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115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. RES.** _____Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives...

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PERRY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

_____**RESOLUTION**

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives...

1 *Resolved,*2 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING APPROPRIATIONS BILLS FROM**
3 **BEING CONSIDERED UNDER CLOSED RULE.**4 Clause 6 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of
5 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:7 “(h) The Committee on Rules may not report
8 a rule or order that would provide for the consider-
9 ation of any appropriation measure or joint resolu-
10 tion under a closed rule. This paragraph may not be
11 waived except by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of
12 the Members voting, a quorum being present.”.

1 **SEC. ____.** **REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL FOR**
2 **CLOSED RULES.**

3 Clause 6 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of
4 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(h) The House may not adopt a rule or order
7 reported by the Committee on Rules that would pro-
8 vide for the consideration of any bill or joint resolu-
9 tion under a closed rule except by an affirmative
10 vote of two-thirds of the Members voting, a quorum
11 being present.”.

1 **SEC. ____ . ELECTION OF CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES BY COM-**
2 **MITTEE MEMBERS.**

3 Clause 5(c)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House
4 of Representatives is amended by striking “by the House,
5 on the nomination of the majority party caucus or con-
6 ference,” and inserting “by the members of the com-
7 mittee”.

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITING CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES FROM**
2 **SERVING FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECU-**
3 **TIVE CONGRESSES.**

4 Clause 5(c)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House
5 of Representatives is amended by striking “more than
6 three consecutive Congresses” and inserting “more than
7 two consecutive Congresses”.

1 **SEC. ____ . PERMITTING PROXY VOTING IN COMMITTEES.**

2 Clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Rep-

3 resentatives is amended by striking paragraph (f).

1 **SEC. ____ . POINT OF ORDER AGAINST BILL AUTHORIZING**
2 **OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS AFTER APRIL 15**
3 **IF A BUDGET RESOLUTION HAS NOT PASSED**
4 **THE HOUSE.**

5 Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representa-
6 tives is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 clause:

8 “13.(a) It shall not be in order to consider a bill or
9 joint resolution authorizing or appropriating funds after
10 April 15 of a calendar year if a concurrent resolution on
11 the budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of
12 that calendar year has not passed the House.

13 “(b) Paragraph (a) may only be waived by an affirm-
14 ative vote of two thirds of the Members voting, a quorum
15 being present.”.

1 **SEC. ____.** **OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL**
2 **MEMBERS.**

3 Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representa-
4 tives is amended by redesignating clause 18 as clause 19
5 and by inserting after clause 18 the following new clause:

6 “18. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
7 shall have the duty and responsibility to actively engage
8 in the oversight of programs and agencies within the juris-
9 diction of the committees upon which such individual
10 serves.”.

1 **SEC. ____ . CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF ANY CONSTITU-**
2 **TIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT.**

3 Clause 7(c) of rule XII of the Rules of the House
4 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
5 following new subparagraph:

6 “(3) Upon the consideration of any bill or joint reso-
7 lution for which a constitutional authority statement ap-
8 peared in the Record, any Member may make a point of
9 order against the validity of such statement.”.

1 **SEC. ____.** **READING OF THE BILL.**

2 Clause 8 of rule XVI of the Rules of the House of
3 Representatives is amended by inserting “(a)” after “8.”,
4 by redesignating paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), as subpara-
5 graphs (1), (2), and (3), and by adding at the end the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(b) It shall not be in order to waive the first, second,
8 or third reading of a bill unless such waiver has been ap-
9 proved by a roll call vote with an affirmative vote of at
10 least two thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being
11 present.”.

1 **SEC. ____.** **CBO ESTIMATES.**

2 Clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House
3 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
4 following new sentence: “Any such estimate provided by
5 the Director shall, to the extent practicable, provide a
6 range of estimates based on economic variables instead of
7 one definitive estimate.”.

1 **SEC. ____ . SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.**

2 Clause 1 of rule XV of the Rules of the House of
3 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(d) A rule may not be suspended for any bill or joint
6 resolution if a cost estimate for that bill has not been pro-
7 vided by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office
8 or if that estimate indicates that such measure costs over
9 \$10,000,000.”.