

# H. RES. 997

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCGOVERN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and Ethics, 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

Enabling the House of Representatives to be responsive to its membership.

1      *Resolved,*

2 **TITLE I**

**3 SEC. 101. CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.**

4 In rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
5 resentatives, strike clause 2 and insert the following:

6       “2. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-  
7   ficer, or employee of the House shall adhere to the spirit  
8   and the letter of the Rules of the House and to the rules  
9   of duly constituted committees thereof.”.

1 **SEC. 102. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.**

2 In rule XV of the Rules of the House of Representa-  
3 tives, strike clause 1 and insert the following:

4 “1.(a) A rule may not be suspended except by a vote  
5 of two-thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being  
6 present. The Speaker may not entertain a motion that the  
7 House suspend the rules except on Mondays, Tuesdays,  
8 and Wednesdays and during the last six days of a session  
9 of Congress.

10 “(b) Pending a motion that the House suspend the  
11 rules, the Speaker may entertain one motion that the  
12 House adjourn but may not entertain any other motion  
13 until the vote is taken on the suspension.

14 “(c) A motion that the House suspend the rules is  
15 debatable for 40 minutes, one-half in favor of the motion  
16 and one-half in opposition thereto.”.

17 **TITLE II**

18 **SEC. 201. PLACEMENT OF U.S. TIME ZONE CLOCKS IN**  
19 **HOUSE CHAMBER.**

20 (a) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLERK.—The Clerk of the  
21 House of Representatives shall place clocks displaying  
22 each United States time zone in real time in the House  
23 Chamber in clear view of the Members.

1       (b) REGULATIONS.—The Clerk shall carry out this  
2 resolution in accordance with regulations promulgated by  
3 the Committee on House Administration.

