Hon. Scott Perry (PA)

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H. RES. 1

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

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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.”.
SEC. ___. REQUIRING TWO-THIRDS APPROVAL FOR CLOSED RULES.

Clause 6 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(h) The House may not adopt a rule or order reported by the Committee on Rules that would provide for the consideration of any bill or joint resolution under a closed rule except by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being present.”.
SEC. ___. ELECTION OF CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Clause 5(e)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking “by the House, on the nomination of the majority party caucus or conference,” and inserting “by the members of the committee”.

SEC. ___. PROHIBITING CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES FROM SERVING FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE CONGRESSES.

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

SEC. ___. PERMITTING PROXY VOTING IN COMMITTEES.

Clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking paragraph (f).
SEC. ___. POINT OF ORDER AGAINST BILL AUTHORIZING OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS AFTER APRIL 15 IF A BUDGET RESOLUTION HAS NOT PASSED THE HOUSE.

Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

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

(b) Paragraph (a) may only be waived by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being present.”.

SEC. ___. OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by redesignating clause 18 as clause 19 and by inserting after clause 18 the following new clause:

“18. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner shall have the duty and responsibility to actively engage in the oversight of programs and agencies within the jurisdiction of the committees upon which such individual serves.”.
SEC. ___. CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT.

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

“(3) Upon the consideration of any bill or joint resolution for which a constitutional authority statement appeared in the Record, any Member may make a point of order against the validity of such statement.”.
SEC. ___.

READING OF THE BILL.

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

“(b) It shall not be in order to waive the first, second, or third reading of a bill unless such waiver has been approved by a roll call vote with and affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being present.”.
SEC. __. CBO ESTIMATES.

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

Clause 1 of rule XV of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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