

H. Res. 6

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

January 5 (legislative day, January 4), 1995.

Resolved,

TITLE I. CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: A BILL OF ACCOUNTABILITY

SEC. 101. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendments:

Committee, Subcommittee, and Staff Reforms

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

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

“(d) No committee of the House shall have more than five subcommittees (except the Committee on Appropriations, which shall have no more than thirteen; the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, which shall have no more than seven; and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which shall have no more than six).”.

(c) CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE STAFF AND BIENNIAL FUNDING.—

(1) In clause 5(a) of rule XI, amend the first sentence to read as follows: “Whenever any committee, commission, or other entity (except the Committee on Appropriations) is to be granted authorization for the payment of its expenses (including all staff salaries) for a Congress, such authorization initially shall be procured by one primary expense resolution reported by the Committee on House Oversight.”.

(2)(A) In clause 5(b) of rule XI, amend the first sentence to read as follows: “After the date of adoption

by the House of any such primary expense resolution for any such committee, commission, or other entity for any Congress, authorization for the payment of additional expenses (including staff salaries) in that Congress may be procured by one or more supplemental expense resolutions reported by the Committee on House Oversight, as necessary.”.

(B) In clause 5(c)(1) of rule XI—

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

(ii) strike “any year” and insert “any odd-numbered year”; and

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

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

(D) In clause 5(f)(1) of rule XI—

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

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

(3)(A) INTERIM FUNDING RULE.—For the purposes of implementing this section, and notwithstanding the provisions of clause 5(f) of rule XI, at the beginning of

the One Hundred Fourth Congress, the committees established by this resolution are authorized, pending the adoption of the primary expense resolution for the One Hundred Fourth Congress, to expend such sums as are necessary to pay compensation for staff services performed for, or to pay other expenses of, the committee consistent with its planned reductions in committee staff.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of clause 5(f) of rule XI, payments thereunder during the One Hundred Fourth Congress may be made only on vouchers signed by a Member elected as chairman of the committee concerned in the One Hundred Fourth Congress and approved by the Committee on House Oversight, or, in the case of late expenses of any committee from the One Hundred Third Congress not reestablished by the Rules of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, on vouchers signed by the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight.

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

“(d) From the funds made available for the appointment of committee staff pursuant to any primary or additional expense resolution, the chairman of each committee shall ensure that sufficient staff is made available to each subcommittee

to carry out its responsibilities under the rules of the committee, and that the minority party is fairly treated in the appointment of such staff.”.

(5)(A) In clause 6(a)(1) of rule XI, amend the first sentence to read as follows: “Subject to subparagraph (2) and paragraph (f), each standing committee may appoint, by majority vote of the committee, not more than thirty professional staff members from the funds provided for the appointment of committee staff pursuant to primary and additional expense resolutions.”.

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

(C) In clause 6(a) of rule XI, strike subparagraphs (3) through (5);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“(h) Paragraph (a) shall not be construed to authorize the appointment of additional professional staff members of a committee pursuant to a request under such paragraph by the minority party members of that committee if ten or more professional staff members provided for in paragraph (a)(1) who are satisfactory to a majority of the minority party members, are otherwise assigned to assist the minority party members.”.

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

SEC. 102. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendments:

Truth-in-Budgeting Baseline Reform

(a) In clause 2(l)(3)(B) of rule XI (relating to cost estimates in committee reports) insert before the semicolon the following: “, except that the estimates with respect to new budget authority shall include, when practicable, a compari-

son of the total estimated funding level for the relevant program (or programs) to the appropriate levels under current law”.

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

(1) strike “and” at the end of the subparagraph (1);

(2) strike the period at the end of the paragraph and insert “; and”; and

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

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

SEC. 103. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendments:

**Term Limits for Speaker, Committee and
Subcommittee Chairmen**

(a) In clause 7 of rule I, insert “(a)” after “7.” and add the following new paragraph at the end:

“(b) No person may serve as Speaker for more than four consecutive Congresses, beginning with the One Hundred Fourth Congress (disregarding for this purpose any service for less than a full session in any Congress).”.

(b) In clause 6(c) of rule X, insert after the first sentence the following: “No Member may serve as the chairman of the same standing committee, or as the chairman of the same subcommittee thereof, for more than three consecutive Congresses, beginning with the One Hundred Fourth Congress (disregarding for this purpose any service for less than a full session in any Congress).”.

SEC. 104. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendments:

Proxy Voting Ban

(a) In clause 2 of rule XI, amend paragraph (f) to read as follows:

“Prohibition against proxy voting

“(f) No vote by any member of any committee or subcommittee with respect to any measure or matter may be cast by proxy.”.

(b) In clause 2(e)(1) of rule XI, strike “and whether by proxy or in person,” in the third sentence.

SEC. 105. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendments:

Committee Sunshine Rules

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

(1) insert “, including to radio, television, and still photography coverage, except as provided by clause 3(f)(2),” after “public” the first place it appears;

(2) insert “because disclosure of matters to be considered would endanger national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person, or otherwise would violate any law or rule of the House” after “public” the second place it appears; and

(3) strike “, or to any meeting that relates solely to internal budget or personnel matters”.

(b) In clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI—

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

(2) insert “, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information,” after “would endanger national security” in both places it appears.

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

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

“(e) Whenever a hearing or meeting conducted by any committee or subcommittee of the House is open to the public, those proceedings shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography, except as provided in paragraph (f)(2). A committee or subcommittee chairman may not limit the number of television or still cameras to fewer than two representatives from each medium (except for legitimate space or safety considerations, in which case pool coverage shall be authorized).”.

SEC. 106. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of

the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendments:

Limitations on Tax Increases

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

“(c) No bill or joint resolution, amendment, or conference report carrying a Federal income tax rate increase shall be considered as passed or agreed to unless so determined by a vote of not less than three-fifths of the Members voting.”.

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

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

SEC. 107. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provi-

sions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendment:

Comprehensive House Audit

During the One Hundred Fourth Congress, the Inspector General, in consultation with the Speaker and the Committee on House Oversight, shall coordinate, and as needed contract with independent auditing firms to complete, a comprehensive audit of House financial records and administrative operations, and report the results in accordance with rule VI.

SEC. 108. The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendment:

Consideration of the “Congressional Accountability Act”

It shall be in order at any time after the adoption of this resolution to consider in the House, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, the bill (H.R. 1) to make certain laws applicable to the legislative branch of the Federal Government, if offered by the majority leader or a designee. The bill shall be debatable for not to exceed one hour, to be equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

TITLE II. GENERAL

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Third Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress, together with such amendments thereto in this resolution as may otherwise have been adopted, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, with the following amendments:

Administrative Reforms

SEC. 201. (a) ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF DOORKEEPER; ELECTION OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.—

In rule II, strike “Doorkeeper” each place it appears and insert “Chief Administrative Officer” .

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

“7. In addition to any other reports required by the Speaker or the Committee on House Oversight, the Clerk shall report to the Committee on House Oversight not later than forty-five days following the close of each semiannual period ending on June 30 or on December 31 on the financial and operational status of each function under the jurisdiction of the Clerk. Each report shall include financial statements, a description or explanation of current operations, the implementation of new policies and procedures, and future plans for each function.

“8. The Clerk shall fully cooperate with the appropriate offices and persons in the performance of reviews and audits of financial records and administrative operations.”.

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

“RULE IV.

“DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

“1. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to attend the House during its sittings, to maintain order under the direction of the Speaker or Chairman, and, pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro tempore, under the direction of the Clerk, execute the commands of the House, and

all processes issued by authority thereof, directed to him by the Speaker.

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

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

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

“5. In addition to any other reports required by the Speaker or the Committee on House Oversight, the Sergeant-at-Arms shall report to the Committee on House Oversight not later than forty-five days following the close of each semi-annual period ending June 30 or on December 31 on the financial and operational status of each function under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Each report shall include financial statements, a description or explanation of current operations, the implementation of new policies and procedures, and future plans for each function.

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

and audits of financial records and administrative operations.”.

“RULE V.

“CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

“1. The Chief Administrative Officer of the House shall have operational and financial responsibility for functions as assigned by the Speaker and the Committee on House Oversight, and shall be subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Speaker and the Committee on House Oversight.

“2. In addition to any other reports required by the Speaker or the Committee on House Oversight, the Chief shall report to the Committee on House Oversight not later than forty-five days following the close of each semiannual period ending on June 30 or December 31 on the financial and operational status of each function under the jurisdiction of the Chief. Each report shall include financial statements, a description or explanation of current operations, the implementation of new policies and procedures, and future plans for each function.

“3. The Chief shall fully cooperate with the appropriate offices and persons in the performance of reviews and audits of financial records and administrative operations.

“RULE VI.

“OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

“1. There is established an Office of Inspector General.

“2. The Inspector General shall be appointed for a Congress by the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader, acting jointly.

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

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

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

“(c) simultaneously notifying the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, and the chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Oversight in the case of any financial irregularity discovered in the course of carrying out responsibilities under this rule;

“(d) simultaneously submitting to the Speaker, the majority leader, and the chairman and ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Oversight a report of each audit conducted under this rule; and

“(e) reporting to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct information involving possible violations by any Member, officer, or employee of the House of any rule of the House or of any law applicable to the per-

formance of official duties or the discharge of official responsibilities which may require referral to the appropriate Federal or State authorities pursuant to clause 4(e)(1)(C) of rule X.”.

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

(e) In clause 4(d) of rule X—

(1) strike “Committee on House Administration” and insert “Committee on House Oversight”;

(2) strike subparagraphs (2) and (3), insert “and” after “House;” in subparagraph (1), redesignate paragraph (4) as paragraph (2), and amend paragraph (2), as so redesignated, to read as follows:

“(2) providing policy direction for, and oversight of, the Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Administrative Officer, and Inspector General.”.

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

Changes in Committee System

SEC. 202. (a) THE COMMITTEES AND THEIR JURISDICTION.—Clause 1 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

“1. There shall be in the House the following standing committees, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions assigned to it by this clause and clauses 2, 3, and 4; and all bills, resolutions, and other matters relating

to subjects within the jurisdiction of any standing committee as listed in this clause shall (in accordance with and subject to clause 5) be referred to such committees, as follows:

“(a) **Committee on Agriculture.**

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

“(2) Agriculture generally.

“(3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.

“(4) Agricultural colleges and experiment stations.

“(5) Agricultural economics and research.

“(6) Agricultural education extension services.

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

“(8) Animal industry and diseases of animals.

“(9) Commodities exchanges.

“(10) Crop insurance and soil conservation.

“(11) Dairy industry.

“(12) Entomology and plant quarantine.

“(13) Extension of farm credit and farm security.

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

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

“(16) Human nutrition and home economics.

“(17) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural engineering.

“(18) Rural electrification.

“(19) Rural development.

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

“(b) **Committee on Appropriations.**

“(1) Appropriation of the revenue for the support of the Government.

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

“(3) Transfers of unexpended balances.

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

The committee shall include separate headings for ‘Rescissions’ and ‘Transfers of Unexpended Balances’ in any bill or resolution as reported from the committee under its jurisdiction specified in subparagraph (2) or (3), with all proposed rescissions and proposed transfers listed therein; and shall include a separate section with respect to such rescissions or

transfers in the accompanying committee report. In addition to its jurisdiction under the preceding provisions of this paragraph, the committee shall have the fiscal oversight function provided for in clause 2(b)(3) and the budget hearing function provided for in clause 4(a).

“(c) Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

“(1) Banks and banking, including deposit insurance and Federal monetary policy.

“(2) Bank capital markets activities generally.

“(3) Depository institution securities activities generally, including the activities of any affiliates, except for functional regulation under applicable securities laws not involving safety and soundness.

“(4) Economic stabilization, defense production, renegotiation, and control of the price of commodities, rents, and services.

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

“(6) International finance.

“(7) International financial and monetary organizations.

“(8) Money and credit, including currency and the issuance of notes and redemption thereof; gold and sil-

ver, including the coinage thereof; valuation and revaluation of the dollar.

“(9) Public and private housing.

“(10) Urban development.

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

“(A) Members who are members of other standing committees, including five Members who are members of the Committee on Appropriations, and five Members who are members of the Committee on Ways and Means;

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

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

No Member other than a representative from the leadership of a party may serve as a member of the Committee on the Budget during more than four Congresses in any period of six successive Congresses (disregarding for this purpose any service performed as a member of such committee for less than a full session in any Congress), except that an incumbent chairman or ranking minority member having served on the committee for four Congresses and having served as chairman or ranking minority member of the committee for not more than one Congress shall be eligible for reelection to

the committee as chairman or ranking minority member for one additional Congress.

“(2) All concurrent resolutions on the budget (as defined in section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), other matters required to be referred to the committee under titles III and IV of that Act, and other measures setting forth appropriate levels of budget totals for the United States Government.

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

“(4) Measures relating to the establishment, extension, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal budget, including the budgetary treatment of off-budget Federal agencies and measures providing exemption from reduction under any order issued under part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

“(5) The committee shall have the duty—

“(A) to report the matters required to be reported by it under titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

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

“(C) to request and evaluate continuing studies of tax expenditures; to devise methods of coordinating tax expenditures, policies, and programs with direct budget outlays, and to report the results of such studies to the House on a recurring basis; and

“(D) to review, on a continuing basis, the conduct by the Congressional Budget Office of its functions and duties.

“(e) **Committee on Commerce.**

“(1) Biomedical research and development.

“(2) Consumer affairs and consumer protection.

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

“(4) Interstate energy compacts.

“(5) Interstate and foreign commerce generally.

“(6) Measures relating to the exploration, production, storage, supply, marketing, pricing, and regulation of energy resources, including all fossil fuels, solar energy, and other unconventional or renewable energy resources.

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

“(8) Measures relating to energy information generally.

“(9) Measures relating to (A) the generation and marketing of power (except by federally chartered or Federal regional power marketing authorities), (B) the reliability and interstate transmission of, and rate-making for, all power, and (C) the siting of generation facilities; except the installation of interconnections between Government waterpower projects.

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

“(11) National energy policy generally.

“(12) Public health and quarantine.

“(13) Regulation of the domestic nuclear energy industry, including regulation of research and development reactors and nuclear regulatory research.

“(14) Regulation of interstate and foreign communications.

“(15) Securities and exchanges.

“(16) Travel and tourism.

The committee shall have the same jurisdiction with respect to regulation of nuclear facilities and of use of nuclear energy as it has with respect to regulation of nonnuclear facilities and of use of nonnuclear energy. In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preceding provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight functions under clause 2(b)(1)),

such committee shall have the special oversight functions provided for in clause (3)(h) with respect to all laws, programs, and Government activities affecting nuclear and other energy, and nonmilitary nuclear energy and research and development including the disposal of nuclear waste.

“(f) Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

“(1) Child labor.

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

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

“(4) Food programs for children in schools.

“(5) Labor standards and statistics.

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

“(7) Mediation and arbitration of labor disputes.

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

“(9) United States Employees’ Compensation Commission.

“(10) Vocational rehabilitation.

“(11) Wages and hours of labor.

“(12) Welfare of miners.

“(13) Work incentive programs.

In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preceding provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have the special oversight function provided for in clause 3(c) with respect to domestic educational programs and institutions, and programs of student assistance, which are within the jurisdiction of other committees.

“(g) Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

“(1) The Federal Civil Service, including intergovernmental personnel; the status of officers and employees of the United States, including their compensation, classification, and retirement.

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

“(3) Federal paperwork reduction.

“(4) Budget and accounting measures, generally.

“(5) Holidays and celebrations.

“(6) The overall economy, efficiency and management of government operations and activities, including Federal procurement.

“(7) National archives.

“(8) Population and demography generally, including the Census.

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

“(10) Public information and records.

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

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

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

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

“(1) Appropriations from accounts for committee salaries and expenses (except for the Committee on Appropriations), House Information Systems, and allowances and expenses of Members, House officers and administrative offices of the House.

“(2) Auditing and settling of all accounts described in subparagraph (1).

“(3) Employment of persons by the House, including clerks for Members and committees, and reporters of debates.

“(4) Except as provided in clause 1(q)(11), matters relating to the Library of Congress and the House Li-

brary; statuary and pictures; acceptance or purchase of works of art for the Capitol; the Botanic Gardens; management of the Library of Congress; purchase of books and manuscripts.

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

“(6) Expenditure of accounts described in subparagraph (1).

“(7) Franking Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

“(13) Measures relating to services to the House, including the House Restaurant, parking facilities and

administration of the House office buildings and of the House wing of the Capitol.

“(14) Measures relating to the travel of Members of the House.

“(15) Measures relating to the raising, reporting and use of campaign contributions for candidates for office of Representative in the House of Representatives, of Delegate, and of Resident Commissioner to the United States from Puerto Rico.

“(16) Measures relating to the compensation, retirement and other benefits of the Members, officers, and employees of the Congress.

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

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

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

“(2) Acquisition of land and buildings for embassies and legations in foreign countries.

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

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

“(5) Foreign loans.

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

“(7) International conferences and congresses.

“(8) International education.

“(9) Intervention abroad and declarations of war.

“(10) Measures relating to the diplomatic service.

“(11) Measures to foster commercial intercourse with foreign nations and to safeguard American business interests abroad.

“(12) Measures relating to international economic policy.

“(13) Neutrality.

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

“(15) The American National Red Cross.

“(16) Trading with the enemy.

“(17) United Nations organizations.

In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preceding provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have the spe-

cial oversight functions provided for in clause 3(d) with respect to customs administration, intelligence activities relating to foreign policy, international financial and monetary organizations, and international fishing agreements.

“(j) Committee on the Judiciary.

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

“(2) Administrative practice and procedure.

“(3) Apportionment of Representatives.

“(4) Bankruptcy, mutiny, espionage, and counterfeiting.

“(5) Civil liberties.

“(6) Constitutional amendments.

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

“(8) Immigration and naturalization.

“(9) Interstate compacts, generally.

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

“(11) Meetings of Congress, attendance of Members and their acceptance of incompatible offices.

“(12) National penitentiaries.

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

“(14) Presidential succession.

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

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

“(17) State and territorial boundaries.

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

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

“(1) Ammunition depots; forts; arsenals; Army, Navy, and Air Force reservations and establishments.

“(2) Common defense generally.

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

“(4) The Department of Defense generally, including the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force generally.

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

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

“(7) Military applications of nuclear energy.

“(8) Tactical intelligence and intelligence related activities of the Department of the Defense.

“(9) National security aspects of merchant marine, including financial assistance for the construction and operation of vessels, the maintenance of the U.S. shipbuilding and ship repair industrial base, cabotage, cargo preference and merchant marine officers and seamen as these matters relate to the national security.

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

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

“(12) Selective service.

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

“(14) Soldiers’ and sailors’ homes.

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

In addition to its legislative jurisdiction under the preceding provisions of this paragraph (and its general oversight function under clause 2(b)(1)), the committee shall have the special oversight function provided for in clause 3(a) with respect to international arms control and disarmament, and military dependents education.

“(l) **Committee on Resources.**

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

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

“(3) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.

“(4) Geological Survey.

“(5) International fishing agreements.

“(6) Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes.

“(7) Irrigation and reclamation, including water supply for reclamation projects, and easements of public lands for irrigation projects, and acquisition of private lands when necessary to complete irrigation projects.

“(8) Measures relating to the care and management of Indians, including the care and allotment of Indian lands and general and special measures relating to claims which are paid out of Indian funds.

“(9) Measures relating generally to the insular possessions of the United States, except those affecting the revenue and appropriations.

“(10) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks within the District of Columbia, and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

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

“(12) Mineral resources of the public lands.

“(13) Mining interests generally.

“(14) Mining schools and experimental stations.

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

“(16) Oceanography.

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

“(18) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain.

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

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

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

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

“(m) **Committee on Rules.**

“(1) The rules and joint rules (other than rules or joint rules relating to the Code of Official Conduct), and order of business of the House.

“(2) Recesses and final adjournments of Congress. The Committee on Rules is authorized to sit and act whether or not the House is in session.

“(n) **Committee on Science.**

“(1) All energy research, development, and demonstration, and projects therefor, and all federally owned or operated nonmilitary energy laboratories.

“(2) Astronautical research and development, including resources, personnel, equipment, and facilities.

“(3) Civil aviation research and development.

“(4) Environmental research and development.

“(5) Marine research.

“(6) Measures relating to the commercial application of energy technology.

“(7) National Institute of Standards and Technology, standardization of weights and measures and the metric system.

“(8) National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

“(9) National Space Council.

“(10) National Science Foundation.

“(11) National Weather Service.

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

“(13) Science Scholarships.

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

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

“(o) **Committee on Small Business.**

“(1) Assistance to and protection of small business, including financial aid, regulatory flexibility and paperwork reduction.

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

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

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

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

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

“(q) **Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.**

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

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

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

“(4) Inland waterways.

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

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

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

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

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

“(10) Measures relating to the construction or maintenance of roads and post roads, other than appropriations therefor; but it shall not be in order for any bill providing general legislation in relation to roads to contain any provision for any specific road, nor for any bill in relation to a specific road to embrace a provision in relation to any other specific road.

“(11) Measures relating to the construction or reconstruction, maintenance, and care of the buildings and grounds of the Botanic Gardens, the Library of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution.

“(12) Measures relating to merchant marine, except for national security aspects of merchant marine.

“(13) Measures relating to the purchase of sites and construction of post offices, customhouses, Federal courthouses, and Government buildings within the District of Columbia.

“(14) Oil and other pollution of navigable waters, including inland, coastal, and ocean waters.

“(15) Marine affairs (including coastal zone management) as they relate to oil and other pollution of navigable waters.

“(16) Public buildings and occupied or improved grounds of the United States generally.

“(17) Public works for the benefit of navigation, including bridges and dams (other than international bridges and dams).

“(18) Related transportation regulatory agencies.

“(19) Roads and the safety thereof.

“(20) Transportation, including civil aviation, railroads, water transportation, transportation safety (except automobile safety), transportation infrastructure, transportation labor, and railroad retirement and unemployment (except revenue measures related thereto).

“(21) Water power.

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

“(1) Veterans’ measures generally.

“(2) Cemeteries of the United States in which veterans of any war or conflict are or may be buried, whether in the United States or abroad, except cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

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

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

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

“(6) Readjustment of servicemen to civil life.

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

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

“(s) **Committee on Ways and Means.**

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

“(2) Reciprocal trade agreements.

“(3) Revenue measures generally.

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

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

“(6) The deposit of public moneys.

“(7) Transportation of dutiable goods.

“(8) Tax exempt foundations and charitable trusts.

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

(b) Any reference in the rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Third Congress to the following standing committees of the House: the Committee on Armed Services; the Committee on the District of Columbia; the Committee on Education and Labor; the Committee on Energy and Commerce; the Committee on Foreign Affairs; the Committee on Government Operations; the Committee on House Administration; the Committee on Natural Resources; and the Committee on Science, Space and Technology; shall be amended to be a reference to the following standing committees of the House, respectively: the Committee on National Security; the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; the Committee on Commerce; the Committee on International Relations; the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; the Committee on House Oversight; the Committee on Resources; and the Committee on Science.

(c) The chairman of the Committee on the Budget, when elected, may revise (within the appropriate levels established in House Concurrent Resolution 218 of the One Hundred Third Congress) allocations of budget outlays, new budget authority, and entitlement authority among committees of the House in the One Hundred Fourth Congress to reflect changes in jurisdiction under clause 1 of rule X. He shall publish the revised allocations in the Congressional Record.

Once published, the revised allocations shall be effective in the House as though made pursuant to sections 302(a) and 602(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

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

Oversight Reform

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

“(d)(1) Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, each standing committee of the House shall, in a meeting that is open to the public and with a quorum present, adopt its oversight plans for that Congress. Such plans shall be submitted simultaneously to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and to the Committee on House Oversight. In developing such plans each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible—

“(A) consult with other committees of the House that have jurisdiction over the same or related laws, programs, or agencies within its jurisdiction, with the objective of ensuring that such laws, programs, or agencies are reviewed in the same Congress and that there is a

maximum of coordination between such committees in the conduct of such reviews; and such plans shall include an explanation of what steps have been and will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;

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

“(C) have a view toward ensuring that all significant laws, programs, or agencies within its jurisdictions are subject to review at least once every ten years.

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

“(3) Not later than March 31 in the first session of a Congress, after consultation with the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight shall report to the House the oversight plans submitted by each committee together with any recommendations that it, or the House leadership group referred to above, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of such plans and otherwise achieve the objectives of this clause.

“(e) The Speaker, with the approval of the House, may appoint special ad hoc oversight committees for the purpose of reviewing specific matters within the jurisdiction of two or more standing committees.”.

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

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

“(2) Such report shall include separate sections summarizing the legislative and oversight activities of that committee during that Congress.

“(3) The oversight section of such report shall include a summary of the oversight plans submitted by the committee pursuant to clause 2(d) of rule X, a summary of the actions taken and recommendations made with respect to each such plan, and a summary of any additional oversight activities undertaken by that committee, and any recommendations made or actions taken thereon.”.

Member Assignment Limits

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

“(2)(A) No Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may serve simultaneously as a member of more than

two standing committees or four subcommittees of the standing committees of the House, except that ex officio service by a chairman and ranking minority member of a committee on each of its subcommittees by committee rule shall not be counted against the limitation on subcommittee service. Any other exception to these limitations must be approved by the House upon the recommendation of the respective party caucus or conference.

“(B) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘subcommittee’ includes any panel (other than a special oversight panel of the Committee on National Security), task force, special subcommittee, or any subunit of a standing committee that is established for a cumulative period longer than six months in any Congress.”.

Multiple Referral Reform

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

“(c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to any matter, the Speaker shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction; but also may refer the matter to one or more additional committees, for consideration in sequence (subject to appropriate time limitations), either on its initial referral or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction; or may refer portions of the matter to one or more additional committees (reflecting different

subjects and jurisdictions) for the consideration only of designated portions; or may refer the matter to a special ad hoc committee appointed by the Speaker with the approval of the House (with members from the committees having jurisdiction) for the specific purpose of considering that matter and reporting to the House thereon; or may make such other provisions as may be considered appropriate.”.

Accuracy of Committee Transcripts

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

“(A) in the case of any meeting or hearing transcript, a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks involved; and

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

Elimination of “Rolling Quorums”

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

Limitation on Committees’ Sitzings

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

“Limitation on committees’ sittings

“(i)(1) No committee of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and the Committee on Ways and Means) may sit, without special leave, while the House is reading a measure for amendment under the five-minute rule. For purposes of this paragraph, special leave will be granted unless ten or more Members object; and shall be granted upon the adoption of a motion, which shall be highly privileged if offered by the majority leader, granting such leave to one or more committees.

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

Accountability for Committee Votes

SEC. 209. In clause 2(l)(2) of rule XI amend subdivision (B) to read as follows:

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

Affirming Minority's Right on Motions to Recommit

SEC. 210. In clause 4(b) of rule XI, insert before the period at the end the following: “, including a motion to recommit with instructions to report back an amendment otherwise in order (if offered by the minority leader or a designee), except with respect to a Senate bill or resolution for which the text of a House-passed measure has been substituted”.

Waiver Policy for Special Rules

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

“(e) Whenever the Committee on Rules reports a resolution providing for the consideration of any measure, it shall, to the maximum extent possible, specify in the resolution the object of any waiver of a point of order against the measure or against its consideration.”.

Prohibition on Delegate Voting in Committee of the Whole

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

(b) In clause 1 of rule XXIII, strike “, Resident Commissioner, or Delegate”.

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

Accuracy of the Congressional Record

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

“9. (a) The Congressional Record shall be a substantially verbatim account of remarks made during the proceedings of the House, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the Member making the remarks involved.

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

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

Automatic Rollcall Votes

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

“7. The yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered when the Speaker puts the question on final passage or adoption of any bill, joint resolution, or conference report making general appropriations or increasing Federal income tax rates, or on final adoption of any concurrent resolution on the budget or conference report thereon.”.

Appropriations Reforms

SEC. 215. (a) CONSIDERATION OF LIMITATION AMENDMENTS.—In clause 2(d) of rule XXI, strike “shall have prece-

dence” and insert “shall, if offered by the majority leader or a designee, have precedence”.

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

“(e) No provision shall be reported in any appropriation bill or joint resolution containing an emergency designation for purposes of section 251(b)(2)(D) or section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, or shall be in order as an amendment thereto, if the provision or amendment is not designated as an emergency, unless the provision or amendment rescinds budget authority or reduces direct spending, or reduces an amount for a designated emergency.”.

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

“(f) During the reading of any appropriation bill for amendment in the Committee of the Whole, it shall be in order to consider en bloc amendments proposing only to transfer appropriations among objects in the bill without increasing the levels of budget authority or outlays in the bill. When considered en bloc pursuant to this paragraph, such amendments may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment (following the disposition of any points of order

against such portions) and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.”.

(d) LISTING OF UNAUTHORIZED APPROPRIATIONS IN REPORTS.—In clause 3 of rule XXI, insert before the period the following: “, and shall contain a list of all appropriations contained in the bill for any expenditure not previously authorized by law (except for classified intelligence or national security programs, projects, or activities)”.

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

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

Ban on Commemoratives

SEC. 216. (a) In rule XXII—

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

“(b)(1) No bill or resolution, and no amendment to any bill or resolution, establishing or expressing any commemoration may be introduced or considered in the House.

“(2) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘commemoration’ means any remembrance, celebration, or recognition for any purpose through the designation of a specified period of time.”.

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

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

Numerical Designation of Amendments

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

Pledge of Allegiance

SEC. 218. In clause 1 of rule XXIV—

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

(b) redesignate succeeding orders accordingly.

Discharge Petitions

SEC. 219. In clause 3 of rule XXVII, insert the following three new sentences after the fifth sentence: “The Clerk shall cause the names of the Members who have signed a discharge motion during any week to be published in a portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose on the last legislative day of that week. The Clerk shall make available

each day for public inspection in an appropriate office of the House cumulative lists of such names. The Clerk shall devise a means by which to make such lists available to offices of the House and to the public in electronic form.”.

Protection of Classified Materials

SEC. 220. In rule XLIII (“Code of Official Conduct”) insert the following new clause before the two undesignated paragraphs at the end:

“13. Before any Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives may have access to classified information, the following oath (or affirmation) shall be executed:

‘I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not disclose any classified information received in the course of my service with the House of Representatives, except as authorized by House of Representatives or in accordance with its Rules.’

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

Select Committee on Intelligence

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

(b)(1) In clause 1(b) of rule XLVIII, insert “(1)” after “(b)”, strike “majority leader”, and insert “Speaker”.

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

“(2) The Speaker and minority leader each may designate a member of their leadership staff to assist them in their capacity as ex officio members, with the same access to committee meetings, hearings, briefings, and materials as if employees of the select committee, and subject to the same security clearance and confidentiality requirements as employees of the select committee under this rule.”.

(3) In clause 7(c) of rule XLVIII, strike subparagraph (3).

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

“(c) No Member of the House other than the Speaker and the minority leader may serve on the select committee during more than four Congresses in any period of six successive Congresses (disregarding for this purpose any service for less than a full session in any Congress), except that the incumbent chairman or ranking minority member having served on the select committee for four Congresses and having served as chairman or ranking minority member for not more than one Congress shall be eligible for reappointment to the

select committee as chairman or ranking minority member for one additional Congress.”.

(d) In clause 2(a) of rule XLVIII—

(1) insert the following before the period in subparagraph (1): “, and the National Foreign Intelligence Program as defined in section 3(6) of the National Security Act of 1947”;

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

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

“(4) Authorizations for appropriations, both direct and indirect, for the following:

“(A) The Central Intelligence Agency, Director of Central Intelligence, and the National Foreign Intelligence Program as defined in section 3(6) of the National Security Act of 1947.

“(B) Intelligence and intelligence-related activities of all other departments and agencies of the Government, including, but not limited to, the tactical intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the Department of Defense.

“(C) Any department, agency, or subdivision, or program that is a successor to any agency or

program named or referred to in subdivision (A) or (B).”.

Abolition of Legislative Service Organizations

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

Miscellaneous Provisions and Clerical Corrections

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

“(A) the question of adopting a resolution;

“(B) the question of passing a bill;

“(C) the question of agreeing to a motion to instruct conferees as provided in clause 1(c) of rule XXVIII: *Provided, however,* That proceedings shall not resume on said question if the conferees have filed a report in the House;

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

“(E) the question of ordering the previous question on a question described in subdivision (A), (B), (C), or (D); and

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

(b) OFFICE OF FLOOR ASSISTANTS.—There is established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the Speaker’s Office for Legislative Floor Activities. The Speaker shall appoint and set the annual rate of pay for employees of the Office. The Office shall have the responsibility of assisting the Speaker in the management of legislative floor activity.

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

(1) strike “The member” and insert “A member”;
and

(2) strike “ranking immediately after the chairman” and insert “designated by the chairman of the full committee”.

(d) PROHIBITION AGAINST MEMBERS’ USE OF PERSONAL, ELECTRONIC OFFICE EQUIPMENT ON HOUSE FLOOR.—In clause 7 of rule XIV, insert “or to use any personal, electronic office equipment (including cellular phones and computers)” after “to smoke”.

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

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

(f) CLERICAL CORRECTIONS.—

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

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

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

Attest:

Clerk.