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H. RES. 802

Requiring the House of Representatives to convene and hold recorded quorum calls during a Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOSKOWITZ (for himself, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. WHITESIDES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. FROST, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. MIN, Ms. TOKUDA, and Mr. LANDSMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING HOUSE TO CONVENE DURING GOV-**
3 **ERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
5 section (b), on each day on which a Government shutdown

1 is in effect, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 shall convene a meeting of the House.

3 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT.—

4 During a meeting of the House on a day on which a Gov-
5 ernment shutdown is in effect, it shall not be in order for
6 the House to consider a motion to adjourn or for the
7 Speaker to declare a recess unless—

8 (1) the House met for each of the first 5 con-
9 secutive calendar days on which the Government
10 shutdown is in effect;

11 (2) the proposed period of adjournment or re-
12 cess does not last for more than 2 consecutive cal-
13 endar days; and

14 (3) the House has met for at least 5 consec-
15 tive calendar days since the expiration of the most
16 recent period of adjournment or recess under this
17 subsection.

18 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY RECORDED QUORUM CALLS.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENT.—On each day on which the
20 House is in session while a Government shutdown is in
21 effect, there shall be one or more recorded quorum calls
22 under which each Member of the House shall record the
23 Member's presence by electronic device.

24 (b) IMPOSITION OF FINES FOR FAILURE TO RECORD
25 PRESENCE.—

1 (1) IMPOSITION BY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.—(A)

2 The Sergeant-at-Arms is authorized and directed to
3 impose a fine against a Member for failure to record
4 the presence of the Member on a quorum call under
5 subsection (a) on 2 or more consecutive days, except
6 that the Sergeant-at-Arms may not impose a fine
7 against a Member who notifies the Speaker that the
8 reason for the failure is the illness of the Member
9 or the illness of a member of the Member's family.

10 (B) A fine imposed pursuant to this resolution
11 shall be \$500 for a first offense and \$2,500 for any
12 subsequent offense.

13 (C) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall promptly notify
14 in writing the Member, the Speaker, the Minority
15 Leader, the Committee on Ethics, and the Chief Ad-
16 ministrative Officer of any fine under this sub-
17 section. Such notification shall include findings de-
18 tailing the violation and shall also be made publicly
19 available by the chair of the Committee on Ethics.

20 (2) APPEAL TO COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.—(A)

21 The Member may appeal the fine imposed under
22 subsection (a) in writing to the Committee on Ethics
23 not later than 30 calendar days or five legislative
24 days, whichever is later, after notification pursuant
25 to paragraph (1)(C). Such appeal shall include a re-

1 sponse to the findings issued by the Sergeant-at-
2 Arms pursuant to such paragraph.

3 (B) Upon receipt of an appeal pursuant to sub-
4 paragraph (A), the Committee on Ethics shall have
5 a period of 30 calendar days or five legislative days,
6 whichever is later, to consider the appeal. The fine
7 will be upheld unless the appeal is agreed to by a
8 majority of the Committee. Upon a determination
9 regarding the appeal or if no appeal has been filed
10 at the expiration of the period specified in subpara-
11 graph (A), the chair of the Committee on Ethics
12 shall promptly notify the Member, the Speaker, the
13 Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Chief Administrative Of-
14 ficer, and shall make such notification publicly avail-
15 able. The Speaker shall promptly lay such notifica-
16 tion before the House.

17 (C) If a Member files an appeal under subpara-
18 graph (A) prior to the date on which the Committee
19 on Ethics has adopted written rules, the period for
20 the Committee's consideration of the appeal under
21 subparagraph (B) shall begin on the date on which
22 the chair of the Committee notifies the Member that
23 the Committee has adopted such rules.

24 (3) DEDUCTING FINE FROM PAY.—(A) If a
25 Member against whom a fine is imposed by the Ser-

1 geant-at-Arms under paragraph (1) has not paid the
2 fine prior to the expiration of the 90-calendar day
3 period which begins on the date described in sub-
4 paragraph (B), the Chief Administrative Officer
5 shall deduct the amount of the fine from the net sal-
6 ary otherwise due the Member, in accordance with
7 timetables and procedures established by the Com-
8 mittee on House Administration for purposes of car-
9 rying out this subsection.

10 (B) The date described in this subparagraph is,
11 with respect to a fine imposed on a Member—

12 (i) the date of the determination of the
13 Committee on Ethics under paragraph (2)(B);
14 or

15 (ii) if the Member does not file an appeal
16 with the Committee on Ethics prior to the expi-
17 ration of the period specified in paragraph
18 (2)(B), the first day after the expiration of such
19 period.

20 (4) PROHIBITING USE OF CAMPAIGN OR OFFI-
21 CIAL FUNDS TO PAY FINES.—A Member may not
22 use campaign funds or official funds, including
23 amounts in the Members' Representational Allow-
24 ance, to pay a fine imposed under this section.

1 (5) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—The Ser-
 2 geant-at-Arms, Committee on Ethics, Committee on
 3 House Administration, and Chief Administrative Of-
 4 ficer are authorized to establish policies and proce-
 5 dures for the implementation of this section.

6 **SEC. 3. NO EFFECT ON OTHER BUSINESS.**

7 Nothing in this resolution may be construed to pro-
 8 hibit or otherwise affect the authority of the House of
 9 Representatives to conduct any business on a day on which
 10 a Government shutdown is in effect which is consistent
 11 with the Rules of the House.

12 **SEC. 4. PERIOD OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

13 For purposes of this resolution, a Government shut-
 14 down shall be considered to be in effect if there is a lapse
 15 in appropriations for any Federal agency or department
 16 as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations
 17 bill or continuing resolution.

18 **SEC. 5. APPLICATION TO DELEGATES AND RESIDENT COM-**
 19 **MISSIONER.**

20 In this resolution, the term “Member of the House
 21 of Representatives” includes a Delegate or Resident Com-
 22 missioner to the Congress.

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