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THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
*Washington, DC.*

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 11:40 a.m., in room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Robert A. Brady presiding.

Present: Representatives Brady, Lofgren, McCarthy, and Ehlers.  
Staff Present: Charles Howell, Chief Counsel; Thomas Hicks, Election Counsel; Janelle Hu, Professional Staff; Matt Pinkus, Professional Staff/Parliamentarian; Kristin McCowan, Chief Legislative Clerk; Fred Hay, Minority General Counsel; Gineen Beach, Minority Counsel; and Peter Sloan, Minority Professional Staff.

Mr. BRADY. Good morning, everyone.

I would like to call the Committee to order at this point in time. I would like to recognize the gentlelady from California.

Ms. LOFGREN. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, as we know, we have postponed the markup scheduled for today because of the spate of illness of our Chairwoman and her interest in chairing the markup.

But I did want to report from our subcommittee, our Election Subcommittee—we have had three hearings and the last one was a very extensive hearing that went on all morning—and this bipartisan bill has, I think, considerable momentum, that there were issues raised to us that we hoped to address in the legislative process when we reconvened after the recess.

But I feel very positive about the energy behind this and our ability to deal with the issues that have been raised to us, and I want to give that report and also thank all of the members from the Election Committee on both sides of the aisle for their active participation in these sets of hearings.

And that would conclude my brief report, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BRADY. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. Ranking Member, Mr. Ehlers.

Mr. EHLERS. I would just like to respond.

I appreciate the spirit in which the comments were offered. We have looked at your proposed substitute. We have a number of amendments to that. I don't see anything that is a stopper. I think we should be able to work out an agreement, and whatever we don't work out we will handle through amendments when we come to the full committee and look where the votes fall.

So I appreciate the spirit in which you made those comments, and we will continue to work with you and try to get the best bill

we possibly can that will accomplish its purposes. A bill that will maintain the right of every citizen to vote, will assure that each citizen's vote, will count, and that we also take care of the particular problems.

I don't know what the worst problem is, but particularly taking care of those with disabilities. That is not an easy issue to solve given the constraints of what we are trying to do, and we have to continue to do more work on that as well.

So with that, I yield back.

Mr. BRADY. I thank the gentleman.

Does anyone else seek recognition?

Nobody else seeks recognition.

I will now have the Committee stand adjourned.

Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 11:43 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]