE TAX IN-
11 CREASES.—In clause 5 of rule XXI (as amended by (a)
12 above), add the following new paragraph at the end:

13 “(d) It shall not be in order to consider any bill, joint
14 resolution, amendment, or conference report carrying a
15 retroactive Federal income tax rate increase. For purposes
16 of this paragraph a Federal income tax rate increase is
17 retroactive if it applies to a period beginning prior to the
18 enactment of the provision.”.

19 SEC. 107. The Rules of the House of Representatives
20 of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable
21 provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted
22 rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third
23 Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this
24 resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopt-
25 ed as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the

1 One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amend-
2 ment:

3 **Comprehensive House Audit**

4 During the One Hundred Fourth Congress, the In-
5 spector General, in consultation with the Speaker and the
6 Committee on House Oversight, shall coordinate, and as
7 needed contract with independent auditing firms to com-
8 plete, a comprehensive audit of House financial records
9 and administrative operations, and report the results in
10 accordance with rule VI.

11 SEC. 108. The Rules of the House of Representatives
12 of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable
13 provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted
14 rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third
15 Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this
16 resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopt-
17 ed as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the
18 One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amend-
19 ment:

20 **Consideration of the “Congressional**
21 **Accountability Act”**

22 It shall be in order at any time after the adoption
23 of this resolution to consider in the House, any rule of
24 the House to the contrary notwithstanding, the bill (H.R.
25 1) to make certain laws applicable to the legislative branch

1 of the Federal Government, if offered by the majority lead-
2 er or a designee. The bill shall be debatable for not to
3 exceed one hour, to be equally divided and controlled by
4 the majority leader and the minority leader or their des-
5 ignees. The previous question shall be considered as or-
6 dered on the bill to final passage without intervening mo-
7 tion except one motion to recommit.

8 **TITLE II. GENERAL**

9 *Resolved*, That the Rules of the House of Representa-
10 tives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including appli-
11 cable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that con-
12 stituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred
13 Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto
14 in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are
15 adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of
16 the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following
17 amendments:

18 **Administrative Reforms**

19 SEC. 201. (a) ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF DOOR-
20 KEEPER; ELECTION OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFI-
21 CER.—In rule II, strike “Doorkeeper” each place it ap-
22 pears and insert “Chief Administrative Officer” .

23 (b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF CLERK.—In rule III
24 (“Duties of Clerk”), add the following new clauses at the
25 end:

1 “7. In addition to any other reports required by the
2 Speaker or the Committee on House Oversight, the Clerk
3 shall report to the Committee on House Oversight not
4 later than forty-five days following the close of each semi-
5 annual period ending on June 30 or on December 31 on
6 the financial and operational status of each function under
7 the jurisdiction of the Clerk. Each report shall include fi-
8 nancial statements, a description or explanation of current
9 operations, the implementation of new policies and proce-
10 dures, and future plans for each function.

11 “8. The Clerk shall fully cooperate with the appro-
12 priate offices and persons in the performance of reviews
13 and audits of financial records and administrative oper-
14 ations.”.

15 (c) Amend rules IV, V, and VI to read as follows:

16 “RULE IV.

17 “DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

18 “1. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to
19 attend the House during its sittings, to maintain order
20 under the direction of the Speaker or Chairman, and,
21 pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro tempore,
22 under the direction of the Clerk, execute the commands
23 of the House, and all processes issued by authority there-
24 of, directed to him by the Speaker.

1 “2. The symbol of his office shall be the mace, which
2 shall be borne by him while enforcing order on the floor.

3 “3. He shall enforce strictly the rules relating to the
4 privileges of the Hall and be responsible to the House for
5 the official conduct of his employees.

6 “4. He shall allow no person to enter the room over
7 the Hall of the House during its sittings; and fifteen min-
8 utes before the hour of the meeting of the House each
9 day he shall see that the floor is cleared of all persons
10 except those privileged to remain, and kept so until ten
11 minutes after adjournment.

12 “5. In addition to any other reports required by the
13 Speaker or the Committee on House Oversight, the Ser-
14 geant-at-Arms shall report to the Committee on House
15 Oversight not later than forty-five days following the close
16 of each semiannual period ending June 30 or on December
17 31 on the financial and operational status of each function
18 under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Each re-
19 port shall include financial statements, a description or ex-
20 planation of current operations, the implementation of
21 new policies and procedures, and future plans for each
22 function.

23 “6. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall fully cooperate with
24 the appropriate offices and persons in the performance of

1 reviews and audits of financial records and administrative
2 operations.”.

3 “RULE V.

4 “CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

5 “1. The Chief Administrative Officer of the House
6 shall have operational and financial responsibility for func-
7 tions as assigned by the Speaker and the Committee on
8 House Oversight, and shall be subject to the policy direc-
9 tion and oversight of the Speaker and the Committee on
10 House Oversight.

11 “2. In addition to any other reports required by the
12 Speaker or the Committee on House Oversight, the Chief
13 shall report to the Committee on House Oversight not
14 later than forty-five days following the close of each semi-
15 annual period ending on June 30 or December 31 on the
16 financial and operational status of each function under the
17 jurisdiction of the Chief. Each report shall include finan-
18 cial statements, a description or explanation of current op-
19 erations, the implementation of new policies and proce-
20 dures, and future plans for each function.

21 “3. The Chief shall fully cooperate with the appro-
22 priate offices and persons in the performance of reviews
23 and audits of financial records and administrative oper-
24 ations.

1 “RULE VI.

2 “OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

3 “1. There is established an Office of Inspector Gen-
4 eral.

5 “2. The Inspector General shall be appointed for a
6 Congress by the Speaker, the majority leader, and the mi-
7 nority leader, acting jointly.

8 “3. Subject to the policy direction and oversight of
9 the Committee on House Oversight, the Inspector General
10 shall be responsible only for—

11 “(a) conducting periodic audits of the financial
12 and administrative functions of the House and joint
13 entities;

14 “(b) informing the Officers or other officials
15 who are the subject of an audit of the results of that
16 audit and suggesting appropriate curative actions;

17 “(c) simultaneously notifying the Speaker, the
18 majority leader, the minority leader, and the chair-
19 man and ranking minority party member of the
20 Committee on House Oversight in the case of any fi-
21 nancial irregularity discovered in the course of carry-
22 ing out responsibilities under this rule;

23 “(d) simultaneously submitting to the Speaker,
24 the majority leader, and the chairman and ranking
25 minority party member of the Committee on House

1 Oversight a report of each audit conducted under
2 this rule; and

3 “(e) reporting to the Committee on Standards
4 of Official Conduct information involving possible
5 violations by any Member, officer, or employee of the
6 House of any rule of the House or of any law appli-
7 cable to the performance of official duties or the dis-
8 charge of official responsibilities which may require
9 referral to the appropriate Federal or State authori-
10 ties pursuant to clause 4(e)(1)(C) of rule X.”.

11 (d) In clause 3 of rule X, strike paragraph (j).

12 (e) In clause 4(d) of rule X—

13 (1) strike “Committee on House Administra-
14 tion” and insert “Committee on House Oversight”;

15 (2) strike subparagraphs (2) and (3), insert
16 “and” after “House;” in subparagraph (1), redesign-
17 nate paragraph (4) as paragraph (2), and amend
18 paragraph (2), as so redesignated, to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(2) providing policy direction for, and over-
21 sight of, the Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Admin-
22 istrative Officer, and Inspector General.”.

23 (f) In clause 7 of rule XIV, strike “Sergeant-at-Arms
24 and Doorkeeper are” and insert “Sergeant-at-Arms is”.

1 **Changes in Committee System**

2 SEC. 202. (a) THE COMMITTEES AND THEIR JURIS-
3 DICTION.—Clause 1 of rule X of the Rules of the House
4 of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

5 “1. There shall be in the House the following stand-
6 ing committees, each of which shall have the jurisdiction
7 and related functions assigned to it by this clause and
8 clauses 2, 3, and 4; and all bills, resolutions, and other
9 matters relating to subjects within the jurisdiction of any
10 standing committee as listed in this clause shall (in ac-
11 cordance with and subject to clause 5) be referred to such
12 committees, as follows:

13 “(a) **Committee on Agriculture.**

14 “(1) Adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and
15 protection of birds and animals in forest reserves.

16 “(2) Agriculture generally.

17 “(3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.

18 “(4) Agricultural colleges and experiment sta-
19 tions.

20 “(5) Agricultural economics and research.

21 “(6) Agricultural education extension services.

22 “(7) Agricultural production and marketing and
23 stabilization of prices of agricultural products, and
24 commodities (not including distribution outside of
25 the United States).

1 “(8) Animal industry and diseases of animals.

2 “(9) Commodities exchanges.

3 “(10) Crop insurance and soil conservation.

4 “(11) Dairy industry.

5 “(12) Entomology and plant quarantine.

6 “(13) Extension of farm credit and farm secu-
7 rity.

8 “(14) Inspection of livestock, and poultry, and
9 meat products, and seafood and seafood products.

10 “(15) Forestry in general, and forest reserves
11 other than those created from the public domain.

12 “(16) Human nutrition and home economics.

13 “(17) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural en-
14 gineering.

15 “(18) Rural electrification.

16 “(19) Rural development.

17 “(20) Water conservation related to activities of
18 the Department of Agriculture.

19 “(b) **Committee on Appropriations.**

20 “(1) Appropriation of the revenue for the sup-
21 port of the Government.

22 “(2) Rescissions of appropriations contained in
23 appropriation Acts.

24 “(3) Transfers of unexpended balances.

1 “(4) The amount of new spending authority (as
2 described in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)
3 which is to be effective for a fiscal year, including
4 bills and resolutions (reported by other committees)
5 which provide new spending authority and are re-
6 ferred to the committee under clause 4(a).

7 The committee shall include separate headings for ‘Rescis-
8 sions’ and ‘Transfers of Unexpended Balances’ in any bill
9 or resolution as reported from the committee under its ju-
10 risdiction specified in subparagraph (2) or (3), with all
11 proposed rescissions and proposed transfers listed therein;
12 and shall include a separate section with respect to such
13 rescissions or transfers in the accompanying committee re-
14 port. In addition to its jurisdiction under the preceding
15 provisions of this paragraph, the committee shall have the
16 fiscal oversight function provided for in clause 2(b)(3) and
17 the budget hearing function provided for in clause 4(a).

18 “(c) **Committee on Banking and Financial**
19 **Services.**

20 “(1) Banks and banking, including deposit in-
21 surance and Federal monetary policy.

22 “(2) Bank capital markets activities generally.

23 “(3) Depository institution securities activities
24 generally, including the activities of any affiliates,

1 except for functional regulation under applicable se-
2 curities laws not involving safety and soundness.

3 “(4) Economic stabilization, defense production,
4 renegotiation, and control of the price of commod-
5 ities, rents, and services.

6 “(5) Financial aid to commerce and industry
7 (other than transportation).

8 “(6) International finance.

9 “(7) International financial and monetary orga-
10 nizations.

11 “(8) Money and credit, including currency and
12 the issuance of notes and redemption thereof; gold
13 and silver, including the coinage thereof; valuation
14 and revaluation of the dollar.

15 “(9) Public and private housing.

16 “(10) Urban development.

17 “(d)(1) **Committee on the Budget**, consisting
18 of the following Members:

19 “(A) Members who are members of other stand-
20 ing committees, including five Members who are
21 members of the Committee on Appropriations, and
22 five Members who are members of the Committee on
23 Ways and Means;

24 “(B) one Member from the leadership of the
25 majority party; and

1 “(C) one Member from the leadership of the
2 minority party.

3 No Member other than a representative from the leader-
4 ship of a party may serve as a member of the Committee
5 on the Budget during more than four Congresses in any
6 period of six successive Congresses (disregarding for this
7 purpose any service performed as a member of such com-
8 mittee for less than a full session in any Congress), except
9 that an incumbent chairman or ranking minority member
10 having served on the committee for four Congresses and
11 having served as chairman or ranking minority member
12 of the committee for not more than one Congress shall
13 be eligible for reelection to the committee as chairman or
14 ranking minority member for one additional Congress.

15 “(2) All concurrent resolutions on the budget (as de-
16 fined in section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act of
17 1974), other matters required to be referred to the com-
18 mittee under titles III and IV of that Act, and other meas-
19 ures setting forth appropriate levels of budget totals for
20 the United States Government.

21 “(3) Measures relating to the congressional budget
22 process, generally.

23 “(4) Measures relating to the establishment, exten-
24 sion, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal
25 budget, including the budgetary treatment of off-budget

1 Federal agencies and measures providing exemption from
2 reduction under any order issued under part C of the Bal-
3 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

4 “(5) The committee shall have the duty—

5 “(A) to report the matters required to be re-
6 ported by it under titles III and IV of the Congres-
7 sional Budget Act of 1974;

8 “(B) to make continuing studies of the effect
9 on budget outlays of relevant existing and proposed
10 legislation and to report the results of such studies
11 to the House on a recurring basis;

12 “(C) to request and evaluate continuing studies
13 of tax expenditures; to devise methods of coordinat-
14 ing tax expenditures, policies, and programs with di-
15 rect budget outlays, and to report the results of such
16 studies to the House on a recurring basis; and

17 “(D) to review, on a continuing basis, the con-
18 duct by the Congressional Budget Office of its func-
19 tions and duties.

20 “(e) **Committee on Commerce.**

21 “(1) Biomedical research and development.

22 “(2) Consumer affairs and consumer protection.

23 “(3) Health and health facilities, except health
24 care supported by payroll deductions.

25 “(4) Interstate energy compacts.

1 “(5) Interstate and foreign commerce generally.

2 “(6) Measures relating to the exploration, pro-
3 duction, storage, supply, marketing, pricing, and
4 regulation of energy resources, including all fossil
5 fuels, solar energy, and other unconventional or re-
6 newable energy resources.

7 “(7) Measures relating to the conservation of
8 energy resources.

9 “(8) Measures relating to energy information
10 generally.

11 “(9) Measures relating to (A) the generation
12 and marketing of power (except by federally char-
13 tered or Federal regional power marketing authori-
14 ties), (B) the reliability and interstate transmission
15 of, and ratemaking for, all power, and (C) the siting
16 of generation facilities; except the installation of
17 interconnections between Government waterpower
18 projects.

19 “(10) Measures relating to general management
20 of the Department of Energy, and the management
21 and all functions of the Federal Energy Regulatory
22 Commission.

23 “(11) National energy policy generally.

24 “(12) Public health and quarantine.

1 “(13) Regulation of the domestic nuclear en-
2 ergy industry, including regulation of research and
3 development reactors and nuclear regulatory re-
4 search.

5 “(14) Regulation of interstate and foreign com-
6 munications.

7 “(15) Securities and exchanges.

8 “(16) Travel and tourism.

9 The committee shall have the same jurisdiction with re-
10 spect to regulation of nuclear facilities and of use of nu-
11 clear energy as it has with respect to regulation of non-
12 nuclear facilities and of use of nonnuclear energy. In addi-
13 tion to its legislative jurisdiction under the preceding pro-
14 visions of this paragraph (and its general oversight func-
15 tions under clause 2(b)(1)), such committee shall have the
16 special oversight functions provided for in clause (3)(h)
17 with respect to all laws, programs, and Government activi-
18 ties affecting nuclear and other energy, and nonmilitary
19 nuclear energy and research and development including
20 the disposal of nuclear waste.

21 “(f) **Committee on Economic and Edu-**
22 **ational Opportunities.**

23 “(1) Child labor.

24 “(2) Columbia Institution for the Deaf, Dumb,
25 and Blind; Howard University; Freedmen’s Hospital.

1 “(3) Convict labor and the entry of goods made
2 by convicts into interstate commerce.

3 “(4) Food programs for children in schools.

4 “(5) Labor standards and statistics.

5 “(6) Measures relating to education or labor
6 generally.

7 “(7) Mediation and arbitration of labor dis-
8 putes.

9 “(8) Regulation or prevention of importation of
10 foreign laborers under contract.

11 “(9) United States Employees’ Compensation
12 Commission.

13 “(10) Vocational rehabilitation.

14 “(11) Wages and hours of labor.

15 “(12) Welfare of miners.

16 “(13) Work incentive programs.

17 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
18 ing provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight
19 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
20 the special oversight function provided for in clause 3(c)
21 with respect to domestic educational programs and institu-
22 tions, and programs of student assistance, which are with-
23 in the jurisdiction of other committees.

24 “(g) **Committee on Government Reform**
25 **and Oversight.**

1 “(1) The Federal Civil Service, including inter-
2 governmental personnel; the status of officers and
3 employees of the United States, including their com-
4 pensation, classification, and retirement.

5 “(2) Measures relating to the municipal affairs
6 of the District of Columbia in general, other than
7 appropriations.

8 “(3) Federal paperwork reduction.

9 “(4) Budget and accounting measures, gen-
10 erally.

11 “(5) Holidays and celebrations.

12 “(6) The overall economy, efficiency and man-
13 agement of government operations and activities, in-
14 cluding Federal procurement.

15 “(7) National archives.

16 “(8) Population and demography generally, in-
17 cluding the Census.

18 “(9) Postal service generally, including the
19 transportation of the mails.

20 “(10) Public information and records.

21 “(11) Relationship of the Federal Government
22 to the States and municipalities generally.

23 “(12) Reorganizations in the executive branch
24 of the Government.

1 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
2 ing provisions of this paragraph (and its oversight func-
3 tions under clause 2(b) (1) and (2)), the committee shall
4 have the function of performing the duties and conducting
5 the studies which are provided for in clause 4(c).

6 “(h) **Committee on House Oversight.**

7 “(1) Appropriations from accounts for commit-
8 tee salaries and expenses (except for the Committee
9 on Appropriations), House Information Systems,
10 and allowances and expenses of Members, House of-
11 ficers and administrative offices of the House.

12 “(2) Auditing and settling of all accounts de-
13 scribed in subparagraph (1).

14 “(3) Employment of persons by the House, in-
15 cluding clerks for Members and committees, and re-
16 porters of debates.

17 “(4) Except as provided in clause 1(q)(11),
18 matters relating to the Library of Congress and the
19 House Library; statuary and pictures; acceptance or
20 purchase of works of art for the Capitol; the Botanic
21 Gardens; management of the Library of Congress;
22 purchase of books and manuscripts.

23 “(5) Except as provided in clause 1(q)(11),
24 matters relating to the Smithsonian Institution and
25 the incorporation of similar institutions.

1 “(6) Expenditure of accounts described in sub-
2 paragraph (1).

3 “(7) Franking Commission.

4 “(8) Matters relating to printing and correction
5 of the Congressional Record.

6 “(9) Measures relating to accounts of the
7 House generally.

8 “(10) Measures relating to assignment of office
9 space for Members and committees.

10 “(11) Measures relating to the disposition of
11 useless executive papers.

12 “(12) Measures relating to the election of the
13 President, Vice President, or Members of Congress;
14 corrupt practices; contested elections; credentials
15 and qualifications; and Federal elections generally.

16 “(13) Measures relating to services to the
17 House, including the House Restaurant, parking fa-
18 cilities and administration of the House office build-
19 ings and of the House wing of the Capitol.

20 “(14) Measures relating to the travel of Mem-
21 bers of the House.

22 “(15) Measures relating to the raising, report-
23 ing and use of campaign contributions for can-
24 didates for office of Representative in the House of

1 Representatives, of Delegate, and of Resident Com-
2 missioner to the United States from Puerto Rico.

3 “(16) Measures relating to the compensation,
4 retirement and other benefits of the Members, offi-
5 cers, and employees of the Congress.

6 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
7 ing provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight
8 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
9 the function of performing the duties which are provided
10 for in clause 4(d).

11 “(i) **Committee on International Relations.**

12 “(1) Relations of the United States with foreign
13 nations generally.

14 “(2) Acquisition of land and buildings for em-
15 bassies and legations in foreign countries.

16 “(3) Establishment of boundary lines between
17 the United States and foreign nations.

18 “(4) Export controls, including nonproliferation
19 of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware.

20 “(5) Foreign loans.

21 “(6) International commodity agreements
22 (other than those involving sugar), including all
23 agreements for cooperation in the export of nuclear
24 technology and nuclear hardware.

25 “(7) International conferences and congresses.

1 “(8) International education.

2 “(9) Intervention abroad and declarations of
3 war.

4 “(10) Measures relating to the diplomatic serv-
5 ice.

6 “(11) Measures to foster commercial inter-
7 course with foreign nations and to safeguard Amer-
8 ican business interests abroad.

9 “(12) Measures relating to international eco-
10 nomic policy.

11 “(13) Neutrality.

12 “(14) Protection of American citizens abroad
13 and expatriation.

14 “(15) The American National Red Cross.

15 “(16) Trading with the enemy.

16 “(17) United Nations organizations.

17 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
18 ing provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight
19 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
20 the special oversight functions provided for in clause 3(d)
21 with respect to customs administration, intelligence activi-
22 ties relating to foreign policy, international financial and
23 monetary organizations, and international fishing agree-
24 ments.

25 “(j) **Committee on the Judiciary.**

1 “(1) The judiciary and judicial proceedings,
2 civil and criminal.

3 “(2) Administrative practice and procedure.

4 “(3) Apportionment of Representatives.

5 “(4) Bankruptcy, mutiny, espionage, and coun-
6 terfeiting.

7 “(5) Civil liberties.

8 “(6) Constitutional amendments.

9 “(7) Federal courts and judges, and local
10 courts in the Territories and possessions.

11 “(8) Immigration and naturalization.

12 “(9) Interstate compacts, generally.

13 “(10) Measures relating to claims against the
14 United States.

15 “(11) Meetings of Congress, attendance of
16 Members and their acceptance of incompatible of-
17 fices.

18 “(12) National penitentiaries.

19 “(13) Patents, the Patent Office, copyrights,
20 and trademarks.

21 “(14) Presidential succession.

22 “(15) Protection of trade and commerce against
23 unlawful restraints and monopolies.

24 “(16) Revision and codification of the Statutes
25 of the United States.

1 “(17) State and territorial boundaries.

2 “(18) Subversive activities affecting the internal
3 security of the United States.

4 “(k) **Committee on National Security.**

5 “(1) Ammunition depots; forts; arsenals; Army,
6 Navy, and Air Force reservations and establish-
7 ments.

8 “(2) Common defense generally.

9 “(3) Conservation, development, and use of
10 naval petroleum and oil shale reserves.

11 “(4) The Department of Defense generally, in-
12 cluding the Departments of the Army, Navy, and
13 Air Force generally.

14 “(5) Interoceanic canals generally, including
15 measures relating to the maintenance, operation,
16 and administration of interoceanic canals.

17 “(6) Merchant Marine Academy, and State
18 Maritime Academies.

19 “(7) Military applications of nuclear energy.

20 “(8) Tactical intelligence and intelligence relat-
21 ed activities of the Department of the Defense.

22 “(9) National security aspects of merchant ma-
23 rine, including financial assistance for the construc-
24 tion and operation of vessels, the maintenance of the
25 U.S. shipbuilding and ship repair industrial base,

1 cabotage, cargo preference and merchant marine of-
2 ficers and seamen as these matters relate to the na-
3 tional security.

4 “(10) Pay, promotion, retirement, and other
5 benefits and privileges of members of the armed
6 forces.

7 “(11) Scientific research and development in
8 support of the armed services.

9 “(12) Selective service.

10 “(13) Size and composition of the Army, Navy,
11 Marine Corps, and Air Force.

12 “(14) Soldiers’ and sailors’ homes.

13 “(15) Strategic and critical materials necessary
14 for the common defense.

15 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
16 ing provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight
17 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
18 the special oversight function provided for in clause 3(a)
19 with respect to international arms control and disarm-
20 ament, and military dependents education.

21 “(l) **Committee on Resources.**

22 “(1) Fisheries and wildlife, including research,
23 restoration, refuges, and conservation.

24 “(2) Forest reserves and national parks created
25 from the public domain.

1 “(3) Forfeiture of land grants and alien owner-
2 ship, including alien ownership of mineral lands.

3 “(4) Geological Survey.

4 “(5) International fishing agreements.

5 “(6) Interstate compacts relating to apportion-
6 ment of waters for irrigation purposes.

7 “(7) Irrigation and reclamation, including water
8 supply for reclamation projects, and easements of
9 public lands for irrigation projects, and acquisition
10 of private lands when necessary to complete irriga-
11 tion projects.

12 “(8) Measures relating to the care and manage-
13 ment of Indians, including the care and allotment of
14 Indian lands and general and special measures relat-
15 ing to claims which are paid out of Indian funds.

16 “(9) Measures relating generally to the insular
17 possessions of the United States, except those affect-
18 ing the revenue and appropriations.

19 “(10) Military parks and battlefields, national
20 cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the In-
21 terior, parks within the District of Columbia, and
22 the erection of monuments to the memory of individ-
23 uals.

24 “(11) Mineral land laws and claims and entries
25 thereunder.

1 “(12) Mineral resources of the public lands.

2 “(13) Mining interests generally.

3 “(14) Mining schools and experimental stations.

4 “(15) Marine affairs (including coastal zone
5 management), except for measures relating to oil
6 and other pollution of navigable waters.

7 “(16) Oceanography.

8 “(17) Petroleum conservation on the public
9 lands and conservation of the radium supply in the
10 United States.

11 “(18) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and ob-
12 jects of interest on the public domain.

13 “(19) Public lands generally, including entry,
14 easements, and grazing thereon.

15 “(20) Relations of the United States with the
16 Indians and the Indian tribes.

17 “(21) Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline (except rate-
18 making).

19 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
20 ing provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight
21 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
22 the special oversight functions provided for in clause 3(e)
23 with respect to all programs affecting Indians.

24 “(m) **Committee on Rules.**

1 “(1) The rules and joint rules (other than rules
2 or joint rules relating to the Code of Official Con-
3 duct), and order of business of the House.

4 “(2) Recesses and final adjournments of Con-
5 gress.

6 The Committee on Rules is authorized to sit and act
7 whether or not the House is in session.

8 “(n) **Committee on Science.**

9 “(1) All energy research, development, and
10 demonstration, and projects therefor, and all feder-
11 ally owned or operated nonmilitary energy labora-
12 tories.

13 “(2) Astronautical research and development,
14 including resources, personnel, equipment, and facili-
15 ties.

16 “(3) Civil aviation research and development.

17 “(4) Environmental research and development.

18 “(5) Marine research.

19 “(6) Measures relating to the commercial appli-
20 cation of energy technology.

21 “(7) National Institute of Standards and Tech-
22 nology, standardization of weights and measures and
23 the metric system.

24 “(8) National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-
25 tration.

1 “(9) National Space Council.

2 “(10) National Science Foundation.

3 “(11) National Weather Service.

4 “(12) Outer space, including exploration and
5 control thereof.

6 “(13) Science Scholarships.

7 “(14) Scientific research, development, and
8 demonstration, and projects therefor.

9 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
10 ing provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight
11 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
12 the special oversight function provided for in clause 3(f)
13 with respect to all nonmilitary research and development.

14 “(o) **Committee on Small Business.**

15 “(1) Assistance to and protection of small busi-
16 ness, including financial aid, regulatory flexibility
17 and paperwork reduction.

18 “(2) Participation of small-business enterprises
19 in Federal procurement and Government contracts.

20 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
21 ing provisions of this paragraph and (its general oversight
22 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
23 the special oversight function provided for in clause 3(g)
24 with respect to the problems of small business.

1 “(p) **Committee on Standards of Official**
2 **Conduct.**

3 “(1) Measures relating to the Code of Official
4 Conduct.

5 In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preced-
6 ing provision of this paragraph (and its general oversight
7 function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have
8 the functions with respect to recommendations, studies,
9 investigations, and reports which are provided for in
10 clause 4(e), and the functions designated in titles I and
11 V of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 and sections
12 7342, 7351, and 7353 of title 5, United States Code.

13 “(q) **Committee on Transportation and In-**
14 **frastructure.**

15 “(1) Coast Guard, including lifesaving service,
16 lighthouses, lightships, ocean derelicts, and the
17 Coast Guard Academy.

18 “(2) Federal management of emergencies and
19 natural disasters.

20 “(3) Flood control and improvement of rivers
21 and harbors.

22 “(4) Inland waterways.

23 “(5) Inspection of merchant marine vessels,
24 lights and signals, lifesaving equipment, and fire
25 protection on such vessels.

1 “(6) Navigation and the laws relating thereto,
2 including pilotage.

3 “(7) Registering and licensing of vessels and
4 small boats.

5 “(8) Rules and international arrangements to
6 prevent collisions at sea.

7 “(9) Measures relating to the Capitol Building
8 and the Senate and House office buildings.

9 “(10) Measures relating to the construction or
10 maintenance of roads and post roads, other than ap-
11 propriations therefor; but it shall not be in order for
12 any bill providing general legislation in relation to
13 roads to contain any provision for any specific road,
14 nor for any bill in relation to a specific road to em-
15 brace a provision in relation to any other specific
16 road.

17 “(11) Measures relating to the construction or
18 reconstruction, maintenance, and care of the build-
19 ings and grounds of the Botanic Gardens, the Li-
20 brary of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution.

21 “(12) Measures relating to merchant marine,
22 except for national security aspects of merchant ma-
23 rine.

24 “(13) Measures relating to the purchase of sites
25 and construction of post offices, customhouses, Fed-

1 eral courthouses, and Government buildings within
2 the District of Columbia.

3 “(14) Oil and other pollution of navigable wa-
4 ters, including inland, coastal, and ocean waters.

5 “(15) Marine affairs (including coastal zone
6 management) as they relate to oil and other pollu-
7 tion of navigable waters.

8 “(16) Public buildings and occupied or im-
9 proved grounds of the United States generally.

10 “(17) Public works for the benefit of naviga-
11 tion, including bridges and dams (other than inter-
12 national bridges and dams).

13 “(18) Related transportation regulatory agen-
14 cies.

15 “(19) Roads and the safety thereof.

16 “(20) Transportation, including civil aviation,
17 railroads, water transportation, transportation safety
18 (except automobile safety), transportation infra-
19 structure, transportation labor, and railroad retire-
20 ment and unemployment (except revenue measures
21 related thereto).

22 “(21) Water power.

23 “(r) **Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.**

24 “(1) Veterans’ measures generally.

1 “(2) Cemeteries of the United States in which
2 veterans of any war or conflict are or may be buried,
3 whether in the United States or abroad, except
4 cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the In-
5 terior.

6 “(3) Compensation, vocational rehabilitation,
7 and education of veterans.

8 “(4) Life insurance issued by the Government
9 on account of service in the Armed Forces.

10 “(5) Pensions of all the wars of the United
11 States, general and special.

12 “(6) Readjustment of servicemen to civil life.

13 “(7) Soldiers’ and sailors’ civil relief.

14 “(8) Veterans’ hospitals, medical care, and
15 treatment of veterans.

16 “(s) **Committee on Ways and Means.**

17 “(1) Customs, collection districts, and ports of
18 entry and delivery.

19 “(2) Reciprocal trade agreements.

20 “(3) Revenue measures generally.

21 “(4) Revenue measures relating to the insular
22 possessions.

23 “(5) The bonded debt of the United States
24 (subject to the last sentence of clause 4(g) of this
25 rule).

1 “(6) The deposit of public moneys.

2 “(7) Transportation of dutiable goods.

3 “(8) Tax exempt foundations and charitable
4 trusts.

5 “(9) National social security, except (A) health
6 care and facilities programs that are supported from
7 general revenues as opposed to payroll deductions
8 and (B) work incentive programs.”.

9 (b) Any reference in the rules of the House at the
10 end of the One Hundred Third Congress to the following
11 standing committees of the House: the Committee on
12 Armed Services; the Committee on the District of Colum-
13 bia; the Committee on Education and Labor; the Commit-
14 tee on Energy and Commerce; the Committee on Foreign
15 Affairs; the Committee on Government Operations; the
16 Committee on House Administration; the Committee on
17 Natural Resources; and the Committee on Science, Space
18 and Technology; shall be amended to be a reference to
19 the following standing committees of the House, respec-
20 tively: the Committee on National Security; the Committee
21 on Government Reform and Oversight; the Committee on
22 Economic and Educational Opportunities; the Committee
23 on Commerce; the Committee on International Relations;
24 the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; the

1 Committee on House Oversight; the Committee on Re-
2 sources; and the Committee on Science.

3 (c) The chairman of the Committee on the Budget,
4 when elected, may revise (within the appropriate levels es-
5 tablished in House Concurrent Resolution 218 of the One
6 Hundred Third Congress) allocations of budget outlays,
7 new budget authority, and entitlement authority among
8 committees of the House in the One Hundred Fourth Con-
9 gress to reflect changes in jurisdiction under clause 1 of
10 rule X. He shall publish the revised allocations in the Con-
11 gressional Record. Once published, the revised allocations
12 shall be effective in the House as though made pursuant
13 to sections 302(a) and 602(a) of the Congressional Budget
14 Act of 1974.

15 (d) In clause 8 of rule XXIV, strike “the Committee
16 on the District of Columbia” through the end of the sen-
17 tence and insert: “the Committee on Government Reform
18 and Oversight, be set apart for the consideration of such
19 business relating to the District of Columbia as may be
20 presented by said committee.”.

21 **Oversight Reform**

22 SEC. 203. (a) In clause 2 of rule X, add the following
23 new paragraphs at the end:

24 “(d)(1) Not later than February 15 of the first ses-
25 sion of a Congress, each standing committee of the House

1 shall, in a meeting that is open to the public and with
2 a quorum present, adopt its oversight plans for that Con-
3 gress. Such plans shall be submitted simultaneously to the
4 Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and to
5 the Committee on House Oversight. In developing such
6 plans each committee shall, to the maximum extent fea-
7 sible—

8 “(A) consult with other committees of the
9 House that have jurisdiction over the same or relat-
10 ed laws, programs, or agencies within its jurisdic-
11 tion, with the objective of ensuring that such laws,
12 programs, or agencies are reviewed in the same Con-
13 gress and that there is a maximum of coordination
14 between such committees in the conduct of such re-
15 views; and such plans shall include an explanation of
16 what steps have been and will be taken to ensure
17 such coordination and cooperation;

18 “(B) give priority consideration to including in
19 its plans the review of those laws, programs, or
20 agencies operating under permanent budget author-
21 ity or permanent statutory authority; and

22 “(C) have a view toward ensuring that all sig-
23 nificant laws, programs, or agencies within its juris-
24 dictions are subject to review at least once every ten
25 years.

1 “(2) It shall not be in order to consider any commit-
2 tee expense resolution (within the meaning of clause 5 of
3 rule XI), or any amendment thereto, for any committee
4 that has not submitted its oversight plans as required by
5 this paragraph.

6 “(3) Not later than March 31 in the first session of
7 a Congress, after consultation with the Speaker, the ma-
8 jority leader, and the minority leader, the Committee on
9 Government Reform and Oversight shall report to the
10 House the oversight plans submitted by each committee
11 together with any recommendations that it, or the House
12 leadership group referred to above, may make to ensure
13 the most effective coordination of such plans and other-
14 wise achieve the objectives of this clause.

15 “(e) The Speaker, with the approval of the House,
16 may appoint special ad hoc oversight committees for the
17 purpose of reviewing specific matters within the jurisdic-
18 tion of two or more standing committees.”.

19 (b) In clause 1 of rule XI, amend paragraph (d) to
20 read as follows:

21 “(d)(1) Each committee shall submit to the House
22 not later than January 2 of each odd-numbered year, a
23 report on the activities of that committee under this rule
24 and rule X during the Congress ending on January 3 of
25 such year.

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

4 “(3) The oversight section of such report shall in-
5 clude a summary of the oversight plans submitted by the
6 committee pursuant to clause 2(d) of rule X, a summary
7 of the actions taken and recommendations made with re-
8 spect to each such plan, and a summary of any additional
9 oversight activities undertaken by that committee, and any
10 recommendations made or actions taken thereon.”.

11 **Member Assignment Limits**

12 SEC. 204. In clause 6(b) of rule X, insert “(1)” after
13 “(b)” and add the following new subparagraph at the end:

14 “(2)(A) No Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
15 sioner may serve simultaneously as a member of more
16 than two standing committees or four subcommittees of
17 the standing committees of the House, except that ex
18 officio service by a chairman and ranking minority mem-
19 ber of a committee on each of its subcommittees by com-
20 mittee rule shall not be counted against the limitation on
21 subcommittee service. Any other exception to these limita-
22 tions must be approved by the House upon the rec-
23 ommendation of the respective party caucus or conference.

24 “(B) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term
25 ‘subcommittee’ includes any panel (other than a special

1 oversight panel of the Committee on National Security),
2 task force, special subcommittee, or any subunit of a
3 standing committee that is established for a cumulative
4 period longer than six months in any Congress.”.

5 **Multiple Referral Reform**

6 SEC. 205. In clause 5 of rule X, amend paragraph
7 (c) to read as follows:

8 “(c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with re-
9 spect to any matter, the Speaker shall designate a commit-
10 tee of primary jurisdiction; but also may refer the matter
11 to one or more additional committees, for consideration
12 in sequence (subject to appropriate time limitations), ei-
13 ther on its initial referral or after the matter has been
14 reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction; or may
15 refer portions of the matter to one or more additional com-
16 mittees (reflecting different subjects and jurisdictions) for
17 the consideration only of designated portions; or may refer
18 the matter to a special ad hoc committee appointed by
19 the Speaker with the approval of the House (with mem-
20 bers from the committees having jurisdiction) for the spe-
21 cific purpose of considering that matter and reporting to
22 the House thereon; or may make such other provisions as
23 may be considered appropriate.”.

1 **Accuracy of Committee Transcripts**

2 SEC. 206. In clause 2(e)(1) of rule XI, amend the
3 first sentence to read as follows: “Each committee shall
4 keep a complete record of all committee action which shall
5 include—

6 “(A) in the case of any meeting or hearing
7 transcript, a substantially verbatim account of re-
8 marks actually made during the proceedings, subject
9 only to technical, grammatical, and typographical
10 corrections authorized by the person making the re-
11 marks involved; and

12 “(B) a record of the votes on any question on
13 which a rollcall vote is demanded.”.

14 **Elimination of “Rolling Quorums”**

15 SEC. 207. In clause 2(l)(2)(A) of rule XI, strike “was
16 actually present” and all that follows through the end of
17 the subdivision and insert “was actually present.”.

18 **Limitation on Committees’ Sitzings**

19 SEC. 208. In clause 2 of rule XI, amend paragraph
20 (i) to read as follows:

21 **“Limitation on committees’ sittings**

22 “(i)(1) No committee of the House (except the Com-
23 mittee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget,
24 the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Standards of
25 Official Conduct, and the Committee on Ways and Means)

1 may sit, without special leave, while the House is reading
2 a measure for amendment under the five-minute rule. For
3 purposes of this paragraph, special leave will be granted
4 unless ten or more Members object; and shall be granted
5 upon the adoption of a motion, which shall be highly privi-
6 leged if offered by the majority leader, granting such leave
7 to one or more committees.

8 “(2) No committee of the House may sit during a
9 joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess
10 when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in
11 progress.”.

12 **Accountability for Committee Votes**

13 SEC. 209. In clause 2(l)(2) of rule XI amend subdivi-
14 sion (B) to read as follows:

15 “(B) With respect to each rollcall vote on a motion
16 to report any measure or matter of a public character,
17 and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter,
18 the total number of votes cast for and against, and the
19 names of those members voting for and against, shall be
20 included in the committee report on the measure or mat-
21 ter.”.

22 **Affirming Minority’s Right on Motions to** 23 **Recommit**

24 SEC. 210. In clause 4(b) of rule XI, insert before the
25 period at the end the following: “, including a motion to

1 recommit with instructions to report back an amendment
2 otherwise in order (if offered by the minority leader or
3 a designee), except with respect to a Senate bill or resolu-
4 tion for which the text of a House-passed measure has
5 been substituted”.

6 **Waiver Policy for Special Rules**

7 SEC. 211. In clause 4 of rule XI, add the following
8 new paragraph at the end:

9 “(e) Whenever the Committee on Rules reports a res-
10 olution providing for the consideration of any measure, it
11 shall, to the maximum extent possible, specify in the reso-
12 lution the object of any waiver of a point of order against
13 the measure or against its consideration.”.

14 **Prohibition on Delegate Voting in Committee** 15 **of the Whole**

16 SEC. 212. (a) In rule XII, strike clause 2 and the
17 designation of the remaining clause.

18 (b) In clause 1 of rule XXIII, strike “, Resident Com-
19 missioner, or Delegate”.

20 (c) In clause 2 of rule XXIII, strike paragraph (d).

21 **Accuracy of the Congressional Record**

22 SEC. 213. In rule XIV, add the following new clause
23 at the end:

24 “9. (a) The Congressional Record shall be a substan-
25 tially verbatim account of remarks made during the pro-

1 ceedings of the House, subject only to technical, grammat-
2 ical, and typographical corrections authorized by the Mem-
3 ber making the remarks involved.

4 “(b) Unparliamentary remarks may be deleted only
5 by permission or order of the House.

6 “(c) This clause establishes a standard of conduct
7 within the meaning of clause 4(e)(1)(B) of rule X.”.

8 **Automatic Rollcall Votes**

9 SEC. 214. In rule XV, add the following new clause
10 at the end:

11 “7. The yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered
12 when the Speaker puts the question on final passage or
13 adoption of any bill, joint resolution, or conference report
14 making general appropriations or increasing Federal in-
15 come tax rates, or on final adoption of any concurrent res-
16 olution on the budget or conference report thereon.”.

17 **Appropriations Reforms**

18 SEC. 215. (a) CONSIDERATION OF LIMITATION
19 AMENDMENTS.—In clause 2(d) of rule XXI, strike “shall
20 have precedence” and insert “shall, if offered by the ma-
21 jority leader or a designee, have precedence”.

22 (b) PROHIBITION AGAINST NON-EMERGENCY ITEMS
23 IN EMERGENCY SPENDING BILLS.—In clause 2 of rule
24 XXI, add the following new paragraph at the end:

1 “(e) No provision shall be reported in any appropria-
2 tion bill or joint resolution containing an emergency des-
3 ignation for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(D) or section
4 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
5 Control Act, or shall be in order as an amendment thereto,
6 if the provision or amendment is not designated as an
7 emergency, unless the provision or amendment rescinds
8 budget authority or reduces direct spending, or reduces
9 an amount for a designated emergency.”.

10 (c) PERMITTING OFFSETTING AMENDMENTS.—In
11 clause 2 of rule XXI (as amended by (b) above), add the
12 following new paragraph at the end:

13 “(f) During the reading of any appropriation bill for
14 amendment in the Committee of the Whole, it shall be in
15 order to consider en bloc amendments proposing only to
16 transfer appropriations among objects in the bill without
17 increasing the levels of budget authority or outlays in the
18 bill. When considered en bloc pursuant to this paragraph,
19 such amendments may amend portions of the bill not yet
20 read for amendment (following the disposition of any
21 points of order against such portions) and shall not be
22 subject to a demand for division of the question in the
23 House or in the Committee of the Whole.”.

24 (d) LISTING OF UNAUTHORIZED APPROPRIATIONS IN
25 REPORTS.—In clause 3 of rule XXI, insert before the pe-

1 riod the following: “, and shall contain a list of all appro-
2 priations contained in the bill for any expenditure not pre-
3 viously authorized by law (except for classified intelligence
4 or national security programs, projects, or activities)”.

5 (e) AUTOMATIC RESERVATION OF POINTS OF
6 ORDER.—In rule XXI, add the following new clause at
7 the end:

8 “8. At the time any appropriation bill is reported, all
9 points of order shall be considered as reserved.”.

10 **Ban on Commemoratives**

11 SEC. 216. (a) In rule XXII—

12 (1) amend clause 2 by inserting “(a)” after
13 “2.” and by adding the following new paragraph at
14 the end:

15 “(b)(1) No bill or resolution, and no amendment to
16 any bill or resolution, establishing or expressing any com-
17 memoration may be introduced or considered in the
18 House.

19 “(2) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘com-
20 memoration’ means any remembrance, celebration, or rec-
21 ognition for any purpose through the designation of a
22 specified period of time.”.

23 (2) amend clause 3 by striking “or private bill”
24 and inserting “or bill or resolution”.

1 (b) The Committee on Government Reform and Over-
2 sight shall consider alternative means for establishing
3 commemorations, including the creation of an independent
4 or Executive branch commission for such purpose, and to
5 report to the House any recommendations thereon.

6 **Numerical Designation of Amendments**

7 SEC. 217. In clause 6 of rule XXIII, add the following
8 new sentence at the end: “All amendments to a specified
9 measure submitted for printing in that portion of the
10 Record shall be given numerical designations in the order
11 printed.”.

12 **Pledge of Allegiance**

13 SEC. 218. In clause 1 of rule XXIV—

14 (a) insert after the second order of business the
15 following new order of business: “Third. The Pledge
16 of Allegiance to the Flag.”; and

17 (b) redesignate succeeding orders accordingly.

18 **Discharge Petitions**

19 SEC. 219. In clause 3 of rule XXVII, insert the fol-
20 lowing three new sentences after the fifth sentence: “The
21 Clerk shall cause the names of the Members who have
22 signed a discharge motion during any week to be published
23 in a portion of the Congressional Record designated for
24 that purpose on the last legislative day of that week. The
25 Clerk shall make available each day for public inspection

1 in an appropriate office of the House cumulative lists of
2 such names. The Clerk shall devise a means by which to
3 make such lists available to offices of the House and to
4 the public in electronic form.”.

5 **Protection of Classified Materials**

6 SEC. 220. In rule XLIII (“Code of Official Conduct”)
7 insert the following new clause before the two undesig-
8 nated paragraphs at the end:

9 “13. Before any Member, officer, or employee of the
10 House of Representatives may have access to classified in-
11 formation, the following oath (or affirmation) shall be exe-
12 cuted:

13 ‘I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not dis-
14 close any classified information received in the
15 course of my service with the House of Representa-
16 tives, except as authorized by House of Representa-
17 tives or in accordance with its Rules.’

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

20 **Select Committee on Intelligence**

21 SEC. 221. (a) In clause 1(a) of rule XLVIII (relating
22 to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence) strike
23 “nineteen Members with representation to” and insert
24 “sixteen Members, of whom not more than nine may be
25 from the same party. The select committee shall”.

1 (b)(1) In clause 1(b) of rule XLVIII, insert “(1)”
2 after “(b)”, strike “majority leader”, and insert “Speak-
3 er”.

4 (2) In clause 1(b) of rule XLVIII, add the following
5 new subparagraph at the end:

6 “(2) The Speaker and minority leader each may des-
7 ignate a member of their leadership staff to assist them
8 in their capacity as ex officio members, with the same ac-
9 cess to committee meetings, hearings, briefings, and mate-
10 rials as if employees of the select committee, and subject
11 to the same security clearance and confidentiality require-
12 ments as employees of the select committee under this
13 rule.”.

14 (3) In clause 7(c) of rule XLVIII, strike subpara-
15 graph (3).

16 (c) In clause 1 of rule XLVIII, amend paragraph (c)
17 to read as follows:

18 “(c) No Member of the House other than the Speaker
19 and the minority leader may serve on the select committee
20 during more than four Congresses in any period of six suc-
21 cessive Congresses (disregarding for this purpose any serv-
22 ice for less than a full session in any Congress), except
23 that the incumbent chairman or ranking minority member
24 having served on the select committee for four Congresses
25 and having served as chairman or ranking minority mem-

1 ber for not more than one Congress shall be eligible for
2 reappointment to the select committee as chairman or
3 ranking minority member for one additional Congress.”.

4 (d) In clause 2(a) of rule XLVIII—

5 (1) insert the following before the period in sub-
6 paragraph (1): “, and the National Foreign Intel-
7 ligence Program as defined in section 3(6) of the
8 National Security Act of 1947”;

9 (2) strike all after “but not limited to,” in sub-
10 paragraph (2) and insert the following: “the tactical
11 intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the
12 Department of Defense.”; and

13 (3) amend subparagraph (4) to read as follows:

14 “(4) Authorizations for appropriations, both di-
15 rect and indirect, for the following:

16 “(A) The Central Intelligence Agency, Di-
17 rector of Central Intelligence, and the National
18 Foreign Intelligence Program as defined in sec-
19 tion 3(6) of the National Security Act of 1947.

20 “(B) Intelligence and intelligence-related
21 activities of all other departments and agencies
22 of the Government, including, but not limited
23 to, the tactical intelligence and intelligence-re-
24 lated activities of the Department of Defense.

1 “(C) Any department, agency, or subdivi-
2 sion, or program that is a successor to any
3 agency or program named or referred to in sub-
4 division (A) or (B).”.

5 **Abolition of Legislative Service**
6 **Organizations**

7 SEC. 222. The establishment or continuation of any
8 legislative service organization (as defined and authorized
9 in the One Hundred Third Congress) shall be prohibited
10 in the One Hundred Fourth Congress. The Committee on
11 House Oversight shall take such steps as are necessary
12 to ensure an orderly termination and accounting for funds
13 of any legislative service organization in existence on Jan-
14 uary 3, 1995.

15 **Miscellaneous Provisions and Clerical**
16 **Corrections**

17 SEC. 223. (a) SPEAKER’S AUTHORITY TO POSTPONE
18 VOTES.—In clause 5(b)(1) of rule I, amend the matter
19 after “questions listed herein:” to read as follows:

20 “(A) the question of adopting a resolution;

21 “(B) the question of passing a bill;

22 “(C) the question of agreeing to a motion to in-
23 struct conferees as provided in clause 1(c) of rule
24 XXVIII: *Provided, however,* That proceedings shall

1 not resume on said question if the conferees have
2 filed a report in the House;

3 “(D) the question of agreeing to a conference
4 report;

5 “(E) the question of ordering the previous ques-
6 tion on a question described in subdivision (A), (B),
7 (C), or (D); and

8 “(F) the question of agreeing to a motion to
9 suspend the rules.”.

10 (b) OFFICE OF FLOOR ASSISTANTS.—There is estab-
11 lished in the House of Representatives an office to be
12 known as the Speaker’s Office for Legislative Floor Activi-
13 ties. The Speaker shall appoint and set the annual rate
14 of pay for employees of the Office. The Office shall have
15 the responsibility of assisting the Speaker in the manage-
16 ment of legislative floor activity.

17 (c) VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.—In clause 2(d)
18 of rule XI—

19 (1) strike “The member” and insert “A mem-
20 ber”; and

21 (2) strike “ranking immediately after the chair-
22 man” and insert “designated by the chairman of the
23 full committee”.

24 (d) PROHIBITION AGAINST MEMBERS’ USE OF PER-
25 SONAL, ELECTRONIC OFFICE EQUIPMENT ON HOUSE

1 FLOOR.—In clause 7 of rule XIV, insert “or to use any
2 personal, electronic office equipment (including cellular
3 phones and computers)” after “to smoke”.

4 (e) SPEAKER’S AUTHORITY TO REDUCE TO FIVE-
5 MINUTES A VOTE FOLLOWING A PREVIOUS QUESTION
6 VOTE.—In clause 5(b) of rule XV, amend subparagraph
7 (1) to read as follows:

8 “(1) after a rollcall vote has been ordered on a
9 motion for the previous question, on any underlying
10 question that follows without intervening business;”.

11 (f) CLERICAL CORRECTIONS.—

12 (1) In clause 3 of rule III, insert “; and” before
13 “certify”.

14 (2) In clause 2(l)(1)(B) of rule XI, strike “does
15 not apply to the reporting” and all that follows
16 through “subdivision (C) and”.

17 (g) SPECIAL RULE FOR BILL SPONSORSHIP ON
18 OPENING DAY.—In the One Hundred Fourth Congress,
19 each of the first 20 bills introduced in the House (H.R.
20 1 through H.R. 20), and each of the first two joint resolu-
21 tions introduced in the House (H.J. Res. 1 and H.J. Res.
22 2), may have more than one Member reflected as a first
23 sponsor.

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