

Hon. Suzanne Bonamici (OR)

**[DRAFT]**

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2D SESSION

**H. RES.** \_\_\_\_\_

Amending rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit staggered seating at meetings and hearings of standing committees and subcommittees thereof.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BONAMICI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION**

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. STAGGERED SEATING.**

3       Clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
4       resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following  
5       new paragraph:

6       “(q)(1) A standing committee may adopt a written  
7       rule under this clause under which, at the option of the

1 committee or a subcommittee thereof, at each meeting or  
2 hearing of the committee or subcommittee, there shall be  
3 staggered seating of majority and minority party mem-  
4 bers, such that each member is sitting next to a member  
5 of the other party on each side.

6 “(2) If a committee or subcommittee chooses to use  
7 staggered seating as described in subparagraph (1), the  
8 ranking majority party member shall be seated on the  
9 right side of the chair, and the ranking minority party  
10 shall be seated on the left side of the chair. Staggered  
11 seating shall not be required after the total number of mi-  
12 nority party members have been seated.”.

13 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 The amendment made by section 1 shall take effect  
15 immediately before noon, January 3, 2019.