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Adopting rules for the One Hundred Sixth Congress in recodified form.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARMEY submitted the following resolution; which was considered and
agreed to

RESOLUTION

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recodified form.

1 *Resolved*, That the Rules of the House of Representa-
2 tives of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, including appli-
3 cable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that con-
4 stituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred
5 Fifth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House
6 of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixth Congress,
7 with amendments to the standing rules, and with other
8 orders, as follows:

9 **SECTION 1. CHANGES IN STANDING RULES.**

10 Amend the standing rules to read as follows:

1 RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 RULE I.

3 THE SPEAKER.

4 ***Approval of the Journal***

5 1. The Speaker shall take the Chair on every legisla-
6 tive day precisely at the hour to which the House last ad-
7 journed and immediately call the House to order. Having
8 examined and approved the Journal of the last day's pro-
9 ceedings, the Speaker shall announce to the House his ap-
10 proval thereof. The Speaker's approval of the Journal
11 shall be deemed agreed to unless a Member, Delegate, or
12 Resident Commissioner demands a vote thereon. If such
13 a vote is decided in the affirmative, it shall not be subject
14 to a motion to reconsider. If such a vote is decided in the
15 negative, then one motion that the Journal be read shall
16 be privileged, shall be decided without debate, and shall
17 not be subject to a motion to reconsider.

18 ***Preservation of order***

19 2. The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum
20 and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the
21 galleries or in the lobby, may cause the same to be cleared.

22 ***Control of Capitol facilities***

23 3. Except as otherwise provided by rule or law, the
24 Speaker shall have general control of the Hall of the
25 House, the corridors and passages in the part of the Cap-

1 itol assigned to the use of the House, and the disposal
2 of unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol.

3 ***Signature of documents***

4 4. The Speaker shall sign all acts and joint resolu-
5 tions passed by the two Houses and all writs, warrants,
6 and subpoenas of, or issued by order of, the House. The
7 Speaker may sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions
8 whether or not the House is in session.

9 ***Questions of order***

10 5. The Speaker shall decide all questions of order,
11 subject to appeal by a Member, Delegate, or Resident
12 Commissioner. On such an appeal a Member, Delegate,
13 or Resident Commissioner may not speak more than once
14 without permission of the House.

15 ***Form of a question***

16 6. The Speaker shall rise to put a question but may
17 state it sitting. The Speaker shall put a question in this
18 form: “Those in favor (of the question), say ‘Aye.’”; and
19 after the affirmative voice is expressed, “Those opposed,
20 say ‘No.’”. After a vote by voice under this clause, the
21 Speaker may use such voting procedures as may be in-
22 voked under rule XX.

1 ***Discretion to vote***

2 7. The Speaker is not required to vote in ordinary
3 legislative proceedings, except when his vote would be deci-
4 sive or when the House is engaged in voting by ballot.

5 ***Speaker pro tempore***

6 8. (a) The Speaker may appoint a Member to perform
7 the duties of the Chair. Except as specified in paragraph
8 (b), such an appointment may not extend beyond three
9 legislative days.

10 (b)(1) In the case of his illness, the Speaker may ap-
11 point a Member to perform the duties of the Chair for
12 a period not exceeding 10 days, subject to the approval
13 of the House. If the Speaker is absent and has omitted
14 to make such an appointment, then the House shall elect
15 a Speaker pro tempore to act during the absence of the
16 Speaker.

17 (2) With the approval of the House, the Speaker may
18 appoint a Member to act as Speaker pro tempore only to
19 sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for a specified pe-
20 riod of time.

21 ***Term limit***

22 9. A person may not serve as Speaker for more than
23 four consecutive Congresses (disregarding for this purpose
24 any service for less than a full session in any Congress).

1 ***Designation of travel***

2 10. The Speaker may designate a Member, Delegate,
3 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House
4 to travel on the business of the House within or without
5 the United States, whether the House is meeting, has re-
6 cessed, or has adjourned. Expenses for such travel may
7 be paid from applicable accounts of the House described
8 in clause 1(i)(1) of rule X on vouchers approved and
9 signed solely by the Speaker.

10 ***Committee appointment***

11 11. The Speaker shall appoint all select, joint, and
12 conference committees ordered by the House. At any time
13 after an original appointment, the Speaker may remove
14 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner from,
15 or appoint additional Members, Delegates, or the Resident
16 Commissioner to, a select or conference committee. In ap-
17 pointing Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commis-
18 sioner to conference committees, the Speaker shall appoint
19 no less than a majority who generally supported the House
20 position as determined by the Speaker, shall name those
21 who are primarily responsible for the legislation, and shall,
22 to the fullest extent feasible, include the principal pro-
23 ponents of the major provisions of the bill or resolution
24 passed or adopted by the House.

1 ***Declaration of recess***

2 12. To suspend the business of the House for a short
3 time when no question is pending before the House, the
4 Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the
5 Chair.

6 ***Other responsibilities***

7 13. The Speaker, in consultation with the Minority
8 Leader, shall develop through an appropriate entity of the
9 House a system for drug testing in the House. The system
10 may provide for the testing of a Member, Delegate, Resi-
11 dent Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House, and
12 otherwise shall be comparable in scope to the system for
13 drug testing in the executive branch pursuant to Executive
14 Order 12564 (Sept. 15, 1986). The expenses of the system
15 may be paid from applicable accounts of the House for
16 official expenses.

17 RULE II.

18 OTHER OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS.

19 ***Elections***

20 1. There shall be elected at the commencement of
21 each Congress, to continue in office until their successors
22 are chosen and qualified, a Clerk, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a
23 Chief Administrative Officer, and a Chaplain. Each of
24 these officers shall take an oath to support the Constitu-
25 tion of the United States, and for the true and faithful
26 exercise of the duties of his office to the best of his knowl-

1 edge and ability, and to keep the secrets of the House.
2 Each of these officers shall appoint all of the employees
3 of his department provided for by law. The Clerk, Ser-
4 geant-at-Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer may be
5 removed by the House or by the Speaker.

6 ***Clerk***

7 2. (a) At the commencement of the first session of
8 each Congress, the Clerk shall call the Members, Dele-
9 gates, and Resident Commissioner to order and proceed
10 to record their presence by States in alphabetical order,
11 either by call of the roll or by use of the electronic voting
12 system. Pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro
13 tempore, the Clerk shall preserve order and decorum and
14 decide all questions of order, subject to appeal by a Mem-
15 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner.

16 (b) At the commencement of every regular session of
17 Congress, the Clerk shall make and cause to be printed
18 and delivered to each Member, Delegate, and the Resident
19 Commissioner a list of the reports that any officer or De-
20 partment is required to make to Congress, citing the law
21 or resolution in which the requirement may be contained
22 and placing under the name of each officer the list of re-
23 ports he is required to make.

24 (c) The Clerk shall—

1 (1) note all questions of order, with the deci-
2 sions thereon, the record of which shall be appended
3 to the Journal of each session;

4 (2) enter on the Journal the hour at which the
5 House adjourns;

6 (3) complete the printing and distribution of
7 the Journal to Members, Delegates, and the Resi-
8 dent Commissioner, together with an accurate and
9 complete index, as soon as possible after the close of
10 a session; and

11 (4) send a printed copy of the Journal to the
12 executive of and to each branch of the legislature of
13 every State as may be requested by such State offi-
14 cials.

15 (d) The Clerk shall attest and affix the seal of the
16 House to all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by
17 order of the House and certify the passage of all bills and
18 joint resolutions.

19 (e) The Clerk shall cause the calendars of the House
20 to be printed and distributed each legislative day.

21 (f) The Clerk shall—

22 (1) retain in the library at the Office of the
23 Clerk for the use of the Members, Delegates, Resi-
24 dent Commissioner, and officers of the House, and

1 not to be withdrawn therefrom, two copies of all the
2 books and printed documents deposited there; and

3 (2) deliver or mail to any Member, Delegate, or
4 the Resident Commissioner an extra copy, in binding
5 of good quality, of each document requested by that
6 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner that
7 has been printed by order of either House of Con-
8 gress in any Congress in which the Member, Dele-
9 gate, or Resident Commissioner served.

10 (g) The Clerk shall provide for his temporary absence
11 or disability by designating an official in the Office of the
12 Clerk to sign all papers that may require the official signa-
13 ture of the Clerk and to do all other official acts that the
14 Clerk may be required to do under the rules and practices
15 of the House, except such official acts as are provided for
16 by statute. Official acts done by the designated official
17 shall be under the name of the Clerk. The designation
18 shall be in writing and shall be laid before the House and
19 entered on the Journal.

20 (h) The Clerk may receive messages from the Presi-
21 dent and from the Senate at any time when the House
22 is not in session.

23 (i)(1) The Clerk shall supervise the staff and manage
24 the office of a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
25 sioner who has died, resigned, or been expelled until a suc-

cessor is elected. The Clerk shall perform similar duties in the event that a vacancy is declared by the House in any congressional district because of the incapacity of the person representing such district or other reason. Whenever the Clerk is acting as a supervisory authority over such staff, he shall have authority to terminate employees and, with the approval of the Committee on House Administration, may appoint such staff as is required to operate the office until a successor is elected.

(2) For 60 days following the death of a former Speaker, the Clerk shall maintain on the House payroll, and shall supervise in the same manner, staff appointed under House Resolution 1238, Ninety-first Congress (as enacted into permanent law by chapter VIII of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1971) (2 U.S.C. 31b–5).

(j) In addition to any other reports required by the Speaker or the Committee on House Administration, the Clerk shall report to the Committee on House Administration not later than 45 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 and a description or explanation of current operations, the implementation of new

1 policies and procedures, and future plans for each func-
2 tion.

3 (k) The Clerk shall fully cooperate with the appro-
4 priate offices and persons in the performance of reviews
5 and audits of financial records and administrative oper-
6 ations.

7 ***Sergeant-at-Arms***

8 3. (a) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall attend the House
9 during its sittings and maintain order under the direction
10 of the Speaker or other presiding officer. The Sergeant-
11 at-Arms shall execute the commands of the House, and
12 all processes issued by authority thereof, directed to him
13 by the Speaker.

14 (b) The symbol of the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms
15 shall be the mace, which shall be borne by him while en-
16 forcing order on the floor.

17 (c) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall enforce strictly the
18 rules relating to the privileges of the Hall of the House
19 and be responsible to the House for the official conduct
20 of his employees.

21 (d) The Sergeant-at-Arms may not allow a person to
22 enter the room over the Hall of the House during its
23 sittings; and from 15 minutes before the hour of the meet-
24 ing of the House each day until 10 minutes after adjourn-

1 ment, he shall see that the floor is cleared of all persons
2 except those privileged to remain.

3 (e) In addition to any other reports required by the
4 Speaker or the Committee on House Administration, the
5 Sergeant-at-Arms shall report to the Committee on House
6 Administration not later than 45 days following the close
7 of each semiannual period ending on June 30 or on De-
8 cember 31 on the financial and operational status of each
9 function under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant-at-Arms.
10 Each report shall include financial statements and a de-
11 scription or explanation of current operations, the imple-
12 mentation of new policies and procedures, and future
13 plans for each function.

14 (f) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall fully cooperate with
15 the appropriate offices and persons in the performance of
16 reviews and audits of financial records and administrative
17 operations.

18 ***Chief Administrative Officer***

19 4. (a) The Chief Administrative Officer shall have
20 operational and financial responsibility for functions as as-
21 signed by the Committee on House Administration and
22 shall be subject to the policy direction and oversight of
23 the Committee on House Administration.

24 (b) In addition to any other reports required by the
25 Committee on House Administration, the Chief Adminis-

1 trative Officer shall report to the Committee on House Ad-
2 ministration not later than 45 days following the close of
3 each semiannual period ending on June 30 or December
4 31 on the financial and operational status of each function
5 under the jurisdiction of the Chief Administrative Officer.
6 Each report shall include financial statements and a de-
7 scription or explanation of current operations, the imple-
8 mentation of new policies and procedures, and future
9 plans for each function.

10 (c) The Chief Administrative Officer shall fully co-
11 operate with the appropriate offices and persons in the
12 performance of reviews and audits of financial records and
13 administrative operations.

14 ***Chaplain***

15 5. The Chaplain shall offer a prayer at the com-
16 mencement of each day's sitting of the House.

17 ***Office of Inspector General***

18 6. (a) There is established an Office of Inspector
19 General.

20 (b) The Inspector General shall be appointed for a
21 Congress by the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the
22 Minority Leader, acting jointly.

23 (c) Subject to the policy direction and oversight of
24 the Committee on House Administration, the Inspector
25 General shall only—

1 (1) conduct periodic audits of the financial and
2 administrative functions of the House and of joint
3 entities;

4 (2) inform the officers or other officials who are
5 the subject of an audit of the results of that audit
6 and suggesting appropriate curative actions;

7 (3) simultaneously notify the Speaker, the Ma-
8 jority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the chair-
9 man and ranking minority member of the Committee
10 on House Administration in the case of any financial
11 irregularity discovered in the course of carrying out
12 responsibilities under this clause;

13 (4) simultaneously submit to the Speaker, the
14 Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the
15 chairman and ranking minority member of the Com-
16 mittee on House Administration a report of each
17 audit conducted under this clause; and

18 (5) report to the Committee on Standards of
19 Official Conduct information involving possible viola-
20 tions by a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
21 sioner, officer, or employee of the House of any rule
22 of the House or of any law applicable to the per-
23 formance of official duties or the discharge of official
24 responsibilities that may require referral to the ap-

4 7. There is established an Office of the Historian of
5 the House of Representatives. The Speaker shall appoint
6 and set the annual rate of pay for employees of the Office
7 of the Historian.

8. There is established an Office of General Counsel for the purpose of providing legal assistance and representation to the House. Legal assistance and representation shall be provided without regard to political affiliation. The Office of General Counsel shall function pursuant to the direction of the Speaker, who shall consult with a Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group, which shall include the majority and minority leaderships. The Speaker shall appoint and set the annual rate of pay for employees of the Office of General Counsel.

20 THE MEMBERS, DELEGATES, AND RESIDENT
21 COMMISSIONER OF PUERTO RICO.

23 1. Every Member shall be present within the Hall of
24 the House during its sittings, unless excused or necessarily
25 prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless he

1 has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the event
2 of such question.

3 2. (a) A Member may not authorize any other person
4 to cast his vote or record his presence in the House or
5 the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
6 Union.

7 (b) No other person may cast a Member's vote or
8 record a Member's presence in the House or the Commit-
9 tee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

10 ***Delegates and the Resident Commissioner***

11 3. (a) Each Delegate and the Resident Commissioner
12 shall be elected to serve on standing committees in the
13 same manner as Members of the House and shall possess
14 in such committees the same powers and privileges as the
15 other members of the committee.

16 (b) The Delegates and the Resident Commissioner
17 may be appointed to any select committee and to any con-
18 ference committee.

19 **RULE IV.**

20 **THE HALL OF THE HOUSE.**

21 ***Use and admittance***

22 1. The Hall of the House shall be used only for the
23 legislative business of the House and for caucus and con-
24 ference meetings of its Members, except when the House
25 agrees to take part in any ceremonies to be observed there-

1 in. The Speaker may not entertain a motion for the sus-
2 pension of this clause.

3 2. (a) Only the following persons shall be admitted
4 to the Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto:

5 (1) Members of Congress, Members-elect, and
6 contestants in election cases during the pendency of
7 their cases on the floor.

8 (2) The Delegates and the Resident Commis-
9 sioner.

10 (3) The President and Vice President of the
11 United States and their private secretaries.

12 (4) Justices of the Supreme Court.

13 (5) Elected officers and minority employees
14 nominated as elected officers of the House.

15 (6) The Parliamentarian.

16 (7) Staff of committees when business from
17 their committee is under consideration.

18 (8) Not more than one person from the staff of
19 a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
20 when that Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
21 sioner has an amendment under consideration (sub-
22 ject to clause 5).

23 (9) The Architect of the Capitol.

24 (10) The Librarian of Congress and the assist-
25 ant in charge of the Law Library.

1 (11) The Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms of
2 the Senate.

3 (12) Heads of departments.

4 (13) Foreign ministers.

5 (14) Governors of States.

6 (15) Former Members, Delegates, and Resident
7 Commissioners; former Parliamentarians of the
8 House; and former elected officers and minority em-
9 ployees nominated as elected officers of the House
10 (subject to clause 4).

11 (16) One attorney to accompany a Member,
12 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who is the re-
13 spondent in an investigation undertaken by the
14 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct when a
15 recommendation of that committee is under consid-
16 eration in the House.

17 (17) Such persons as have, by name, received
18 the thanks of Congress.

19 (b) The Speaker may not entertain a unanimous con-
20 sent request or a motion to suspend this clause.

21 3. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), all per-
22 sons not entitled to the privilege of the floor during the
23 session shall be excluded at all times from the Hall of the
24 House and the cloakrooms.

1 (b) Until 15 minutes of the hour of the meeting of
2 the House, persons employed in its service, accredited
3 members of the press entitled to admission to the press
4 gallery, and other persons on request of a Member, Dele-
5 gate, or Resident Commissioner by card or in writing, may
6 be admitted to the Hall of the House.

7 4. (a) Former Members, Delegates, and Resident
8 Commissioners; former Parliamentarians of the House;
9 and former elected officers and minority employees nomi-
10 nated as elected officers of the House shall be entitled to
11 the privilege of admission to the Hall of the House and
12 rooms leading thereto only if—

13 (1) they do not have any direct personal or pe-
14 cuniary interest in any legislative measure pending
15 before the House or reported by a committee; and

16 (2) they are not in the employ of, or do not rep-
17 resent, any party or organization for the purpose of
18 influencing, directly or indirectly, the passage, de-
19 feat, or amendment of any legislative measure pend-
20 ing before the House, reported by a committee, or
21 under consideration in any of its committees or sub-
22 committees.

23 (b) The Speaker shall promulgate such regulations as
24 may be necessary to implement this rule and to ensure
25 its enforcement.

1 5. A person from the staff of a Member, Delegate,
2 or Resident Commissioner may be admitted to the Hall
3 of the House or rooms leading thereto under clause 2 only
4 upon prior notice to the Speaker. Such persons, and per-
5 sons from the staff of committees admitted under clause
6 2, may not engage in efforts in the Hall of the House
7 or rooms leading thereto to influence Members with regard
8 to the legislation being amended. Such persons shall re-
9 main at the desk and are admitted only to advise the
10 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or committee
11 responsible for their admission. A person who violates this
12 clause may be excluded during the session from the Hall
13 of the House and rooms leading thereto by the Speaker.

14 ***Gallery***

15 6. (a) The Speaker shall set aside a portion of the
16 west gallery for the use of the President, the members of
17 the Cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, foreign min-
18 isters and suites, and the members of their respective fam-
19 ilies. The Speaker shall set aside another portion of the
20 same gallery for the accommodation of persons to be ad-
21 mitted on the cards of Members, Delegates, or the Resi-
22 dent Commissioner.

23 (b) The Speaker shall set aside the southerly half of
24 the east gallery for the use of the families of Members
25 of Congress. The Speaker shall control one bench. On the

1 request of a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner,
 2 or Senator, the Speaker shall issue a card of admission
 3 to his family, which may include their visitors. No other
 4 person shall be admitted to this section.

5 ***Prohibition on campaign contributions***

6 7. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, offi-
 7 cer, or employee of the House, or any other person entitled
 8 to admission to the Hall of the House or rooms leading
 9 thereto by this rule, may not knowingly distribute a politi-
 10 cal campaign contribution in the Hall of the House or
 11 rooms leading thereto.

12 RULE V.

13 BROADCASTING THE HOUSE.

14 1. The Speaker shall administer a system subject to
 15 his direction and control for closed-circuit viewing of floor
 16 proceedings of the House in the offices of all Members,
 17 Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, and committees
 18 and in such other places in the Capitol and the House
 19 Office Buildings as he considers appropriate. Such system
 20 may include other telecommunications functions as the
 21 Speaker considers appropriate. Any such telecommuni-
 22 cations shall be subject to rules and regulations issued by
 23 the Speaker.

24 2. (a) The Speaker shall administer a system subject
 25 to his direction and control for complete and unedited

1 audio and visual broadcasting and recording of the pro-
2 ceedings of the House. The Speaker shall provide for the
3 distribution of such broadcasts and recordings to news
4 media, for the storage of audio and video recordings of
5 the proceedings, and for the closed-captioning of the pro-
6 ceedings for hearing-impaired persons.

7 (b) All television and radio broadcasting stations, net-
8 works, services, and systems (including cable systems)
9 that are accredited to the House Radio and Television
10 Correspondents' Galleries, and all radio and television cor-
11 respondents who are so accredited, shall be provided ac-
12 cess to the live coverage of the House.

13 (c) Coverage made available under this clause, includ-
14 ing any recording thereof—

15 (1) may not be used for any political purpose;

16 (2) may not be used in any commercial adver-
17 tisement; and

18 (3) may not be broadcast with commercial
19 sponsorship except as part of a bona fide news pro-
20 gram or public affairs documentary program.

21 3. The Speaker may delegate any of his responsibil-
22 ities under this rule to such legislative entity as he consid-
23 ers appropriate.

1 RULE VI.

2 OFFICIAL REPORTERS AND NEWS MEDIA GALLERIES.

3 ***Official reporters***

4 1. Subject to the direction and control of the Speaker,
5 the Clerk shall appoint, and may remove for cause, the
6 official reporters of the House, including stenographers of
7 committees, and shall supervise the execution of their du-
8 ties.

9 ***News media galleries***

10 2. A portion of the gallery over the Speaker's chair
11 as may be necessary to accommodate representatives of
12 the press wishing to report debates and proceedings shall
13 be set aside for their use. Reputable reporters and cor-
14 respondents shall be admitted thereto under such regula-
15 tions as the Speaker may prescribe from time to time. The
16 Standing Committee of Correspondents for the Press Gal-
17 lery, and the Executive Committee of Correspondents for
18 the Periodical Press Gallery, shall supervise such galleries,
19 including the designation of its employees, subject to the
20 direction and control of the Speaker. The Speaker may
21 assign one seat on the floor to Associated Press reporters
22 and one to United Press International reporters, and may
23 regulate their occupation. The Speaker may admit to the
24 floor, under such regulations as he may prescribe, one ad-
25 ditional representative of each press association.

RECORDS OF THE HOUSE.

19 1. (a) At the end of each Congress, the chairman of
20 each committee shall transfer to the Clerk any noncurrent
21 records of such committee, including the subcommittees
22 thereof.

23 (b) At the end of each Congress, each officer of the
24 House elected under rule II shall transfer to the Clerk

1 any noncurrent records made or acquired in the course
2 of the duties of such officer.

3 2. The Clerk shall deliver the records transferred
4 under clause 1, together with any other noncurrent
5 records of the House, to the Archivist of the United States
6 for preservation at the National Archives and Records Ad-
7 ministration. Records so delivered are the permanent
8 property of the House and remain subject to this rule and
9 any order of the House.

10 ***Public availability***

11 3. (a) The Clerk shall authorize the Archivist to make
12 records delivered under clause 2 available for public use,
13 subject to paragraph (b), clause 4, and any order of the
14 House.

15 (b)(1) A record shall immediately be made available
16 if it was previously made available for public use by the
17 House or a committee or a subcommittee.

18 (2) An investigative record that contains personal
19 data relating to a specific living person (the disclosure of
20 which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal pri-
21 vacy), an administrative record relating to personnel, or
22 a record relating to a hearing that was closed under clause
23 2(g)(2) of rule XI shall be made available if it has been
24 in existence for 50 years.

1 (3) A record for which a time, schedule, or condition
2 for availability is specified by order of the House shall be
3 made available in accordance with that order. Except as
4 otherwise provided by order of the House, a record of a
5 committee for which a time, schedule, or condition for
6 availability is specified by order of the committee (entered
7 during the Congress in which the record is made or ac-
8 quired by the committee) shall be made available in ac-
9 cordance with the order of the committee.

10 (4) A record (other than a record referred to in sub-
11 paragraph (1), (2), or (3)) shall be made available if it
12 has been in existence for 30 years.

13 4. (a) A record may not be made available for public
14 use under clause 3 if the Clerk determines that such avail-
15 ability would be detrimental to the public interest or incon-
16 sistent with the rights and privileges of the House. The
17 Clerk shall notify in writing the chairman and ranking mi-
18 nority member of the Committee on House Administration
19 of any such determination.

20 (b) A determination of the Clerk under paragraph (a)
21 is subject to later orders of the House and, in the case
22 of a record of a committee, later orders of the committee.

23 5. (a) This rule does not supersede rule VIII or clause
24 9 of rule X and does not authorize the public disclosure

1 of any record if such disclosure is prohibited by law or
2 executive order of the President.

3 (b) The Committee on House Administration may
4 prescribe guidelines and regulations governing the applica-
5 bility and implementation of this rule.

6 (c) A committee may withdraw from the National Ar-
7 chives and Records Administration any record of the com-
8 mittee delivered to the Archivist under this rule. Such a
9 withdrawal shall be on a temporary basis and for official
10 use of the committee.

11 ***Definition of record***

12 6. In this rule the term “record” means any official,
13 permanent record of the House (other than a record of
14 an individual Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
15 sioner), including—

16 (a) with respect to a committee, an official, per-
17 manent record of the committee (including any
18 record of a legislative, oversight, or other activity of
19 such committee or a subcommittee thereof); and

20 (b) with respect to an officer of the House
21 elected under rule II, an official, permanent record
22 made or acquired in the course of the duties of such
23 officer.

1 ***Withdrawal of papers***

2 7. A memorial or other paper presented to the House
 3 may not be withdrawn from its files without its leave. If
 4 withdrawn certified copies thereof shall be left in the office
 5 of the Clerk. When an act passes for the settlement of
 6 a claim, the Clerk may transmit to the officer charged
 7 with the settlement thereof the papers on file in his office
 8 relating to such claim. The Clerk may lend temporarily
 9 to an officer or bureau of the executive departments any
 10 papers on file in his office relating to any matter pending
 11 before such officer or bureau, taking proper receipt there-
 12 for.

13 RULE VIII.

14 RESPONSE TO SUBPOENAS.

15 1. When a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
 16 sioner, officer, or employee of the House is properly served
 17 with a subpoena or other judicial order directing appear-
 18 ance as a witness relating to the official functions of the
 19 House or for the production or disclosure of any document
 20 relating to the official functions of the House, such Mem-
 21 ber, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
 22 ployee shall comply, consistently with the privileges and
 23 rights of the House, with the subpoena or other judicial
 24 order as hereinafter provided, unless otherwise determined
 25 under this rule.

1 2. Upon receipt of a properly served subpoena or
2 other judicial order described in clause 1, a Member, Dele-
3 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
4 House shall promptly notify the Speaker of its receipt in
5 writing. Such notification shall promptly be laid before the
6 House by the Speaker. During a period of recess or ad-
7 journment of longer than three days, notification to the
8 House is not required until the reconvening of the House,
9 when the notification shall promptly be laid before the
10 House by the Speaker.

11 3. Once notification has been laid before the House,
12 the Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or
13 employee of the House shall determine whether the
14 issuance of the subpoena or other judicial order described
15 in clause 1 is a proper exercise of jurisdiction by the court,
16 is material and relevant, and is consistent with the privi-
17 leges and rights of the House. Such Member, Delegate,
18 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee shall notify
19 the Speaker before seeking judicial determination of these
20 matters.

21 4. Upon determination whether a subpoena or other
22 judicial order described in clause 1 is a proper exercise
23 of jurisdiction by the court, is material and relevant, and
24 is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House,
25 the Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or

1 employee of the House shall immediately notify the Speak-
2 er of the determination in writing.

3 5. The Speaker shall inform the House of a deter-
4 mination whether a subpoena or other judicial order de-
5 scribed in clause 1 is a proper exercise of jurisdiction by
6 the court, is material and relevant, and is consistent with
7 the privileges and rights of the House. In so informing
8 the House, the Speaker shall generally describe the
9 records or information sought. During a period of recess
10 or adjournment of longer than three days, such notifica-
11 tion is not required until the reconvening of the House,
12 when the notification shall promptly be laid before the
13 House by the Speaker.

14 6. (a) Except as specified in paragraph (b) or other-
15 wise ordered by the House, upon notification to the House
16 that a subpoena or other judicial order described in clause
17 1 is a proper exercise of jurisdiction by the court, is mate-
18 rial and relevant, and is consistent with the privileges and
19 rights of the House, the Member, Delegate, Resident Com-
20 missioner, officer, or employee of the House shall comply
21 with the subpoena or other judicial order by supplying cer-
22 tified copies.

23 (b) Under no circumstances may minutes or tran-
24 scripts of executive sessions, or evidence of witnesses in
25 respect thereto, be disclosed or copied. During a period

1 of recess or adjournment of longer than three days, the
 2 Speaker may authorize compliance or take such other ac-
 3 tion as he considers appropriate under the circumstances.
 4 Upon the reconvening of the House, all matters that tran-
 5 spired under this clause shall promptly be laid before the
 6 House by the Speaker.

7 7. A copy of this rule shall be transmitted by the
 8 Clerk to the court when a subpoena or other judicial order
 9 described in clause 1 is issued and served on a Member,
 10 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of
 11 the House.

12 8. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to deprive,
 13 condition, or waive the constitutional or legal privileges or
 14 rights applicable or available at any time to a Member,
 15 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of
 16 the House, or of the House itself, or the right of such
 17 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
 18 ployee, or of the House itself, to assert such privileges or
 19 rights before a court in the United States.

20 RULE IX.

21 QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

22 1. Questions of privilege shall be, first, those affecting
 23 the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and
 24 the integrity of its proceedings; and second, those affecting
 25 the rights, reputation, and conduct of Members, Dele-

1 gates, or the Resident Commissioner, individually, in their
2 representative capacity only.

3 2. (a)(1) A resolution reported as a question of the
4 privileges of the House, or offered from the floor by the
5 Majority Leader or the Minority Leader as a question of
6 the privileges of the House, or offered as privileged under
7 clause 1, section 7, article I of the Constitution, shall have
8 precedence of all other questions except motions to ad-
9 journ. A resolution offered from the floor by a Member,
10 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner other than the Major-
11 ity Leader or the Minority Leader as a question of the
12 privileges of the House shall have precedence of all other
13 questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or
14 place, designated by the Speaker, in the legislative sched-
15 ule within two legislative days after the day on which the
16 proponent announces to the House his intention to offer
17 the resolution and the form of the resolution. Oral an-
18 nouncement of the form of the resolution may be dis-
19 pensed with by unanimous consent.

20 (2) The time allotted for debate on a resolution of-
21 fered from the floor as a question of the privileges of the
22 House shall be equally divided between (A) the proponent
23 of the resolution, and (B) the Majority Leader, the Minor-
24 ity Leader, or a designee, as determined by the Speaker.

1 (b) A question of personal privilege shall have prece-
 2 dence of all other questions except motions to adjourn.

3 **RULE X.**

4 **ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES.**

5 ***Committees and their legislative jurisdictions***

6 1. There shall be in the House the following standing
 7 committees, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and
 8 related functions assigned by this clause and clauses 2,
 9 3, and 4. All bills, resolutions, and other matters relating
 10 to subjects within the jurisdiction of the standing commit-
 11 tees listed in this clause shall be referred to those commit-
 12 tees, in accordance with clause 2 of rule XII, as follows:

13 (a) **Committee on Agriculture.**

14 (1) Adulteration of seeds, insect pests, and
 15 protection of birds and animals in forest re-
 16 serves.

17 (2) Agriculture generally.

18 (3) Agricultural and industrial chemistry.

19 (4) Agricultural colleges and experiment
 20 stations.

21 (5) Agricultural economics and research.

22 (6) Agricultural education extension serv-
 23 ices.

24 (7) Agricultural production and marketing
 25 and stabilization of prices of agricultural prod-

1 ucts, and commodities (not including distribu-
2 tion outside of the United States).

3 (8) Animal industry and diseases of ani-
4 mals.

5 (9) Commodity exchanges.

6 (10) Crop insurance and soil conservation.

7 (11) Dairy industry.

8 (12) Entomology and plant quarantine.

9 (13) Extension of farm credit and farm se-
10 curity.

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

13 (15) Forestry in general and forest re-
14 serves other than those created from the public
15 domain.

16 (16) Human nutrition and home econom-
17 ics.

18 (17) Plant industry, soils, and agricultural
19 engineering.

20 (18) Rural electrification.

21 (19) Rural development.

22 (20) Water conservation related to activi-
23 ties of the Department of Agriculture.

24 (b) **Committee on Appropriations.**

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

3 (2) Rescissions of appropriations contained
4 in appropriation Acts.

5 (3) Transfers of unexpended balances.

6 (4) Bills and joint resolutions reported by
7 other committees that provide new entitlement
8 authority as defined in section 3(9) of the Con-
9 gressional Budget Act of 1974 and referred to
10 the committee under clause 4(a)(2).

11 (c) **Committee on Armed Services.**

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

15 (2) Common defense generally.

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

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

21 (5) Interoceanic canals generally, including
22 measures relating to the maintenance, oper-
23 ation, and administration of interoceanic canals.

24 (6) Merchant Marine Academy and State
25 Maritime Academies.

1 (7) Military applications of nuclear energy.

2 (8) Tactical intelligence and intelligence-re-
3 lated activities of the Department of Defense.

4 (9) National security aspects of merchant
5 marine, including financial assistance for the
6 construction and operation of vessels, mainte-
7 nance of the U.S. shipbuilding and ship repair
8 industrial base, cabotage, cargo preference, and
9 merchant marine officers and seamen as these
10 matters relate to the national security.

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

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

16 (12) Selective service.

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

19 (14) Soldiers' and sailors' homes.

20 (15) Strategic and critical materials nec-
21 essary for the common defense.

22 (d) **Committee on Banking and Finan-**
23 **cial Services.**

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

1 (2) Bank capital markets activities gen-
2 erally.

3 (3) Depository institutions securities activi-
4 ties generally, including activities of any affili-
5 ates (except for functional regulation under ap-
6 plicable securities laws not involving safety and
7 soundness).

8 (4) Economic stabilization, defense produc-
9 tion, renegotiation, and control of the price of
10 commodities, rents, and services.

11 (5) Financial aid to commerce and indus-
12 try (other than transportation).

13 (6) International finance.

14 (7) International financial and monetary
15 organizations.

16 (8) Money and credit, including currency
17 and this issuance of notes and redemption
18 thereof; gold and silver, including the coinage
19 thereof; valuation and revaluation of the dollar.

20 (9) Public and private housing.

21 (10) Urban development.

22 (e) **Committee on the Budget.**

23 (1) Concurrent resolutions on the budget
24 (as defined in section 3(4) of the Congressional
25 Budget Act of 1974), other matters required to

1 be referred to the committee under titles III
2 and IV of that Act, and other measures setting
3 forth appropriate levels of budget totals for the
4 United States Government.

5 (2) Budget process generally.

6 (3) Establishment, extension, and enforce-
7 ment of special controls over the Federal budg-
8 et, including the budgetary treatment of off-
9 budget Federal agencies and measures provid-
10 ing exemption from reduction under any order
11 issued under part C of the Balanced Budget
12 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

13 (f) **Committee on Commerce.**

14 (1) Biomedical research and development.

15 (2) Consumer affairs and consumer protec-
16 tion.

17 (3) Health and health facilities (except
18 health care supported by payroll deductions).

19 (4) Interstate energy compacts.

20 (5) Interstate and foreign commerce gen-
21 erally.

22 (6) Exploration, production, storage, sup-
23 ply, marketing, pricing, and regulation of en-
24 ergy resources, including all fossil fuels, solar

1 energy, and other unconventional or renewable
2 energy resources.

3 (7) Conservation of energy resources.

4 (8) Energy information generally.

5 (9) The generation and marketing of
6 power (except by federally chartered or Federal
7 regional power marketing authorities); reliabil-
8 ity and interstate transmission of, and rate-
9 making for, all power; and siting of generation
10 facilities (except the installation of interconnec-
11 tions between Government waterpower
12 projects).

13 (10) General management of the Depart-
14 ment of Energy and management and all func-
15 tions of the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-
16 mission.

17 (11) National energy policy generally.

18 (12) Public health and quarantine.

19 (13) Regulation of the domestic nuclear
20 energy industry, including regulation of re-
21 search and development reactors and nuclear
22 regulatory research.

23 (14) Regulation of interstate and foreign
24 communications.

25 (15) Securities and exchanges.

1 (16) Travel and tourism.

2 The committee shall have the same jurisdiction with
3 respect to regulation of nuclear facilities and of use
4 of nuclear energy as it has with respect to regulation
5 of nonnuclear facilities and of use of nonnuclear en-
6 ergy.

7 (g) **Committee on Education and the**
8 **Workforce.**

9 (1) Child labor.

10 (2) Gallaudet University and Howard Uni-
11 versity and Hospital.

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

14 (4) Food programs for children in schools.

15 (5) Labor standards and statistics.

16 (6) Education or labor generally.

17 (7) Mediation and arbitration of labor dis-
18 putes.

19 (8) Regulation or prevention of importa-
20 tion of foreign laborers under contract.

21 (9) Workers' compensation.

22 (10) Vocational rehabilitation.

23 (11) Wages and hours of labor.

24 (12) Welfare of miners.

25 (13) Work incentive programs.

1 (h) **Committee on Government Re-**
2 **form.**

3 (1) Federal civil service, including inter-
4 governmental personnel; and the status of offi-
5 cers and employees of the United States, in-
6 cluding their compensation, classification, and
7 retirement.

8 (2) Municipal affairs of the District of Co-
9 lumbia in general (other than appropriations).

10 (3) Federal paperwork reduction.

11 (4) Government management and account-
12 ing measures generally.

13 (5) Holidays and celebrations.

14 (6) Overall economy, efficiency, and man-
15 agement of government operations and activi-
16 ties, including Federal procurement.

17 (7) National archives.

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

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

22 (10) Public information and records.

23 (11) Relationship of the Federal Govern-
24 ment to the States and municipalities generally.

1 (12) Reorganizations in the executive
2 branch of the Government.

3 (i) **Committee on House Administra-**
4 **tion.**

5 (1) Appropriations from accounts for com-
6 mittee salaries and expenses (except for the
7 Committee on Appropriations); House Informa-
8 tion Resources; and allowance and expenses of
9 Members, Delegates, the Resident Commis-
10 sioner, officers, and administrative offices of the
11 House.

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

14 (3) Employment of persons by the House,
15 including staff for Members, Delegates, the
16 Resident Commissioner, and committees; and
17 reporters of debates, subject to rule VI.

18 (4) Except as provided in paragraph
19 (q)(11), the Library of Congress, including
20 management thereof; the House Library; statu-
21 ary and pictures; acceptance or purchase of
22 works of art for the Capitol; the Botanic Gar-
23 den; and purchase of books and manuscripts.

1 (5) The Smithsonian Institution and the
2 incorporation of similar institutions (except as
3 provided in paragraph (q)(11)).

4 (6) Expenditure of accounts described in
5 subparagraph (1).

6 (7) Franking Commission.

7 (8) Printing and correction of the Congres-
8 sional Record.

9 (9) Accounts of the House generally.

10 (10) Assignment of office space for Mem-
11 bers, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner,
12 and committees.

13 (11) Disposition of useless executive pa-
14 pers.

15 (12) Election of the President, Vice Presi-
16 dent, Members, Senators, Delegates, or the
17 Resident Commissioner; corrupt practices; con-
18 tested elections; credentials and qualifications;
19 and Federal elections generally.

20 (13) Services to the House, including the
21 House Restaurant, parking facilities, and ad-
22 ministration of the House Office Buildings and
23 of the House wing of the Capitol.

24 (14) Travel of Members, Delegates, and
25 the Resident Commissioner.

1 (15) Raising, reporting, and use of cam-
2 paign contributions for candidates for office of
3 Representative, of Delegate, and of Resident
4 Commissioner.

5 (16) Compensation, retirement, and other
6 benefits of the Members, Delegates, the Resi-
7 dent Commissioner, officers, and employees of
8 Congress.

9 (j) **Committee on International Rela-**
10 **tions.**

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

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

15 (3) Establishment of boundary lines be-
16 tween the United States and foreign nations.

17 (4) Export controls, including nonprolifera-
18 tion of nuclear technology and nuclear hard-
19 ware.

20 (5) Foreign loans.

21 (6) International commodity agreements
22 (other than those involving sugar), including all
23 agreements for cooperation in the export of nu-
24 clear technology and nuclear hardware.

1 (7) International conferences and con-
2 gresses.

3 (8) International education.

4 (9) Intervention abroad and declarations of
5 war.

6 (10) Diplomatic service.

7 (11) Measures to foster commercial inter-
8 course with foreign nations and to safeguard
9 American business interests abroad.

10 (12) International economic policy.

11 (13) Neutrality.

12 (14) Protection of American citizens
13 abroad and expatriation.

14 (15) The American National Red Cross.

15 (16) Trading with the enemy.

16 (17) United Nations organizations.

17 (k) **Committee on the Judiciary.**

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

20 (2) Administrative practice and procedure.

21 (3) Apportionment of Representatives.

22 (4) Bankruptcy, mutiny, espionage, and
23 counterfeiting.

24 (5) Civil liberties.

25 (6) Constitutional amendments.

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

3 (8) Immigration and naturalization.

4 (9) Interstate compacts generally.

5 (10) Claims against the United States.

6 (11) Meetings of Congress; attendance of
7 Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commis-
8 sioner; and their acceptance of incompatible of-
9 fices.

10 (12) National penitentiaries.

11 (13) Patents, the Patent and Trademark
12 Office, copyrights, and trademarks.

13 (14) Presidential succession.

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

16 (16) Revision and codification of the Stat-
17 utes of the United States.

18 (17) State and territorial boundary lines.

19 (18) Subversive activities affecting the in-
20 ternal security of the United States.

21 **(I) Committee on Resources.**

22 (1) Fisheries and wildlife, including re-
23 search, restoration, refuges, and conservation.

24 (2) Forest reserves and national parks cre-
25 ated from the public domain.

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

4 (4) Geological Survey.

5 (5) International fishing agreements.

6 (6) Interstate compacts relating to appor-
7 tionment of waters for irrigation purposes.

8 (7) Irrigation and reclamation, including
9 water supply for reclamation projects and ease-
10 ments of public lands for irrigation projects;
11 and acquisition of private lands when necessary
12 to complete irrigation projects.

13 (8) Native Americans generally, including
14 the care and allotment of Native American
15 lands and general and special measures relating
16 to claims that are paid out of Native American
17 funds.

18 (9) Insular possessions of the United
19 States generally (except those affecting the rev-
20 enue and appropriations).

21 (10) Military parks and battlefields, na-
22 tional cemeteries administered by the Secretary
23 of the Interior, parks within the District of Co-
24 lumbia, and the erection of monuments to the
25 memory of individuals.

1 (11) Mineral land laws and claims and en-
2 tries thereunder.

3 (12) Mineral resources of public lands.

4 (13) Mining interests generally.

5 (14) Mining schools and experimental sta-
6 tions.

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

10 (16) Oceanography.

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

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

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

18 (20) Relations of the United States with
19 Native Americans and Native American tribes.

20 (21) Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline (except
21 ratemaking).

22 (m) **Committee on Rules.**

23 (1) Rules and joint rules (other than those
24 relating to the Code of Official Conduct) and
25 the order of business of the House.

1 (2) Recesses and final adjournments of
2 Congress.

3 (n) **Committee on Science.**

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

8 (2) Astronautical research and develop-
9 ment, including resources, personnel, equip-
10 ment, and facilities.

11 (3) Civil aviation research and develop-
12 ment.

13 (4) Environmental research and develop-
14 ment.

15 (5) Marine research.

16 (6) Commercial application of energy tech-
17 nology.

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

21 (8) National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
22 ministration.

23 (9) National Space Council.

24 (10) National Science Foundation.

25 (11) National Weather Service.

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

3 (13) Science scholarships.

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

6 (o) **Committee on Small Business.**

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

10 (2) Participation of small-business enter-
11 prises in Federal procurement and Government
12 contracts.

13 (p) **Committee on Standards of Offi-
14 cial Conduct.**

15 The Code of Official Conduct.

16 (q) **Committee on Transportation and
17 Infrastructure.**

18 (1) Coast Guard, including lifesaving serv-
19 ice, lighthouses, lightships, ocean derelicts, and
20 the Coast Guard Academy.

21 (2) Federal management of emergencies
22 and natural disasters.

23 (3) Flood control and improvement of riv-
24 ers and harbors.

25 (4) Inland waterways.

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

4 (6) Navigation and laws relating thereto,
5 including pilotage.

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

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

10 (9) The Capitol Building and the Senate
11 and House Office Buildings.

12 (10) Construction or maintenance of roads
13 and post roads (other than appropriations
14 therefor).

15 (11) Construction or reconstruction, main-
16 tenance, and care of buildings and grounds of
17 the Botanic Garden, the Library of Congress,
18 and the Smithsonian Institution.

19 (12) Merchant marine (except for national
20 security aspects thereof).

21 (13) Purchase of sites and construction of
22 post offices, customhouses, Federal court-
23 houses, and Government buildings within the
24 District of Columbia.

1 (14) Oil and other pollution of navigable
2 waters, including inland, coastal, and ocean wa-
3 ters.

4 (15) Marine affairs, including coastal zone
5 management, as they relate to oil and other pol-
6 lution of navigable waters.

7 (16) Public buildings and occupied or im-
8 proved grounds of the United States generally.

9 (17) Public works for the benefit of navi-
10 gation, including bridges and dams (other than
11 international bridges and dams).

12 (18) Related transportation regulatory
13 agencies.

14 (19) Roads and the safety thereof.

15 (20) Transportation, including civil avia-
16 tion, railroads, water transportation, transpor-
17 tation safety (except automobile safety), trans-
18 portation infrastructure, transportation labor,
19 and railroad retirement and unemployment (ex-
20 cept revenue measures related thereto).

21 (21) Water power.

22 (r) **Committee on Veterans' Affairs.**

23 (1) Veterans' measures generally.

24 (2) Cemeteries of the United States in
25 which veterans of any war or conflict are or

1 may be buried, whether in the United States or
2 abroad (except cemeteries administered by the
3 Secretary of the Interior).

4 (3) Compensation, vocational rehabilita-
5 tion, and education of veterans.

6 (4) Life insurance issued by the Govern-
7 ment on account of service in the Armed
8 Forces.

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

11 (6) Readjustment of servicemen to civil
12 life.

13 (7) Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief.

14 (8) Veterans' hospitals, medical care, and
15 treatment of veterans.

16 (s) **Committee on Ways and Means.**

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

19 (2) Reciprocal trade agreements.

20 (3) Revenue measures generally.

21 (4) Revenue measures relating to insular
22 possessions.

23 (5) Bonded debt of the United States, sub-
24 ject to the last sentence of clause 4(f).

25 (6) Deposit of public monies.

1 (7) Transportation of dutiable goods.

2 (8) Tax exempt foundations and charitable
3 trusts.

4 (9) National social security (except health
5 care and facilities programs that are supported
6 from general revenues as opposed to payroll de-
7 ductions and except work incentive programs).

8 ***General oversight responsibilities***

9 2. (a) The various standing committees shall have
10 general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph
11 (b) in order to assist the House in—

12 (1) its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of—

13 (A) the application, administration, execu-
14 tion, and effectiveness of Federal laws; and

15 (B) conditions and circumstances that may
16 indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting
17 new or additional legislation; and

18 (2) its formulation, consideration, and enact-
19 ment of changes in Federal laws, and of such addi-
20 tional legislation as may be necessary or appro-
21 priate.

22 (b)(1) In order to determine whether laws and pro-
23 grams addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a
24 committee are being implemented and carried out in ac-
25 cordance with the intent of Congress and whether they

1 should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each stand-
2 ing committee (other than the Committee on Appropria-
3 tions) shall review and study on a continuing basis—

4 (A) the application, administration, execution,
5 and effectiveness of laws and programs addressing
6 subjects within its jurisdiction;

7 (B) the organization and operation of Federal
8 agencies and entities having responsibilities for the
9 administration and execution of laws and programs
10 addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

11 (C) any conditions or circumstances that may
12 indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new
13 or additional legislation addressing subjects within
14 its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution
15 has been introduced with respect thereto); and

16 (D) future research and forecasting on subjects
17 within its jurisdiction.

18 (2) Each committee to which subparagraph (1) ap-
19 plies having more than 20 members shall establish an
20 oversight subcommittee, or require its subcommittees to
21 conduct oversight in their respective jurisdictions, to assist
22 in carrying out its responsibilities under this clause. The
23 establishment of an oversight subcommittee does not limit
24 the responsibility of a subcommittee with legislative juris-
25 diction in carrying out its oversight responsibilities.

1 (c) Each standing committee shall review and study
2 on a continuing basis the impact or probable impact of
3 tax policies affecting subjects within its jurisdiction as de-
4 scribed in clauses 1 and 3.

5 (d)(1) Not later than February 15 of the first session
6 of a Congress, each standing committee shall, in a meeting
7 that is open to the public and with a quorum present,
8 adopt its oversight plan for that Congress. Such plan shall
9 be submitted simultaneously to the Committee on Govern-
10 ment Reform and to the Committee on House Administra-
11 tion. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the
12 maximum extent feasible—

13 (A) consult with other committees that have ju-
14 risdiction over the same or related laws, programs,
15 or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective
16 of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation
17 among committees when conducting reviews of such
18 laws, programs, or agencies and include in its plan
19 an explanation of steps that have been or will be
20 taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;

21 (B) give priority consideration to including in
22 its plan the review of those laws, programs, or agen-
23 cies operating under permanent budget authority or
24 permanent statutory authority; and

1 (C) have a view toward ensuring that all signifi-
2 cant laws, programs, or agencies within its jurisdic-
3 tion are subject to review every 10 years.

4 (2) Not later than March 31 in the first session of
5 a Congress, after consultation with the Speaker, the Ma-
6 jority Leader, and the Minority Leader, the Committee on
7 Government Reform shall report to the House the over-
8 sight plans submitted by committees together with any
9 recommendations that it, or the House leadership group
10 described above, may make to ensure the most effective
11 coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve
12 the objectives of this clause.

13 (e) The Speaker, with the approval of the House, may
14 appoint special ad hoc oversight committees for the pur-
15 pose of reviewing specific matters within the jurisdiction
16 of two or more standing committees.

17 ***Special oversight functions***

18 3. (a) The Committee on Appropriations shall con-
19 duct such studies and examinations of the organization
20 and operation of executive departments and other execu-
21 tive agencies (including an agency the majority of the
22 stock of which is owned by the United States) as it consid-
23 ers necessary to assist it in the determination of matters
24 within its jurisdiction.

1 (b) The Committee on the Budget shall study on a
2 continuing basis the effect on budget outlays of relevant
3 existing and proposed legislation and report the results of
4 such studies to the House on a recurring basis.

5 (c) The Committee on Commerce shall review and
6 study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Govern-
7 ment activities relating to nuclear and other energy and
8 nonmilitary nuclear energy research and development in-
9 cluding the disposal of nuclear waste.

10 (d) The Committee on Education and the Workforce
11 shall review, study, and coordinate on a continuing basis
12 laws, programs, and Government activities relating to do-
13 mestic educational programs and institutions and pro-
14 grams of student assistance within the jurisdiction of
15 other committees.

16 (e) The Committee on Government Reform shall re-
17 view and study on a continuing basis the operation of Gov-
18 ernment activities at all levels with a view to determining
19 their economy and efficiency.

20 (f) The Committee on International Relations shall
21 review and study on a continuing basis laws, programs,
22 and Government activities relating to customs administra-
23 tion, intelligence activities relating to foreign policy, inter-
24 national financial and monetary organizations, and inter-
25 national fishing agreements.

1 (g) The Committee on Armed Services shall review
2 and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Gov-
3 ernment activities relating to international arms control
4 and disarmament and the education of military depend-
5 ents in schools.

6 (h) The Committee on Resources shall review and
7 study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Govern-
8 ment activities relating to Native Americans.

9 (i) The Committee on Rules shall review and study
10 on a continuing basis the congressional budget process,
11 and the committee shall report its findings and rec-
12 ommendations to the House from time to time.

13 (j) The Committee on Science shall review and study
14 on a continuing basis laws, programs, and Government ac-
15 tivities relating to nonmilitary research and development.

16 (k) The Committee on Small Business shall study
17 and investigate on a continuing basis the problems of all
18 types of small business.

19 ***Additional functions of committees***

20 4. (a)(1)(A) The Committee on Appropriations shall,
21 within 30 days after the transmittal of the Budget to Con-
22 gress each year, hold hearings on the Budget as a whole
23 with particular reference to—

1 (i) the basic recommendations and budgetary
2 policies of the President in the presentation of the
3 Budget; and

4 (ii) the fiscal, financial, and economic assump-
5 tions used as bases in arriving at total estimated ex-
6 penditures and receipts.

7 (B) In holding hearings under subdivision (A), the
8 committee shall receive testimony from the Secretary of
9 the Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management
10 and Budget, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Ad-
11 visers, and such other persons as the committee may de-
12 sire.

13 (C) A hearing under subdivision (A), or any part
14 thereof, shall be held in open session, except when the
15 committee, in open session and with a quorum present,
16 determines by record vote that the testimony to be taken
17 at that hearing on that day may be related to a matter
18 of national security. The committee may by the same pro-
19 cedure close one subsequent day of hearing. A transcript
20 of all such hearings shall be printed and a copy thereof
21 furnished to each Member, Delegate, and the Resident
22 Commissioner.

23 (D) A hearing under subdivision (A), or any part
24 thereof, may be held before a joint meeting of the commit-
25 tee and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate

1 in accordance with such procedures as the two committees
2 jointly may determine.

3 (2) Pursuant to section 401(b)(2) of the Congres-
4 sional Budget Act of 1974, when a committee reports a
5 bill or joint resolution that provides new entitlement au-
6 thority as defined in section 3(9) of that Act, and enact-
7 ment of the bill or joint resolution, as reported, would
8 cause a breach of the committee's pertinent allocation of
9 new budget authority under section 302(a) of that Act,
10 the bill or joint resolution may be referred to the Commit-
11 tee on Appropriations with instructions to report it with
12 recommendations (which may include an amendment lim-
13 iting the total amount of new entitlement authority pro-
14 vided in the bill or joint resolution). If the Committee on
15 Appropriations fails to report a bill or joint resolution so
16 referred within 15 calendar days (not counting any day
17 on which the House is not in session), the committee auto-
18 matically shall be discharged from consideration of the bill
19 or joint resolution, and the bill or joint resolution shall
20 be placed on the appropriate calendar.

21 (3) In addition, the Committee on Appropriations
22 shall study on a continuing basis those provisions of law
23 that (on the first day of the first fiscal year for which
24 the congressional budget process is effective) provide
25 spending authority or permanent budget authority and

1 shall report to the House from time to time its rec-
2 ommendations for terminating or modifying such provi-
3 sions.

4 (4) In the manner provided by section 302 of the
5 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee on Ap-
6 propriations (after consulting with the Committee on Ap-
7 propriations of the Senate) shall subdivide any allocations
8 made to it in the joint explanatory statement accompany-
9 ing the conference report on such concurrent resolution,
10 and promptly report the subdivisions to the House as soon
11 as practicable after a concurrent resolution on the budget
12 for a fiscal year is agreed to.

13 (b) The Committee on the Budget shall—

14 (1) review on a continuing basis the conduct by
15 the Congressional Budget Office of its functions and
16 duties;

17 (2) hold hearings and receive testimony from
18 Members, Senators, Delegates, the Resident Com-
19 missioner, and such appropriate representatives of
20 Federal departments and agencies, the general pub-
21 lic, and national organizations as it considers desir-
22 able in developing concurrent resolutions on the
23 budget for each fiscal year;

24 (3) make all reports required of it by the Con-
25 gressional Budget Act of 1974;

1 (4) study on a continuing basis those provisions
2 of law that exempt Federal agencies or any of their
3 activities or outlays from inclusion in the Budget of
4 the United States Government, and report to the
5 House from time to time its recommendations for
6 terminating or modifying such provisions;

7 (5) study on a continuing basis proposals de-
8 signed to improve and facilitate the congressional
9 budget process, and report to the House from time
10 to time the results of such studies, together with its
11 recommendations; and

12 (6) request and evaluate continuing studies of
13 tax expenditures, devise methods of coordinating tax
14 expenditures, policies, and programs with direct
15 budget outlays, and report the results of such stud-
16 ies to the House on a recurring basis.

17 (c)(1) The Committee on Government Reform shall—

18 (A) receive and examine reports of the Comp-
19 troller General of the United States and submit to
20 the House such recommendations as it considers
21 necessary or desirable in connection with the subject
22 matter of the reports;

23 (B) evaluate the effects of laws enacted to reor-
24 ganize the legislative and executive branches of the
25 Government; and

1 (C) study intergovernmental relationships be-
2 tween the United States and the States and munici-
3 palities and between the United States and inter-
4 national organizations of which the United States is
5 a member.

6 (2) In addition to its duties under subparagraph (1),
7 the Committee on Government Reform may at any time
8 conduct investigations of any matter without regard to
9 clause 1, 2, 3, or this clause conferring jurisdiction over
10 the matter to another standing committee. The findings
11 and recommendations of the committee in such an inves-
12 tigation shall be made available to any other standing
13 committee having jurisdiction over the matter involved and
14 shall be included in the report of any such other committee
15 when required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII.

16 (d)(1) The Committee on House Administration
17 shall—

18 (A) examine all bills, amendments, and joint
19 resolutions after passage by the House and, in co-
20 operation with the Senate, examine all bills and joint
21 resolutions that have passed both Houses to see that
22 they are correctly enrolled and forthwith present
23 those bills and joint resolutions that originated in
24 the House to the President in person after their sig-
25 nature by the Speaker and the President of the Sen-

1 ate, and report to the House the fact and date of
2 their presentment;

3 (B) provide policy direction for, and oversight
4 of, the Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Administra-
5 tive Officer, and Inspector General;

6 (C) have the function of accepting on behalf of
7 the House a gift, except as otherwise provided by
8 law, if the gift does not involve a duty, burden, or
9 condition, or is not made dependent on some future
10 performance by the House; and

11 (D) promulgate regulations to carry out sub-
12 division (C).

13 (2) An employing office of the House may enter into
14 a settlement of a complaint under the Congressional Ac-
15 countability Act of 1995 that provides for the payment
16 of funds only after receiving the joint approval of the
17 chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee
18 on House Administration concerning the amount of such
19 payment.

20 (e)(1) Each standing committee shall, in its consider-
21 ation of all public bills and public joint resolutions within
22 its jurisdiction, ensure that appropriations for continuing
23 programs and activities of the Federal Government and
24 the government of the District of Columbia will be made
25 annually to the maximum extent feasible and consistent

1 with the nature, requirement, and objective of the pro-
2 grams and activities involved. In this subparagraph pro-
3 grams and activities of the Federal Government and the
4 government of the District of Columbia includes programs
5 and activities of any department, agency, establishment,
6 wholly owned Government corporation, or instrumentality
7 of the Federal Government or of the government of the
8 District of Columbia.

9 (2) Each standing committee shall review from time
10 to time each continuing program within its jurisdiction for
11 which appropriations are not made annually to ascertain
12 whether the program should be modified to provide for an-
13 nual appropriations.

14 ***Budget Act responsibilities***

15 (f)(1) Each standing committee shall submit to the
16 Committee on the Budget not later than six weeks after
17 the President submits his budget, or at such time as the
18 Committee on the Budget may request—

19 (A) its views and estimates with respect to all
20 matters to be set forth in the concurrent resolution
21 on the budget for the ensuing fiscal year that are
22 within its jurisdiction or functions; and

23 (B) an estimate of the total amounts of new
24 budget authority, and budget outlays resulting there-
25 from, to be provided or authorized in all bills and

1 resolutions within its jurisdiction that it intends to
2 be effective during that fiscal year.

3 (2) The views and estimates submitted by the Com-
4 mittee on Ways and Means under subparagraph (1) shall
5 include a specific recommendation, made after holding
6 public hearings, as to the appropriate level of the public
7 debt that should be set forth in the concurrent resolution
8 on the budget and serve as the basis for an increase or
9 decrease in the statutory limit on such debt under the pro-
10 cedures provided by rule XXIII.

11 ***Election and membership of standing committees***

12 5. (a)(1) The standing committees specified in clause
13 1 shall be elected by the House within seven calendar days
14 after the commencement of each Congress, from nomina-
15 tions submitted by the respective party caucus or con-
16 ference. A resolution proposing to change the composition
17 of a standing committee shall be privileged if offered by
18 direction of the party caucus or conference concerned.

19 (2)(A) The Committee on the Budget shall be com-
20 posed of members as follows:

21 (i) Members, Delegates, or the Resident Com-
22 missioner who are members of other standing com-
23 mittees, including five who are members of the Com-
24 mittee on Appropriations and five who are members
25 of the Committee on Ways and Means;

1 (ii) one Member from the elected leadership of
2 the majority party; and

3 (iii) one Member from the elected leadership of
4 the minority party.

5 (B) Except as permitted by subdivision (C), a mem-
6 ber of the Committee on the Budget other than one from
7 the elected leadership of a party may not serve on the com-
8 mittee during more than four Congresses in a period of
9 six successive Congresses (disregarding for this purpose
10 any service for less than a full session in a Congress).

11 (C) A member of the Committee on the Budget who
12 served as either the chairman or the ranking minority
13 member of the committee in the immediately previous
14 Congress and who did not serve in that respective capacity
15 in an earlier Congress may serve as either the chairman
16 or the ranking minority member of the committee during
17 one additional Congress.

18 (3)(A) The Committee on Standards of Official Con-
19 duct shall be composed of 10 members, five from the ma-
20 jority party and five from the minority party.

21 (B) Except as permitted by subdivision (C), a mem-
22 ber of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
23 may not serve on the committee during more than three
24 Congresses in a period of five successive Congresses (dis-

1 regarding for this purpose any service for less than a full
2 session in a Congress).

3 (C) A member of the Committee on Standards of Of-
4 ficial Conduct may serve on the committee during a fourth
5 Congress in a period of five successive Congresses only as
6 either the chairman or the ranking minority member of
7 the committee.

8 (4)(A) At the beginning of a Congress, the Speaker
9 or his designee and the Minority Leader or his designee
10 each shall name 10 Members, Delegates, or the Resident
11 Commissioner from his respective party who are not mem-
12 bers of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
13 to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of
14 that committee during that Congress. The lists of Mem-
15 bers, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner so named
16 shall be announced to the House.

17 (B) Whenever the chairman and the ranking minority
18 member of the Committee on Standards of Official Con-
19 duct jointly determine that Members, Delegates, or the
20 Resident Commissioner named under subdivision (A)
21 should be assigned to serve on an investigative subcommit-
22 tee of that committee, each of them shall select an equal
23 number of such Members, Delegates, or Resident Commis-
24 sioner from his respective party to serve on that sub-
25 committee.

1 (b)(1) Membership on a standing committee during
2 the course of a Congress shall be contingent on continuing
3 membership in the party caucus or conference that nomi-
4 nated the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
5 concerned for election to such committee. Should a Mem-
6 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner cease to be a
7 member of a particular party caucus or conference, that
8 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner shall auto-
9 matically cease to be a member of each standing commit-
10 tee to which he was elected on the basis of nomination
11 by that caucus or conference. The chairman of the rel-
12 evant party caucus or conference shall notify the Speaker
13 whenever a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
14 ceases to be a member of that caucus or conference. The
15 Speaker shall notify the chairman of each affected com-
16 mittee that the election of such Member, Delegate, or
17 Resident Commissioner to the committee is automatically
18 vacated under this subparagraph.

19 (2)(A) Except as specified in subdivision (B), a Mem-
20 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may not serve
21 simultaneously as a member of more than two standing
22 committees or more than four subcommittees of the stand-
23 ing committees.

24 (B)(i) Ex officio service by a chairman or ranking
25 minority member of a committee on each of its subcommit-

tees under a committee rule does not count against the limitation on subcommittee service.

(ii) Service on an investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct under paragraph (a)(4) does not count against the limitation on subcommittee service.

(iii) Any other exception to the limitations in subdivision (A) must be approved by the House on the recommendation of the relevant party caucus or conference.

(C) In this subparagraph the term "subcommittee" includes a panel (other than a special oversight panel of the Committee on Armed Services), task force, special subcommittee, or other subunit of a standing committee that is established for a cumulative period longer than six months in a Congress.

(c)(1) One of the members of each standing committee shall be elected by the House, on the nomination of the majority party caucus or conference, as chairman thereof. In the temporary absence of the chairman, the member next in rank (and so on, as often as the case shall happen) shall act as chairman. Rank shall be determined by the order members are named in resolutions electing them to the committee. In the case of a permanent vacancy in the elected chairmanship of a committee, the House shall elect another chairman.

1 (2) A member of a standing committee may not serve
2 as chairman of the same standing committee, or of the
3 same subcommittee of a standing committee, during more
4 than three consecutive Congresses (disregarding for this
5 purpose any service for less than a full session in a Con-
6 gress).

7 (d)(1) Except as permitted by subparagraph (2), a
8 committee may have not more than five subcommittees.

9 (2) A committee that maintains a subcommittee on
10 oversight may have not more than six subcommittees. The
11 Committee on Appropriations may have not more than 13
12 subcommittees. The Committee on Government Reform
13 may have not more than seven subcommittees.

14 (e) The House shall fill a vacancy on a standing com-
15 mittee by election on the nomination of the respective
16 party caucus or conference.

17 ***Expense resolutions***

18 6. (a) Whenever a committee, commission, or other
19 entity (other than the Committee on Appropriations) is
20 granted authorization for the payment of its expenses (in-
21 cluding staff salaries) for a Congress, such authorization
22 initially shall be procured by one primary expense resolu-
23 tion reported by the Committee on House Administration.
24 A primary expense resolution may include a reserve fund
25 for unanticipated expenses of committees. An amount

1 from such a reserve fund may be allocated to a committee
2 only by the approval of the Committee on House Adminis-
3 tration. A primary expense resolution reported to the
4 House may not be considered in the House unless a print-
5 ed report thereon was available on the previous calendar
6 day. For the information of the House, such report shall—

7 (1) state the total amount of the funds to be
8 provided to the committee, commission, or other en-
9 tity under the primary expense resolution for all an-
10 ticipated activities and programs of the committee,
11 commission, or other entity; and

12 (2) to the extent practicable, contain such gen-
13 eral statements regarding the estimated foreseeable
14 expenditures for the respective anticipated activities
15 and programs of the committee, commission, or
16 other entity as may be appropriate to provide the
17 House with basic estimates of the expenditures con-
18 templated by the primary expense resolution.

19 (b) After the date of adoption by the House of a pri-
20 mary expense resolution for a committee, commission, or
21 other entity for a Congress, authorization for the payment
22 of additional expenses (including staff salaries) in that
23 Congress may be procured by one or more supplemental
24 expense resolutions reported by the Committee on House
25 Administration, as necessary. A supplemental expense res-

1 olution reported to the House may not be considered in
2 the House unless a printed report thereon was available
3 on the previous calendar day. For the information of the
4 House, such report shall—

5 (1) state the total amount of additional funds
6 to be provided to the committee, commission, or
7 other entity under the supplemental expense resolu-
8 tion and the purposes for which those additional
9 funds are available; and

10 (2) state the reasons for the failure to procure
11 the additional funds for the committee, commission,
12 or other entity by means of the primary expense res-
13 olution.

14 (c) The preceding provisions of this clause do not
15 apply to—

16 (1) a resolution providing for the payment from
17 committee salary and expense accounts of the House
18 of sums necessary to pay compensation for staff
19 services performed for, or to pay other expenses of,
20 a committee, commission, or other entity at any time
21 after the beginning of an odd-numbered year and be-
22 fore the date of adoption by the House of the pri-
23 mary expense resolution described in paragraph (a)
24 for that year; or

1 (2) a resolution providing each of the standing
2 committees in a Congress additional office equip-
3 ment, airmail and special-delivery postage stamps,
4 supplies, staff personnel, or any other specific item
5 for the operation of the standing committees, and
6 containing an authorization for the payment from
7 committee salary and expense accounts of the House
8 of the expenses of any of the foregoing items pro-
9 vided by that resolution, subject to and until enact-
10 ment of the provisions of the resolution as perma-
11 nent law.

12 (d) From the funds made available for the appoint-
13 ment of committee staff by a primary or additional ex-
14 pense resolution, the chairman of each committee shall en-
15 sure that sufficient staff is made available to each sub-
16 committee to carry out its responsibilities under the rules
17 of the committee and that the minority party is treated
18 fairly in the appointment of such staff.

19 (e) Funds authorized for a committee under this
20 clause and clauses 7 and 8 are for expenses incurred in
21 the activities of the committee.

22 ***Interim funding***

23 7. (a) For the period beginning at noon on January
24 3 and ending at midnight on March 31 in each odd-num-
25 bered year, such sums as may be necessary shall be paid

1 out of the committee salary and expense accounts of the
2 House for continuance of necessary investigations and
3 studies by—

4 (1) each standing and select committee estab-
5 lished by these rules; and

6 (2) except as specified in paragraph (b), each
7 select committee established by resolution.

8 (b) In the case of the first session of a Congress,
9 amounts shall be made available under this paragraph for
10 a select committee established by resolution in the preced-
11 ing Congress only if—

12 (1) a resolution proposing to reestablish such
13 select committee is introduced in the present Con-
14 gress; and

15 (2) the House has not adopted a resolution of
16 the preceding Congress providing for termination of
17 funding for investigations and studies by such select
18 committee.

19 (c) Each committee described in paragraph (a) shall
20 be entitled for each month during the period specified in
21 paragraph (a) to 9 percent (or such lesser percentage as
22 may be determined by the Committee on House Adminis-
23 tration) of the total annualized amount made available
24 under expense resolutions for such committee in the pre-
25 ceding session of Congress.

1 (d) Payments under this paragraph shall be made on
2 vouchers authorized by the committee involved, signed by
3 the chairman of the committee, except as provided in para-
4 graph (e), and approved by the Committee on House Ad-
5 ministration.

6 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule of the
7 House, or other authority, from noon on January 3 of the
8 first session of a Congress until the election by the House
9 of the committee concerned in that Congress, payments
10 under this paragraph shall be made on vouchers signed
11 by—

12 (1) the member of the committee who served as
13 chairman of the committee at the expiration of the
14 preceding Congress; or

15 (2) if the chairman is not a Member, Delegate,
16 or Resident Commissioner in the present Congress,
17 then the ranking member of the committee as it was
18 constituted at the expiration of the preceding Con-
19 gress who is a member of the majority party in the
20 present Congress.

21 (f)(1) The authority of a committee to incur expenses
22 under this paragraph shall expire upon adoption by the
23 House of a primary expense resolution for the committee.

1 (2) Amounts made available under this paragraph
2 shall be expended in accordance with regulations pre-
3 scribed by the Committee on House Administration.

4 (3) This clause shall be effective only insofar as it
5 is not inconsistent with a resolution reported by the Com-
6 mittee on House Administration and adopted by the
7 House after the adoption of these rules.

8 ***Travel***

9 8. (a) Local currencies owned by the United States
10 shall be made available to the committee and its employees
11 engaged in carrying out their official duties outside the
12 United States or its territories or possessions. Appro-
13 priated funds, including those authorized under this clause
14 and clauses 6 and 8, may not be expended for the purpose
15 of defraying expenses of members of a committee or its
16 employees in a country where local currencies are available
17 for this purpose.

18 (b) The following conditions shall apply with respect
19 to travel outside the United States or its territories or pos-
20 sessions:

21 (1) A member or employee of a committee may
22 not receive or expend local currencies for subsistence
23 in a country for a day at a rate in excess of the
24 maximum per diem set forth in applicable Federal
25 law.

1 (2) A member or employee shall be reimbursed
2 for his expenses for a day at the lesser of—

3 (A) the per diem set forth in applicable
4 Federal law; or

5 (B) the actual, unreimbursed expenses
6 (other than for transportation) he incurred dur-
7 ing that day.

8 (3) Each member or employee of a committee
9 shall make to the chairman of the committee an
10 itemized report showing the dates each country was
11 visited, the amount of per diem furnished, the cost
12 of transportation furnished, and funds expended for
13 any other official purpose and shall summarize in
14 these categories the total foreign currencies or ap-
15 propriated funds expended. Each report shall be
16 filed with the chairman of the committee not later
17 than 60 days following the completion of travel for
18 use in complying with reporting requirements in ap-
19 plicable Federal law and shall be open for public in-
20 spection.

21 (c)(1) In carrying out the activities of a committee
22 outside the United States in a country where local cur-
23 rencies are unavailable, a member or employee of a com-
24 mittee may not receive reimbursement for expenses (other

1 than for transportation) in excess of the maximum per
2 diem set forth in applicable Federal law.

3 (2) A member or employee shall be reimbursed for
4 his expenses for a day, at the lesser of—

5 (A) the per diem set forth in applicable Federal
6 law; or

7 (B) the actual unreimbursed expenses (other
8 than for transportation) he incurred during that
9 day.

10 (3) A member or employee of a committee may not
11 receive reimbursement for the cost of any transportation
12 in connection with travel outside the United States unless
13 the member or employee actually paid for the transpor-
14 tation.

15 (d) The restrictions respecting travel outside the
16 United States set forth in paragraph (c) also shall apply
17 to travel outside the United States by a Member, Delegate,
18 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House
19 authorized under any standing rule.

20 ***Committee staffs***

21 9. (a)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2) and paragraph
22 (f), each standing committee may appoint, by majority
23 vote, not more than 30 professional staff members to be
24 compensated from the funds provided for the appointment
25 of committee staff by primary and additional expense reso-

1 lutions. Each professional staff member appointed under
2 this subparagraph shall be assigned to the chairman and
3 the ranking minority member of the committee, as the
4 committee considers advisable.

5 (2) Subject to paragraph (f) whenever a majority of
6 the minority party members of a standing committee
7 (other than the Committee on Standards of Official Con-
8 duct or the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence)
9 so request, not more than 10 persons (or one-third of the
10 total professional committee staff appointed under this
11 clause, whichever is fewer) may be selected, by majority
12 vote of the minority party members, for appointment by
13 the committee as professional staff members under sub-
14 paragraph (1). The committee shall appoint persons so se-
15 lected whose character and qualifications are acceptable
16 to a majority of the committee. If the committee deter-
17 mines that the character and qualifications of a person
18 so selected are unacceptable, a majority of the minority
19 party members may select another person for appointment
20 by the committee to the professional staff until such ap-
21 pointment is made. Each professional staff member ap-
22 pointed under this subparagraph shall be assigned to such
23 committee business as the minority party members of the
24 committee consider advisable.

1 (b)(1) The professional staff members of each stand-
2 ing committee—

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

6 (B) may not be assigned a duty other than one
7 pertaining to committee business.

8 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to staff des-
9 igned by a committee as “associate” or “shared” staff
10 who are not paid exclusively by the committee, provided
11 that the chairman certifies that the compensation paid by
12 the committee for any such staff is commensurate with
13 the work performed for the committee in accordance with
14 clause 8 of rule XXIV.

15 (3) The use of any “associate” or “shared” staff by
16 a committee shall be subject to the review of, and to any
17 terms, conditions, or limitations established by, the Com-
18 mittee on House Administration in connection with the re-
19 porting of any primary or additional expense resolution.

20 (4) This paragraph does not apply to the Committee
21 on Appropriations.

22 (c) Each employee on the professional or investigative
23 staff of a standing committee shall be entitled to pay at
24 a single gross per annum rate, to be fixed by the chairman

1 and that does not exceed the maximum rate of pay as in
2 effect from time to time under applicable provisions of law.

3 (d) Subject to appropriations hereby authorized, the
4 Committee on Appropriations may appoint by majority
5 vote such staff as it determines to be necessary (in addi-
6 tion to the clerk of the committee and assistants for the
7 minority). The staff appointed under this paragraph, other
8 than minority assistants, shall possess such qualifications
9 as the committee may prescribe.

10 (e) A committee may not appoint to its staff an ex-
11 pert or other personnel detailed or assigned from a depart-
12 ment or agency of the Government except with the written
13 permission of the Committee on House Administration.

14 (f) If a request for the appointment of a minority pro-
15 fessional staff member under paragraph (a) is made when
16 no vacancy exists for such an appointment, the committee
17 nevertheless may appoint under paragraph (a) a person
18 selected by the minority and acceptable to the committee.
19 A person so appointed shall serve as an additional member
20 of the professional staff of the committee until such a va-
21 cancy occurs (other than a vacancy in the position of head
22 of the professional staff, by whatever title designated), at
23 which time that person is considered as appointed to that
24 vacancy. Such a person shall be paid from the applicable
25 accounts of the House described in clause 1(i)(1) of rule

1 X. If such a vacancy occurs on the professional staff when
2 seven or more persons have been so appointed who are
3 eligible to fill that vacancy, a majority of the minority
4 party members shall designate which of those persons
5 shall fill the vacancy.

6 (g) Each staff member appointed pursuant to a re-
7 quest by minority party members under paragraph (a),
8 and each staff member appointed to assist minority mem-
9 bers of a committee pursuant to an expense resolution de-
10 scribed in paragraph (a) of clause 6, shall be accorded eq-
11 uitable treatment with respect to the fixing of the rate
12 of pay, the assignment of work facilities, and the acces-
13 sibility of committee records.

14 (h) Paragraph (a) may not be construed to authorize
15 the appointment of additional professional staff members
16 of a committee pursuant to a request under paragraph (a)
17 by the minority party members of that committee if 10
18 or more professional staff members provided for in para-
19 graph (a)(1) who are satisfactory to a majority of the mi-
20 nority party members are otherwise assigned to assist the
21 minority party members.

22 (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(2), a committee
23 may employ nonpartisan staff, in lieu of or in addition
24 to committee staff designated exclusively for the majority
25 or minority party, by an affirmative vote of a majority

1 of the members of the majority party and of a majority
2 of the members of the minority party.

3 ***Select and joint committees***

4 10. (a) Membership on a select or joint committee
5 appointed by the Speaker under clause 11 of rule I during
6 the course of a Congress shall be contingent on continuing
7 membership in the party caucus or conference of which
8 the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner con-
9 cerned was a member at the time of appointment. Should
10 a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner cease to
11 be a member of that caucus or conference, that Member,
12 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner shall automatically
13 cease to be a member of any select or joint committee to
14 which he is assigned. The chairman of the relevant party
15 caucus or conference shall notify the Speaker whenever a
16 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner ceases to be
17 a member of a party caucus or conference. The Speaker
18 shall notify the chairman of each affected select or joint
19 committee that the appointment of such Member, Dele-
20 gate, or Resident Commissioner to the select or joint com-
21 mittee is automatically vacated under this paragraph.

22 (b) Each select or joint committee, other than a con-
23 ference committee, shall comply with clause 2(a) of rule
24 XI unless specifically exempted by law.

1 ***Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence***

2 11. (a)(1) There is established a Permanent Select
3 Committee on Intelligence (hereafter in this clause re-
4 ferred to as the “select committee”). The select committee
5 shall be composed of not more than 16 Members, Dele-
6 gates, or the Resident Commissioner, of whom not more
7 than nine may be from the same party. The select commit-
8 tee shall include at least one Member, Delegate, or the
9 Resident Commissioner from each of the following com-
10 mittees:

- 11 (A) the Committee on Appropriations;
12 (B) the Committee on Armed Services;
13 (C) the Committee on International Relations;
14 and
15 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary.

16 (2) The Speaker and the Minority Leader shall be
17 ex officio members of the select committee but shall have
18 no vote in the select committee and may not be counted
19 for purposes of determining a quorum thereof.

20 (3) The Speaker and Minority Leader each may des-
21 ignate a member of his leadership staff to assist him in
22 his capacity as ex officio member, with the same access
23 to committee meetings, hearings, briefings, and materials
24 as employees of the select committee and subject to the
25 same security clearance and confidentiality requirements
26 as employees of the select committee under this clause.

1 (4)(A) Except as permitted by subdivision (B), a
2 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner, other than
3 the Speaker or the Minority Leader, may not serve as a
4 member of the select committee during more than four
5 Congresses in a period of six successive Congresses (dis-
6 regarding for this purpose any service for less than a full
7 session in a Congress).

8 (B) A member of the select committee who served as
9 either the chairman or the ranking minority member of
10 the select committee in the immediately previous Congress
11 and who did not serve in that respective capacity in an
12 earlier Congress may serve as either the chairman or the
13 ranking minority member of the select committee during
14 one additional Congress.

15 (b)(1) There shall be referred to the select committee
16 proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and
17 other matters relating to the following:

18 (A) The Central Intelligence Agency, the Direc-
19 tor of Central Intelligence, and the National Foreign
20 Intelligence Program as defined in section 3(6) of
21 the National Security Act of 1947.

22 (B) Intelligence and intelligence-related activi-
23 ties of all other departments and agencies of the
24 Government, including the tactical intelligence and

1 intelligence-related activities of the Department of
2 Defense.

3 (C) The organization or reorganization of a de-
4 partment or agency of the Government to the extent
5 that the organization or reorganization relates to a
6 function or activity involving intelligence or intel-
7 ligence-related activities.

8 (D) Authorizations for appropriations, both di-
9 rect and indirect, for the following:

10 (i) The Central Intelligence Agency, the
11 Director of Central Intelligence, and the Na-
12 tional Foreign Intelligence Program as defined
13 in section 3(6) of the National Security Act of
14 1947.

15 (ii) Intelligence and intelligence-related ac-
16 tivities of all other departments and agencies of
17 the Government, including the tactical intel-
18 ligence and intelligence-related activities of the
19 Department of Defense.

20 (iii) A department, agency, subdivision, or
21 program that is a successor to an agency or
22 program named or referred to in (i) or (ii).

23 (2) Proposed legislation initially reported by the se-
24 lect committee (other than provisions solely involving mat-
25 ters specified in subparagraph (1)(A) or subparagraph

1 (1)(D)(i)) containing any matter otherwise within the ju-
2 risdiction of a standing committee shall be referred by the
3 Speaker to that standing committee. Proposed legislation
4 initially reported by another committee that contains mat-
5 ter within the jurisdiction of the select committee shall be
6 referred by the Speaker to the select committee if re-
7 quested by the chairman of the select committee.

8 (3) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as pro-
9 hibiting or otherwise restricting the authority of any other
10 committee to study and review an intelligence or intel-
11 ligence-related activity to the extent that such activity di-
12 rectly affects a matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of
13 that committee.

14 (4) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as
15 amending, limiting, or otherwise changing the authority
16 of a standing committee to obtain full and prompt access
17 to the product of the intelligence and intelligence-related
18 activities of a department or agency of the Government
19 relevant to a matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of
20 that committee.

21 (c)(1) For purposes of accountability to the House,
22 the select committee shall make regular and periodic re-
23 ports to the House on the nature and extent of the intel-
24 ligence and intelligence-related activities of the various de-
25 partments and agencies of the United States. The select

1 committee shall promptly call to the attention of the
2 House, or to any other appropriate committee, a matter
3 requiring the attention of the House or another commit-
4 tee. In making such report, the select committee shall pro-
5 ceed in a manner consistent with paragraph (g) to protect
6 national security.

7 (2) The select committee shall obtain annual reports
8 from the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the
9 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Di-
10 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Such re-
11 ports shall review the intelligence and intelligence-related
12 activities of the agency or department concerned and the
13 intelligence and intelligence-related activities of foreign
14 countries directed at the United States or its interests.
15 An unclassified version of each report may be made avail-
16 able to the public at the discretion of the select committee.
17 Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the public
18 disclosure in such reports of the names of persons engaged
19 in intelligence or intelligence-related activities for the
20 United States or the divulging of intelligence methods em-
21 ployed or the sources of information on which the reports
22 are based or the amount of funds authorized to be appro-
23 priated for intelligence and intelligence-related activities.
24 (3) Within six weeks after the President submits a
25 budget under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States

1 Code, or at such time as the Committee on the Budget
2 may request, the select committee shall submit to the
3 Committee on the Budget the views and estimates de-
4 scribed in section 301(d) of the Congressional Budget Act
5 of 1974 regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the
6 select committee.

7 (d)(1) Except as specified in subparagraph (2),
8 clauses 6(a), (b), and (c) and 8(a), (b), and (c) of this
9 rule, and clauses 1, 2, and 4 of rule XI shall apply to
10 the select committee to the extent not inconsistent with
11 this clause.

12 (2) Notwithstanding the requirements of the first
13 sentence of clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI, in the presence of
14 the number of members required under the rules of the
15 select committee for the purpose of taking testimony or
16 receiving evidence, the select committee may vote to close
17 a hearing whenever a majority of those present determines
18 that the testimony or evidence would endanger the na-
19 tional security.

20 (e) An employee of the select committee, or a person
21 engaged by contract or otherwise to perform services for
22 or at the request of the select committee, may not be given
23 access to any classified information by the select commit-
24 tee unless such employee or person has—

1 (1) agreed in writing and under oath to be
2 bound by the Rules of the House, including the ju-
3 risdiction of the Committee on Standards of Official
4 Conduct and of the select committee concerning the
5 security of classified information during and after
6 the period of his employment or contractual agree-
7 ment with the select committee; and

8 (2) received an appropriate security clearance,
9 as determined by the select committee in consulta-
10 tion with the Director of Central Intelligence, that is
11 commensurate with the sensitivity of the classified
12 information to which such employee or person will be
13 given access by the select committee.

14 (f) The select committee shall formulate and carry
15 out such rules and procedures as it considers necessary
16 to prevent the disclosure, without the consent of each per-
17 son concerned, of information in the possession of the se-
18 lect committee that unduly infringes on the privacy or that
19 violates the constitutional rights of such person. Nothing
20 herein shall be construed to prevent the select committee
21 from publicly disclosing classified information in a case in
22 which it determines that national interest in the disclosure
23 of classified information clearly outweighs any infringe-
24 ment on the privacy of a person.

1 (g)(1) The select committee may disclose publicly any
2 information in its possession after a determination by the
3 select committee that the public interest would be served
4 by such disclosure. With respect to the disclosure of infor-
5 mation for which this paragraph requires action by the
6 select committee—

7 (A) the select committee shall meet to vote on
8 the matter within five days after a member of the
9 select committee requests a vote; and

10 (B) a member of the select committee may not
11 make such a disclosure before a vote by the select
12 committee on the matter, or after a vote by the se-
13 lect committee on the matter except in accordance
14 with this paragraph.

15 (2)(A) In a case in which the select committee votes
16 to disclose publicly any information that has been classi-
17 fied under established security procedures, that has been
18 submitted to it by the executive branch, and that the exec-
19 utive branch requests be kept secret, the select committee
20 shall notify the President of such vote.

21 (B) The select committee may disclose publicly such
22 information after the expiration of a five-day period fol-
23 lowing the day on which notice of the vote to disclose is
24 transmitted to the President unless, before the expiration
25 of the five-day period, the President, personally in writing,

1 notifies the select committee that he objects to the disclo-
2 sure of such information, provides his reasons therefor,
3 and certifies that the threat to the national interest of the
4 United States posed by the disclosure is of such gravity
5 that it outweighs any public interest in the disclosure.

6 (C) If the President, personally in writing, notifies
7 the select committee of his objections to the disclosure of
8 information as provided in subdivision (B), the select com-
9 mittee may, by majority vote, refer the question of the
10 disclosure of such information, with a recommendation
11 thereon, to the House. The select committee may not pub-
12 licly disclose such information without leave of the House.

13 (D) Whenever the select committee votes to refer the
14 question of disclosure of any information to the House
15 under subdivision (C), the chairman shall, not later than
16 the first day on which the House is in session following
17 the day on which the vote occurs, report the matter to
18 the House for its consideration.

19 (E) If the chairman of the select committee does not
20 offer in the House a motion to consider in closed session
21 a matter reported under subdivision (D) within four cal-
22 endar days on which the House is in session after the rec-
23 ommendation described in subdivision (C) is reported,
24 then such a motion shall be privileged when offered by
25 a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner. In either

1 case such a motion shall be decided without debate or in-
2 tervening motion except one that the House adjourn.

3 (F) Upon adoption by the House of a motion to re-
4 solve into closed session as described in subdivision (E),
5 the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of
6 the Chair. At the expiration of the recess, the pending
7 question, in closed session, shall be, “Shall the House ap-
8 prove the recommendation of the select committee?”.

9 (G) Debate on the question described in subdivision
10 (F) shall be limited to two hours equally divided and con-
11 trolled by the chairman and ranking minority member of
12 the select committee. After such debate the previous ques-
13 tion shall be considered as ordered on the question of ap-
14 proving the recommendation without intervening motion
15 except one motion that the House adjourn. The House
16 shall vote on the question in open session but without di-
17 vulging the information with respect to which the vote is
18 taken. If the recommendation of the select committee is
19 not approved, then the question is considered as recommit-
20 ted to the select committee for further recommendation.

21 (3)(A) Information in the possession of the select
22 committee relating to the lawful intelligence or intel-
23 ligence-related activities of a department or agency of the
24 United States that has been classified under established
25 security procedures, and that the select committee has de-

1 terminated should not be disclosed under subparagraph (1)
2 or (2), may not be made available to any person by a
3 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
4 ployee of the House except as provided in subdivision (B).

5 (B) The select committee shall, under such regula-
6 tions as it may prescribe, make information described in
7 subdivision (A) available to a committee or a Member,
8 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner, and permit a Mem-
9 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to attend a hear-
10 ing of the select committee that is closed to the public.
11 Whenever the select committee makes such information
12 available, it shall keep a written record showing, in the
13 case of particular information, which committee or which
14 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner received the
15 information. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
16 sioner who, and a committee that, receives information
17 under this subdivision may not disclose the information
18 except in a closed session of the House.

19 (4) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
20 shall investigate any unauthorized disclosure of intel-
21 ligence or intelligence-related information by a Member,
22 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of
23 the House in violation of subparagraph (3) and report to
24 the House concerning any allegation that it finds to be
25 substantiated.

1 (5) Upon the request of a person who is subject to
2 an investigation described in subparagraph (4), the Com-
3 mittee on Standards of Official Conduct shall release to
4 such person at the conclusion of its investigation a sum-
5 mary of its investigation, together with its findings. If, at
6 the conclusion of its investigation, the Committee on
7 Standards of Official Conduct determines that there has
8 been a significant breach of confidentiality or unauthor-
9 ized disclosure by a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
10 sioner, officer, or employee of the House, it shall report
11 its findings to the House and recommend appropriate ac-
12 tion. Recommendations may include censure, removal
13 from committee membership, or expulsion from the House,
14 in the case of a Member, or removal from office or employ-
15 ment or punishment for contempt, in the case of an officer
16 or employee.

17 (h) The select committee may permit a personal rep-
18 resentative of the President, designated by the President
19 to serve as a liaison to the select committee, to attend
20 any closed meeting of the select committee.

21 (i) Subject to the Rules of the House, funds may not
22 be appropriated for a fiscal year, with the exception of
23 a bill or joint resolution continuing appropriations, or an
24 amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon, to, or
25 for use of, a department or agency of the United States

1 to carry out any of the following activities, unless the
2 funds shall previously have been authorized by a bill or
3 joint resolution passed by the House during the same or
4 preceding fiscal year to carry out such activity for such
5 fiscal year:

6 (1) The activities of the Central Intelligence
7 Agency and the Director of Central Intelligence.

8 (2) The activities of the Defense Intelligence
9 Agency.

10 (3) The activities of the National Security
11 Agency.

12 (4) The intelligence and intelligence-related ac-
13 tivities of other agencies and subdivisions of the De-
14 partment of Defense.

15 (5) The intelligence and intelligence-related ac-
16 tivities of the Department of State.

17 (6) The intelligence and intelligence-related ac-
18 tivities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in-
19 cluding all activities of the Intelligence Division.

20 (j)(1) In this clause the term “intelligence and intel-
21 ligence-related activities” includes—

22 (A) the collection, analysis, production, dissemi-
23 nation, or use of information that relates to a for-
24 eign country, or a government, political group,
25 party, military force, movement, or other association

1 in a foreign country, and that relates to the defense,
2 foreign policy, national security, or related policies of
3 the United States and other activity in support of
4 the collection, analysis, production, dissemination, or
5 use of such information;

6 (B) activities taken to counter similar activities
7 directed against the United States;

8 (C) covert or clandestine activities affecting the
9 relations of the United States with a foreign govern-
10 ment, political group, party, military force, move-
11 ment, or other association;

12 (D) the collection, analysis, production, dissemi-
13 nation, or use of information about activities of per-
14 sons within the United States, its territories and
15 possessions, or nationals of the United States abroad
16 whose political and related activities pose, or may be
17 considered by a department, agency, bureau, office,
18 division, instrumentality, or employee of the United
19 States to pose, a threat to the internal security of
20 the United States; and

21 (E) covert or clandestine activities directed
22 against persons described in subdivision (D).

23 (2) In this clause the term “department or agency”
24 includes any organization, committee, council, establish-
25 ment, or office within the Federal Government.

1 (3) For purposes of this clause, reference to a depart-
2 ment, agency, bureau, or subdivision shall include a ref-
3 erence to any successor department, agency, bureau, or
4 subdivision to the extent that a successor engages in intel-
5 ligence or intelligence-related activities now conducted by
6 the department, agency, bureau, or subdivision referred to
7 in this clause.

8 (k) Clause 12(a) of rule XXII does not apply to meet-
9 ings of a conference committee respecting legislation (or
10 any part thereof) reported by the Permanent Select Com-
11 mittee on Intelligence.

12 RULE XI.

13 PROCEDURES OF COMMITTEES AND UNFINISHED

14 BUSINESS.

15 ***In general***

16 1. (a)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (B),
17 the Rules of the House are the rules of its committees
18 and subcommittees so far as applicable.

19 (B) A motion to recess from day to day, and a motion
20 to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or reso-
21 lution, if printed copies are available, each shall be privi-
22 leged in committees and subcommittees and shall be de-
23 cided without debate.

1 (2) Each subcommittee is a part of its committee and
2 is subject to the authority and direction of that committee
3 and to its rules, so far as applicable.

4 (b)(1) Each committee may conduct at any time such
5 investigations and studies as it considers necessary or ap-
6 propriate in the exercise of its responsibilities under rule
7 X. Subject to the adoption of expense resolutions as re-
8 quired by clause 6 of rule X, each committee may incur
9 expenses, including travel expenses, in connection with
10 such investigations and studies.

11 (2) A proposed investigative or oversight report shall
12 be considered as read in committee if it has been available
13 to the members for at least 24 hours (excluding Satur-
14 days, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House
15 is in session on such a day).

16 (3) A report of an investigation or study conducted
17 jointly by more than one committee may be filed jointly,
18 provided that each of the committees complies independ-
19 ently with all requirements for approval and filing of the
20 report.

21 (4) After an adjournment sine die of the last regular
22 session of a Congress, an investigative or oversight report
23 may be filed with the Clerk at any time, provided that
24 a member who gives timely notice of intention to file sup-
25 plemental, minority, or additional views shall be entitled

1 to not less than seven calendar days in which to submit
2 such views for inclusion in the report.

3 (c) Each committee may have printed and bound such
4 testimony and other data as may be presented at hearings
5 held by the committee or its subcommittees. All costs of
6 stenographic services and transcripts in connection with
7 a meeting or hearing of a committee shall be paid from
8 the applicable accounts of the House described in clause
9 1(i)(1) of rule X.

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

15 (2) Such report shall include separate sections sum-
16 marizing the legislative and oversight activities of that
17 committee during that Congress.

18 (3) The oversight section of such report shall include
19 a summary of the oversight plans submitted by the com-
20 mittee under clause 2(d) of rule X, a summary of the ac-
21 tions taken and recommendations made with respect to
22 each such plan, a summary of any additional oversight ac-
23 tivities undertaken by that committee, and any rec-
24 ommendations made or actions taken thereon.

1 (4) After an adjournment sine die of the last regular
2 session of a Congress, the chairman of a committee may
3 file an activities report under subparagraph (1) with the
4 Clerk at any time and without approval of the committee,
5 provided that—

6 (A) a copy of the report has been available to
7 each member of the committee for at least seven cal-
8 endar days; and

9 (B) the report includes any supplemental, mi-
10 nority, or additional views submitted by a member of
11 the committee.

12 ***Adoption of written rules***

13 2. (a)(1) Each standing committee shall adopt writ-
14 ten rules governing its procedure. Such rules—

15 (A) shall be adopted in a meeting that is open
16 to the public unless the committee, in open session
17 and with a quorum present, determines by record
18 vote that all or part of the meeting on that day shall
19 be closed to the public;

20 (B) may not be inconsistent with the Rules of
21 the House or with those provisions of law having the
22 force and effect of Rules of the House; and

23 (C) shall in any event incorporate all of the suc-
24 ceeding provisions of this clause to the extent appli-
25 cable.

1 (2) Each committee shall submit its rules for publica-
2 tion in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days
3 after the committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

4 ***Regular meeting days***

5 (b) Each standing committee shall establish regular
6 meeting days for the conduct of its business, which shall
7 be not less frequent than monthly. Each such committee
8 shall meet for the consideration of a bill or resolution
9 pending before the committee or the transaction of other
10 committee business on all regular meeting days fixed by
11 the committee unless otherwise provided by written rule
12 adopted by the committee.

13 ***Additional and special meetings***

14 (c)(1) The chairman of each standing committee may
15 call and convene, as he considers necessary, additional and
16 special meetings of the committee for the consideration of
17 a bill or resolution pending before the committee or for
18 the conduct of other committee business, subject to such
19 rules as the committee may adopt. The committee shall
20 meet for such purpose under that call of the chairman.

21 (2) Three or more members of a standing committee
22 may file in the offices of the committee a written request
23 that the chairman call a special meeting of the committee.
24 Such request shall specify the measure or matter to be
25 considered. Immediately upon the filing of the request, the

1 clerk of the committee shall notify the chairman of the
2 filing of the request. If the chairman does not call the re-
3 quested special meeting within three calendar days after
4 the filing of the request (to be held within seven calendar
5 days after the filing of the request) a majority of the mem-
6 bers of the committee may file in the offices of the commit-
7 tee their written notice that a special meeting of the com-
8 mittee will be held. The written notice shall specify the
9 date and hour of the special meeting and the measure or
10 matter to be considered. The committee shall meet on that
11 date and hour. Immediately upon the filing of the notice,
12 the clerk of the committee shall notify all members of the
13 committee that such special meeting will be held and in-
14 form them of its date and hour and the measure or matter
15 to be considered. Only the measure or matter specified in
16 that notice may be considered at that special meeting.

17 ***Temporary absence of chairman***

18 (d) A member of the majority party on each standing
19 committee or subcommittee thereof shall be designated by
20 the chairman of the full committee as the vice chairman
21 of the committee or subcommittee, as the case may be,
22 and shall preside during the absence of the chairman from
23 any meeting. If the chairman and vice chairman of a com-
24 mittee or subcommittee are not present at any meeting

1 of the committee or subcommittee, the ranking majority
2 member who is present shall preside at that meeting.

3 ***Committee records***

4 (e)(1)(A) Each committee shall keep a complete
5 record of all committee action which shall include—

6 (i) in the case of a meeting or hearing tran-
7 script, a substantially verbatim account of remarks
8 actually made during the proceedings, subject only
9 to technical, grammatical, and typographical correc-
10 tions authorized by the person making the remarks
11 involved; and

12 (ii) a record of the votes on any question on
13 which a record vote is demanded.

14 (B)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (B)(ii) and
15 subject to paragraph (k)(7), the result of each such record
16 vote shall be made available by the committee for inspec-
17 tion by the public at reasonable times in its offices. Infor-
18 mation so available for public inspection shall include a
19 description of the amendment, motion, order, or other
20 proposition, the name of each member voting for and each
21 member voting against such amendment, motion, order,
22 or proposition, and the names of those members of the
23 committee present but not voting.

24 (ii) The result of any record vote taken in executive
25 session in the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

1 may not be made available for inspection by the public
2 without an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
3 of the committee.

4 (2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (B), all com-
5 mittee hearings, records, data, charts, and files shall be
6 kept separate and distinct from the congressional office
7 records of the member serving as its chairman. Such
8 records shall be the property of the House, and each Mem-
9 ber, Delegate, and the Resident Commissioner shall have
10 access thereto.

11 (B) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner,
12 other than members of the Committee on Standards of
13 Official Conduct, may not have access to the records of
14 that committee respecting the conduct of a Member, Dele-
15 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
16 House without the specific prior permission of that com-
17 mittee.

18 (3) Each committee shall include in its rules stand-
19 ards for availability of records of the committee delivered
20 to the Archivist of the United States under rule VII. Such
21 standards shall specify procedures for orders of the com-
22 mittee under clause 3(b)(3) and clause 4(b) of rule VII,
23 including a requirement that nonavailability of a record
24 for a period longer than the period otherwise applicable

1 under that rule shall be approved by vote of the commit-
2 tee.

3 (4) Each committee shall make its publications avail-
4 able in electronic form to the maximum extent feasible.

5 ***Prohibition against proxy voting***

6 (f) A vote by a member of a committee or subcommit-
7 tee with respect to any measure or matter may not be cast
8 by proxy.

9 ***Open meetings and hearings***

10 (g)(1) Each meeting for the transaction of business,
11 including the markup of legislation, by a standing commit-
12 tee or subcommittee thereof (other than the Committee
13 on Standards of Official Conduct or its subcommittee)
14 shall be open to the public, including to radio, television,
15 and still photography coverage, except when the committee
16 or subcommittee, in open session and with a majority
17 present, determines by record vote that all or part of the
18 remainder of the meeting on that day shall be in executive
19 session because disclosure of matters to be considered
20 would endanger national security, would compromise sen-
21 sitive law enforcement information, would tend to defame,
22 degrade, or incriminate any person, or otherwise would
23 violate a law or rule of the House. Persons, other than
24 members of the committee and such noncommittee Mem-
25 bers, Delegates, Resident Commissioner, congressional

1 staff, or departmental representatives as the committee
2 may authorize, may not be present at a business or mark-
3 up session that is held in executive session. This subpara-
4 graph does not apply to open committee hearings, which
5 are governed by clause 4(a)(1) of rule X or by subpara-
6 graph (2).

7 (2)(A) Each hearing conducted by a committee or
8 subcommittee (other than the Committee on Standards of
9 Official Conduct or its subcommittees) shall be open to
10 the public, including to radio, television, and still photog-
11 raphy coverage, except when the committee or subcommit-
12 tee, in open session and with a majority present, deter-
13 mines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of
14 that hearing on that day shall be closed to the public be-
15 cause disclosure of testimony, evidence, or other matters
16 to be considered would endanger national security, would
17 compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or
18 would violate a law or rule of the House.

19 (B) Notwithstanding the requirements of subdivision
20 (A), in the presence of the number of members required
21 under the rules of the committee for the purpose of taking
22 testimony, a majority of those present may—

23 (i) agree to close the hearing for the sole pur-
24 pose of discussing whether testimony or evidence to
25 be received would endanger national security, would

1 compromise sensitive law enforcement information,
2 or would violate clause 2(k)(5); or

3 (ii) agree to close the hearing as provided in
4 clause 2(k)(5).

5 (C) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
6 may not be excluded from nonparticipatory attendance at
7 a hearing of a committee or subcommittee (other than the
8 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or its sub-
9 committees) unless the House by majority vote authorizes
10 a particular committee or subcommittee, for purposes of
11 a particular series of hearings on a particular article of
12 legislation or on a particular subject of investigation, to
13 close its hearings to Members, Delegates, and the Resident
14 Commissioner by the same procedures specified in this
15 subparagraph for closing hearings to the public.

16 (D) The committee or subcommittee may vote by the
17 same procedure described in this subparagraph to close
18 one subsequent day of hearing, except that the Committee
19 on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services, and
20 the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the
21 subcommittees thereof, may vote by the same procedure
22 to close up to five additional, consecutive days of hearings.

23 (3) The chairman of each committee (other than the
24 Committee on Rules) shall make public announcement of
25 the date, place, and subject matter of a committee hearing

1 at least one week before the commencement of the hear-
2 ing. If the chairman of the committee, with the concur-
3 rence of the ranking minority member, determines that
4 there is good cause to begin a hearing sooner, or if the
5 committee so determines by majority vote in the presence
6 of the number of members required under the rules of the
7 committee for the transaction of business, the chairman
8 shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date.
9 An announcement made under this subparagraph shall be
10 published promptly in the Daily Digest and made available
11 in electronic form.

12 (4) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent prac-
13 ticable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit
14 in advance written statements of proposed testimony and
15 to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief
16 summaries thereof. In the case of a witness appearing in
17 a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of pro-
18 posed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a dis-
19 closure of the amount and source (by agency and pro-
20 gram) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or con-
21 tract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current
22 fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by
23 the witness or by an entity represented by the witness.

24 (5)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (B), a point
25 of order does not lie with respect to a measure reported

1 by a committee on the ground that hearings on such meas-
2 ure were not conducted in accordance with this clause.

3 (B) A point of order on the ground described in sub-
4 division (A) may be made by a member of the committee
5 that reported the measure if such point of order was time-
6 ly made and improperly disposed of in the committee.

7 (6) This paragraph does not apply to hearings of the
8 Committee on Appropriations under clause 4(a)(1) of
9 rule X.

10 ***Quorum requirements***

11 (h)(1) A measure or recommendation may not be re-
12 ported by a committee unless a majority of the committee
13 is actually present.

14 (2) Each committee may fix the number of its mem-
15 bers to constitute a quorum for taking testimony and re-
16 ceiving evidence, which may not be less than two.

17 (3) Each committee (other than the Committee on
18 Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the
19 Committee on Ways and Means) may fix the number of
20 its members to constitute a quorum for taking any action
21 other than the reporting of a measure or recommendation,
22 which may not be less than one-third of the members.

1 ***Limitation on committee sittings***

2 (i) A committee may not sit during a joint session
3 of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint
4 meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

5 ***Calling and questioning of witnesses***

6 (j)(1) Whenever a hearing is conducted by a commit-
7 tee on a measure or matter, the minority members of the
8 committee shall be entitled, upon request to the chairman
9 by a majority of them before the completion of the hear-
10 ing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify
11 with respect to that measure or matter during at least
12 one day of hearing thereon.

13 (2)(A) Subject to subdivisions (B) and (C), each com-
14 mittee shall apply the five-minute rule during the ques-
15 tioning of witnesses in a hearing until such time as each
16 member of the committee who so desires has had an op-
17 portunity to question each witness.

18 (B) A committee may adopt a rule or motion permit-
19 ting a specified number of its members to question a wit-
20 ness for longer than five minutes. The time for extended
21 questioning of a witness under this subdivision shall be
22 equal for the majority party and the minority party and
23 may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

24 (C) A committee may adopt a rule or motion permit-
25 ting committee staff for its majority and minority party
26 members to question a witness for equal specified periods.

1 The time for extended questioning of a witness under this
2 subdivision shall be equal for the majority party and the
3 minority party and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.
4 gate.

5 ***Investigative hearing procedures***

6 (k)(1) The chairman at an investigative hearing shall
7 announce in an opening statement the subject of the investigation.
8 tigation.

9 (2) A copy of the committee rules and of this clause
10 shall be made available to each witness.

11 (3) Witnesses at investigative hearings may be accompanied
12 by their own counsel for the purpose of advising them concerning
13 their constitutional rights.

14 (4) The chairman may punish breaches of order and
15 decorum, and of professional ethics on the part of counsel,
16 by censure and exclusion from the hearings; and the committee
17 may cite the offender to the House for contempt.

18 (5) Whenever it is asserted that the evidence or testimony
19 at an investigative hearing may tend to defame, degrade,
20 or incriminate any person—

21 (A) notwithstanding paragraph (g)(2), such testimony
22 or evidence shall be presented in executive session if, in the
23 presence of the number of members required under the rules of
24 the committee for the purpose of taking testimony, the committee
25 deter-

1 mines by vote of a majority of those present that
2 such evidence or testimony may tend to defame, de-
3 grade, or incriminate any person; and

4 (B) the committee shall proceed to receive such
5 testimony in open session only if the committee, a
6 majority being present, determines that such evi-
7 dence or testimony will not tend to defame, degrade,
8 or incriminate any person.

9 In either case the committee shall afford such person an
10 opportunity voluntarily to appear as a witness, and receive
11 and dispose of requests from such person to subpoena ad-
12 ditional witnesses.

13 (6) Except as provided in subparagraph (5), the
14 chairman shall receive and the committee shall dispose of
15 requests to subpoena additional witnesses.

16 (7) Evidence or testimony taken in executive session,
17 and proceedings conducted in executive session, may be
18 released or used in public sessions only when authorized
19 by the committee, a majority being present.

20 (8) In the discretion of the committee, witnesses may
21 submit brief and pertinent sworn statements in writing for
22 inclusion in the record. The committee is the sole judge
23 of the pertinence of testimony and evidence adduced at
24 its hearing.

1 (9) A witness may obtain a transcript copy of his tes-
2 timony given at a public session or, if given at an executive
3 session, when authorized by the committee.

4 ***Supplemental, minority, or additional views***

5 (l) If at the time of approval of a measure or matter
6 by a committee (other than the Committee on Rules) a
7 member of the committee gives notice of intention to file
8 supplemental, minority, or additional views for inclusion
9 in the report to the House thereon, that member shall be
10 entitled to not less than two additional calendar days after
11 the day of such notice (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and
12 legal holidays except when the House is in session on such
13 a day) to file such views, in writing and signed by that
14 member, with the clerk of the committee.

15 ***Power to sit and act; subpoena power***

16 (m)(1) For the purpose of carrying out any of its
17 functions and duties under this rule and rule X (including
18 any matters referred to it under clause 2 of rule XII),
19 a committee or subcommittee is authorized (subject to
20 subparagraph (2)(A))—

21 (A) to sit and act at such times and places
22 within the United States, whether the House is in
23 session, has recessed, or has adjourned, and to hold
24 such hearings as it considers necessary; and

1 (B) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the
2 attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the
3 production of such books, records, correspondence,
4 memoranda, papers, and documents as it considers
5 necessary.

6 (2) The chairman of the committee, or a member des-
7 ignated by the chairman, may administer oaths to wit-
8 nesses.

9 (3)(A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (A)(ii), a
10 subpoena may be authorized and issued by a committee
11 or subcommittee under subparagraph (1)(B) in the con-
12 duct of an investigation or series of investigations or ac-
13 tivities only when authorized by the committee or sub-
14 committee, a majority being present. The power to author-
15 ize and issue subpoenas under subparagraph (1)(B) may
16 be delegated to the chairman of the committee under such
17 rules and under such limitations as the committee may
18 prescribe. Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the
19 chairman of the committee or by a member designated by
20 the committee.

21 (ii) In the case of a subcommittee of the Committee
22 on Standards of Official Conduct, a subpoena may be au-
23 thorized and issued only by an affirmative vote of a major-
24 ity of its members.

1 (B) A subpoena duces tecum may specify terms of
2 return other than at a meeting or hearing of the commit-
3 tee or subcommittee authorizing the subpoena.

4 (C) Compliance with a subpoena issued by a commit-
5 tee or subcommittee under subparagraph (1)(B) may be
6 enforced only as authorized or directed by the House.

7 ***Committee on Standards of Official Conduct***

8 3. (a) The Committee on Standards of Official Con-
9 duct has the following functions:

10 (1) The committee may recommend to the
11 House from time to time such administrative actions
12 as it may consider appropriate to establish or en-
13 force standards of official conduct for Members, Del-
14 egates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and em-
15 ployees of the House. A letter of reproof or other
16 administrative action of the committee pursuant to
17 an investigation under subparagraph (2) shall only
18 be issued or implemented as a part of a report re-
19 quired by such subparagraph.

20 (2) The committee may investigate, subject to
21 paragraph (b), an alleged violation by a Member,
22 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
23 ployee of the House of the Code of Official Conduct
24 or of a law, rule, regulation, or other standard of
25 conduct applicable to the conduct of such Member,

1 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
2 ployee in the performance of his duties or the dis-
3 charge of his responsibilities. After notice and hear-
4 ing (unless the right to a hearing is waived by the
5 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer
6 or employee), the committee shall report to the
7 House its findings of fact and recommendations, if
8 any, for the final disposition of any such investiga-
9 tion and such action as the committee may consider
10 appropriate in the circumstances.

11 (3) The committee may report to the appro-
12 priate Federal or State authorities, either with the
13 approval of the House or by an affirmative vote of
14 two-thirds of the members of the committee, any
15 substantial evidence of a violation by a Member,
16 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
17 ployee of the House, of a law applicable to the per-
18 formance of his duties or the discharge of his re-
19 sponsibilities that may have been disclosed in a com-
20 mittee investigation.

21 (4) The committee may consider the request of
22 a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer,
23 or employee of the House for an advisory opinion
24 with respect to the general propriety of any current
25 or proposed conduct of such Member, Delegate,

1 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee. With
2 appropriate deletions to ensure the privacy of the
3 person concerned, the committee may publish such
4 opinion for the guidance of other Members, Dele-
5 gates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and em-
6 ployees of the House.

7 (5) The committee may consider the request of
8 a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer,
9 or employee of the House for a written waiver in ex-
10 ceptional circumstances with respect to clause 4 of
11 rule XXIV.

12 (b)(1)(A) Unless approved by an affirmative vote of
13 a majority of its members, the Committee on Standards
14 of Official Conduct may not report a resolution, report,
15 recommendation, or advisory opinion relating to the offi-
16 cial conduct of a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
17 sioner, officer or employee of the House, or, except as pro-
18 vided in subparagraph (2), undertake an investigation of
19 such conduct.

20 (B)(i) Upon the receipt of information offered as a
21 complaint that is in compliance with this rule and the
22 rules of the committee, the chairman and ranking minority
23 member jointly may appoint members to serve as an inves-
24 tigative subcommittee.

1 (ii) The chairman and ranking minority member of
2 the committee jointly may gather additional information
3 concerning alleged conduct that is the basis of a complaint
4 or of information offered as a complaint until they have
5 established an investigative subcommittee or either of
6 them has placed on the agenda of the committee the issue
7 of whether to establish an investigative subcommittee.

8 (2) Except in the case of an investigation undertaken
9 by the committee on its own initiative, the committee may
10 undertake an investigation relating to the official conduct
11 of an individual Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
12 sioner, officer, or employee of the House only—

13 (A) upon receipt of information offered as a
14 complaint, in writing and under oath, from a Mem-
15 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner and trans-
16 mitted to the committee by such Member, Delegate,
17 or Resident Commissioner; or

18 (B) upon receipt of information offered as a
19 complaint, in writing and under oath, from a person
20 not a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
21 provided that a Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-
22 missioner certifies in writing to the committee that
23 he believes the information is submitted in good
24 faith and warrants the review and consideration of
25 the committee.

1 If a complaint is not disposed of within the applicable peri-
2 ods set forth in the rules of the Committee on Standards
3 of Official Conduct, the chairman and ranking minority
4 member shall establish jointly an investigative subcommit-
5 tee and forward the complaint, or any portion thereof, to
6 that subcommittee for its consideration. However, if at
7 any time during those periods either the chairman or
8 ranking minority member places on the agenda the issue
9 of whether to establish an investigative subcommittee,
10 then an investigative subcommittee may be established
11 only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
12 of the committee.

13 (3) The committee may not undertake an investiga-
14 tion of an alleged violation of a law, rule, regulation, or
15 standard of conduct that was not in effect at the time of
16 the alleged violation. The committee may not undertake
17 an investigation of such an alleged violation that occurred
18 before the third previous Congress unless the committee
19 determines that the alleged violation is directly related to
20 an alleged violation that occurred in a more recent Con-
21 gress.

22 (4) A member of the committee shall be ineligible to
23 participate as a member of the committee in a committee
24 proceeding relating to the member's official conduct.
25 Whenever a member of the committee is ineligible to act

1 as a member of the committee under the preceding sen-
2 tence, the Speaker shall designate a Member, Delegate,
3 or Resident Commissioner from the same political party
4 as the ineligible member to act in any proceeding of the
5 committee relating to that conduct.

6 (5) A member of the committee may disqualify him-
7 self from participating in an investigation of the conduct
8 of a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer,
9 or employee of the House upon the submission in writing
10 and under oath of an affidavit of disqualification stating
11 that the member cannot render an impartial and unbiased
12 decision in the case in which the member seeks to be dis-
13 qualified. If the committee approves and accepts such affi-
14 davit of disqualification, the chairman shall so notify the
15 Speaker and request the Speaker to designate a Member,
16 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner from the same politi-
17 cal party as the disqualifying member to act in any pro-
18 ceeding of the committee relating to that case.

19 (6) Information or testimony received, or the contents
20 of a complaint or the fact of its filing, may not be publicly
21 disclosed by any committee or staff member unless specifi-
22 cally authorized in each instance by a vote of the full com-
23 mittee.

24 (7) The committee shall have the functions des-
25 ignated in titles I and V of the Ethics in Government Act

1 of 1978, in sections 7342, 7351, and 7353 of title 5,
2 United States Code, and in clause 11(g)(4) of rule X.

3 (c)(1) Notwithstanding clause 2(g)(1) of rule XI,
4 each meeting of the Committee on Standards of Official
5 Conduct or a subcommittee thereof shall occur in executive
6 session unless the committee or subcommittee, by an af-
7 firmative vote of a majority of its members, opens the
8 meeting to the public.

9 (2) Notwithstanding clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI, each
10 hearing of an adjudicatory subcommittee or sanction hear-
11 ing of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
12 shall be held in open session unless the committee or sub-
13 committee, in open session by an affirmative vote of a ma-
14 jority of its members, closes all or part of the remainder
15 of the hearing on that day to the public.

16 (d) Before a member, officer, or employee of the
17 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, including
18 members of a subcommittee of the committee selected
19 under clause 5(a)(4) of rule X and shared staff, may have
20 access to information that is confidential under the rules
21 of the committee, the following oath (or affirmation) shall
22 be executed:

23 “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not
24 disclose, to any person or entity outside the Commit-
25 tee on Standards of Official Conduct, any informa-

1 tion received in the course of my service with the
2 committee, except as authorized by the committee or
3 in accordance with its rules.”

4 Copies of the executed oath shall be retained by the Clerk
5 as part of the records of the House. This paragraph estab-
6 lishes a standard of conduct within the meaning of para-
7 graph (a)(2). Breaches of confidentiality shall be inves-
8 tigated by the Committee on Standards of Official Con-
9 duct and appropriate action shall be taken.

10 (e)(1) If a complaint or information offered as a com-
11 plaint is deemed frivolous by an affirmative vote of a ma-
12 jority of the members of the Committee on Standards of
13 Official Conduct, the committee may take such action as
14 it, by an affirmative vote of a majority of its members,
15 considers appropriate in the circumstances.

16 (2) Complaints filed before the One Hundred Fifth
17 Congress may not be deemed frivolous by the Committee
18 on Standards of Official Conduct.

19 ***Audio and visual coverage of committee proceedings***

20 4. (a) The purpose of this clause is to provide a
21 means, in conformity with acceptable standards of dignity,
22 propriety, and decorum, by which committee hearings or
23 committee meetings that are open to the public may be
24 covered by audio and visual means—

1 (1) for the education, enlightenment, and infor-
2 mation of the general public, on the basis of accu-
3 rate and impartial news coverage, regarding the op-
4 erations, procedures, and practices of the House as
5 a legislative and representative body, and regarding
6 the measures, public issues, and other matters be-
7 fore the House and its committees, the consideration
8 thereof, and the action taken thereon; and

9 (2) for the development of the perspective and
10 understanding of the general public with respect to
11 the role and function of the House under the Con-
12 stitution as an institution of the Federal Govern-
13 ment.

14 (b) In addition, it is the intent of this clause that
15 radio and television tapes and television film of any cov-
16 erage under this clause may not be used, or made available
17 for use, as partisan political campaign material to promote
18 or oppose the candidacy of any person for elective public
19 office.

20 (c) It is, further, the intent of this clause that the
21 general conduct of each meeting (whether of a hearing or
22 otherwise) covered under authority of this clause by audio
23 or visual means, and the personal behavior of the commit-
24 tee members and staff, other Government officials and
25 personnel, witnesses, television, radio, and press media

1 personnel, and the general public at the hearing or other
2 meeting, shall be in strict conformity with and observance
3 of the acceptable standards of dignity, propriety, courtesy,
4 and decorum traditionally observed by the House in its
5 operations, and may not be such as to—

6 (1) distort the objects and purposes of the hear-
7 ing or other meeting or the activities of committee
8 members in connection with that hearing or meeting
9 or in connection with the general work of the com-
10 mittee or of the House; or

11 (2) cast discredit or dishonor on the House, the
12 committee, or a Member, Delegate, or Resident
13 Commissioner or bring the House, the committee, or
14 a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner into
15 disrepute.

16 (d) The coverage of committee hearings and meetings
17 by audio and visual means shall be permitted and con-
18 ducted only in strict conformity with the purposes, provi-
19 sions, and requirements of this clause.

20 (e) Whenever a hearing or meeting conducted by a
21 committee or subcommittee is open to the public, those
22 proceedings shall be open to coverage by audio and visual
23 means. A committee or subcommittee chairman may not
24 limit the number of television or still cameras to fewer
25 than two representatives from each medium (except for

1 legitimate space or safety considerations, in which case
2 pool coverage shall be authorized).

3 (f) Each committee shall adopt written rules to gov-
4 ern its implementation of this clause. Such rules shall con-
5 tain provisions to the following effect:

6 (1) If audio or visual coverage of the hearing or
7 meeting is to be presented to the public as live cov-
8 erage, that coverage shall be conducted and pre-
9 sented without commercial sponsorship.

10 (2) The allocation among the television media
11 of the positions or the number of television cameras
12 permitted by a committee or subcommittee chairman
13 in a hearing or meeting room shall be in accordance
14 with fair and equitable procedures devised by the
15 Executive Committee of the Radio and Television
16 Correspondents' Galleries.

17 (3) Television cameras shall be placed so as not
18 to obstruct in any way the space between a witness
19 giving evidence or testimony and any member of the
20 committee or the visibility of that witness and that
21 member to each other.

22 (4) Television cameras shall operate from fixed
23 positions but may not be placed in positions that ob-
24 struct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing or
25 meeting by the other media.

1 (5) Equipment necessary for coverage by the
2 television and radio media may not be installed in,
3 or removed from, the hearing or meeting room while
4 the committee is in session.

5 (6)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (B),
6 floodlights, spotlights, strobelights, and flashguns
7 may not be used in providing any method of cov-
8 erage of the hearing or meeting.

9 (B) The television media may install additional
10 lighting in a hearing or meeting room, without cost
11 to the Government, in order to raise the ambient
12 lighting level in a hearing or meeting room to the
13 lowest level necessary to provide adequate television
14 coverage of a hearing or meeting at the current state
15 of the art of television coverage.

16 (7) In the allocation of the number of still pho-
17 tographers permitted by a committee or subcommit-
18 tee chairman in a hearing or meeting room, pref-
19 erence shall be given to photographers from Associ-
20 ated Press Photos and United Press International
21 Newspictures. If requests are made by more of the
22 media than will be permitted by a committee or sub-
23 committee chairman for coverage of a hearing or
24 meeting by still photography, that coverage shall be
25 permitted on the basis of a fair and equitable pool

1 arrangement devised by the Standing Committee of
2 Press Photographers.

3 (8) Photographers may not position themselves
4 between the witness table and the members of the
5 committee at any time during the course of a hear-
6 ing or meeting.

7 (9) Photographers may not place themselves in
8 positions that obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of
9 the hearing by the other media.

10 (10) Personnel providing coverage by the tele-
11 vision and radio media shall be currently accredited
12 to the Radio and Television Correspondents' Gal-
13 leries.

14 (11) Personnel providing coverage by still pho-
15 tography shall be currently accredited to the Press
16 Photographers' Gallery.

17 (12) Personnel providing coverage by the tele-
18 vision and radio media and by still photography shall
19 conduct themselves and their coverage activities in
20 an orderly and unobtrusive manner.

21 ***Pay of witnesses***

22 5. Witnesses appearing before the House or any of
23 its committees shall be paid the same per diem rate as
24 established, authorized, and regulated by the Committee
25 on House Administration for Members, Delegates, the

1 Resident Commissioner, and employees of the House, plus
 2 actual expenses of travel to or from the place of examina-
 3 tion. Such per diem may not be paid when a witness has
 4 been summoned at the place of examination.

5 ***Unfinished business of the session***

6 6. All business of the House at the end of one session
 7 shall be resumed at the commencement of the next session
 8 of the same Congress in the same manner as if no ad-
 9 journment had taken place.

10 **RULE XII.**

11 **RECEIPT AND REFERRAL OF MEASURES AND MATTERS.**

12 ***Messages***

13 1. Messages received from the Senate, or from the
 14 President, shall be entered on the Journal and published
 15 in the Congressional Record of the proceedings of that
 16 day.

17 ***Referral***

18 2. (a) The Speaker shall refer each bill, resolution,
 19 or other matter that relates to a subject listed under a
 20 standing committee named in clause 1 of rule X in accord-
 21 ance with the provisions of this clause.

22 (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph
 23 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent
 24 feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under
 25 clause 1 of rule X over the subject matter of a provision

1 thereof may consider such provision and report to the
2 House thereon. Precedents, rulings, or procedures in effect
3 before the Ninety-Fourth Congress shall be applied to re-
4 ferrals under this clause only to the extent that they will
5 contribute to the achievement of the objectives of this
6 clause.

7 (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with re-
8 spect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker—

9 (1) shall designate a committee of primary ju-
10 risdiction;

11 (2) may refer the matter to one or more addi-
12 tional committees for consideration in sequence, ei-
13 ther initially or after the matter has been reported
14 by the committee of primary jurisdiction;

15 (3) may refer portions of the matter reflecting
16 different subjects and jurisdictions to one or more
17 additional committees;

18 (4) may refer the matter to a special, ad hoc
19 committee appointed by the Speaker with the ap-
20 proval of the House, and including members of the
21 committees of jurisdiction, for the specific purpose
22 of considering that matter and reporting to the
23 House thereon;

24 (5) may subject a referral to appropriate time
25 limitations; and

1 (6) may make such other provision as may be
2 considered appropriate.

3 (d) A bill for the payment or adjudication of a private
4 claim against the Government may not be referred to a
5 committee other than the Committee on International Re-
6 lations or the Committee on the Judiciary, except by unan-
7 imous consent.

8 ***Petitions, memorials, and private bills***

9 3. If a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
10 has a petition, memorial, or private bill to present, he shall
11 endorse his name, deliver it to the Clerk, and may specify
12 the reference or disposition to be made thereof. Such peti-
13 tion, memorial, or private bill (except when judged by the
14 Speaker to be obscene or insulting) shall be entered on
15 the Journal with the name of the Member, Delegate, or
16 Resident Commissioner presenting it and shall be printed
17 in the Congressional Record.

18 4. A private bill or private resolution (including an
19 omnibus claim or pension bill), or amendment thereto,
20 may not be received or considered in the House if it au-
21 thorizes or directs—

22 (a) the payment of money for property dam-
23 ages, for personal injuries or death for which suit
24 may be instituted under the Tort Claims Procedure
25 provided in title 28, United States Code, or for a

1 pension (other than to carry out a provision of law
2 or treaty stipulation);

3 (b) the construction of a bridge across a navi-
4 gable stream; or

5 (c) the correction of a military or naval record.

6 ***Prohibition on commemorations***

7 5. (a) A bill or resolution, or an amendment thereto,
8 may not be introduced or considered in the House if it
9 establishes or expresses a commemoration.

10 (b) In this clause the term “commemoration” means
11 a remembrance, celebration, or recognition for any pur-
12 pose through the designation of a specified period of time.

13 ***Excluded matters***

14 6. A petition, memorial, bill, or resolution excluded
15 under this rule shall be returned to the Member, Delegate,
16 or Resident Commissioner from whom it was received. A
17 petition or private bill that has been inappropriately re-
18 ferred may, by direction of the committee having posses-
19 sion of it, be properly referred in the manner originally
20 presented. An erroneous reference of a petition or private
21 bill under this clause does not confer jurisdiction on a
22 committee to consider or report it.

23 ***Sponsorship***

24 7. (a) All other bills, memorials, petitions, and resolu-
25 tions, endorsed with the names of Members, Delegates, or

1 the Resident Commissioner introducing them, may be de-
2 livered to the Speaker to be referred. The titles and ref-
3 erences of all bills, memorials, petitions, resolutions, and
4 other documents referred under this rule shall be entered
5 on the Journal and printed in the Congressional Record.
6 An erroneous reference may be corrected by the House
7 in accordance with rule X on any day immediately after
8 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by unanimous consent
9 or motion. Such a motion shall be privileged if offered by
10 direction of a committee to which the bill has been erro-
11 neously referred or by direction of a committee claiming
12 jurisdiction and shall be decided without debate.

13 (b)(1) The primary sponsor of a public bill or public
14 resolution may name cosponsors. The name of a cosponsor
15 added after the initial printing of a bill or resolution shall
16 appear in the next printing of the bill or resolution on
17 the written request of the primary sponsor. Such a request
18 may be submitted to the Speaker at any time until the
19 last committee authorized to consider and report the bill
20 or resolution reports it to the House or is discharged from
21 its consideration.

22 (2) The name of a cosponsor of a bill or resolution
23 may be deleted by unanimous consent. The Speaker may
24 entertain such a request only by the Member, Delegate,
25 or Resident Commissioner whose name is to be deleted or

1 by the primary sponsor of the bill or resolution, and only
 2 until the last committee authorized to consider and report
 3 the bill or resolution reports it to the House or is dis-
 4 charged from its consideration. The Speaker may not en-
 5 tertain a request to delete the name of the primary spon-
 6 sor of a bill or resolution. A deletion shall be indicated
 7 by date in the next printing of the bill or resolution.

8 (3) The addition or deletion of the name of a cospon-
 9 sor of a bill or resolution shall be entered on the Journal
 10 and printed in the Congressional Record of that day.

11 (4) A bill or resolution shall be reprinted on the writ-
 12 ten request of the primary sponsor. Such a request may
 13 be submitted to the Speaker only when 20 or more cospon-
 14 sors have been added since the last printing of the bill
 15 or resolution.

16 (5) When a bill or resolution is introduced “by re-
 17 quest,” those words shall be entered on the Journal and
 18 printed in the Congressional Record.

19 ***Executive communications***

20 8. Estimates of appropriations and all other commu-
 21 nications from the executive departments intended for the
 22 consideration of any committees of the House shall be ad-
 23 dressed to the Speaker for referral as provided in clause
 24 2 of rule XIV.

1 RULE XIII.

2 CALENDARS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS.

3 ***Caleendars***

4 1. (a) All business reported by committees shall be
5 referred to one of the following three calendars:

6 (1) A Calendar of the Committee of the Whole
7 House on the state of the Union, to which shall be
8 referred public bills and public resolutions raising
9 revenue, involving a tax or charge on the people, di-
10 rectly or indirectly making appropriations of money
11 or property or requiring such appropriations to be
12 made, authorizing payments out of appropriations
13 already made, releasing any liability to the United
14 States for money or property, or referring a claim
15 to the Court of Claims.

16 (2) A House Calendar, to which shall be re-
17 ferred all public bills and public resolutions not re-
18 quiring referral to the Calendar of the Committee of
19 the Whole House on the state of the Union.

20 (3) A Private Calendar as provided in clause 5
21 of rule XV, to which shall be referred all private bills
22 and private resolutions.

23 (b) There is established a Corrections Calendar as
24 provided in clause 6 of rule XV.

1 (c) There is established a Calendar of Motions to Dis-
2 charge Committees as provided in clause 2 of rule XV.

3 ***Filing and printing of reports***

4 2. (a)(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), all
5 reports of committees (other than those filed from the
6 floor as privileged) shall be delivered to the Clerk for
7 printing and reference to the proper calendar under the
8 direction of the Speaker in accordance with clause 1. The
9 title or subject of each report shall be entered on the Jour-
10 nal and printed in the Congressional Record.

11 (2) A bill or resolution reported adversely shall be laid
12 on the table unless a committee to which the bill or resolu-
13 tion was referred requests at the time of the report its
14 referral to an appropriate calendar under clause 1 or un-
15 less, within three days thereafter, a Member, Delegate, or
16 Resident Commissioner makes such a request.

17 (b)(1) It shall be the duty of the chairman of each
18 committee to report or cause to be reported promptly to
19 the House a measure or matter approved by the committee
20 and to take or cause to be taken steps necessary to bring
21 the measure or matter to a vote.

22 (2) In any event, the report of a committee on a
23 measure that has been approved by the committee shall
24 be filed within seven calendar days (exclusive of days on
25 which the House is not in session) after the day on which

1 a written request for the filing of the report, signed by
2 a majority of the members of the committee, has been filed
3 with the clerk of the committee. The clerk of the commit-
4 tee shall immediately notify the chairman of the filing of
5 such a request. This subparagraph does not apply to a
6 report of the Committee on Rules with respect to a rule,
7 joint rule, or order of business of the House, or to the
8 reporting of a resolution of inquiry addressed to the head
9 of an executive department.

10 (c) All supplemental, minority, or additional views
11 filed under clause 2(l) of rule XI by one or more members
12 of a committee shall be included in, and shall be a part
13 of, the report filed by the committee with respect to a
14 measure or matter. When time guaranteed by clause 2(l)
15 of rule XI has expired (or, if sooner, when all separate
16 views have been received), the committee may arrange to
17 file its report with the Clerk not later than one hour after
18 the expiration of such time. This clause and provisions of
19 clause 2(l) of rule XI do not preclude the immediate filing
20 or printing of a committee report in the absence of a time-
21 ly request for the opportunity to file supplemental, minor-
22 ity, or additional views as provided in clause 2(l) of rule
23 XI.

1 ***Content of reports***

2 3. (a)(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), the
3 report of a committee on a measure or matter shall be
4 printed in a single volume that—

5 (A) shall include all supplemental, minority, or
6 additional views that have been submitted by the
7 time of the filing of the report; and

8 (B) shall bear on its cover a recital that any
9 such supplemental, minority, or additional views
10 (and any material submitted under paragraph (c)(3)
11 or (4)) are included as part of the report.

12 (2) A committee may file a supplemental report for
13 the correction of a technical error in its previous report
14 on a measure or matter.

15 (b) With respect to each record vote on a motion to
16 report a measure or matter of a public nature, and on
17 any amendment offered to the measure or matter, the
18 total number of votes cast for and against, and the names
19 of members voting for and against, shall be included in
20 the committee report. The preceding sentence does not
21 apply to votes taken in executive session by the Committee
22 on Standards of Official Conduct.

23 (c) The report of a committee on a measure that has
24 been approved by the committee shall include, separately
25 set out and clearly identified, the following:

1 (1) Oversight findings and recommendations
2 under clause 2(b)(1) of rule X.

3 (2) The statement required by section 308(a) of
4 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, except that
5 an estimate of new budget authority shall include,
6 when practicable, a comparison of the total esti-
7 mated funding level for the relevant programs to the
8 appropriate levels under current law.

9 (3) An estimate and comparison prepared by
10 the Director of the Congressional Budget Office
11 under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act
12 of 1974 if timely submitted to the committee before
13 the filing of the report.

14 (4) A summary of oversight findings and rec-
15 ommendations by the Committee on Government Re-
16 form under clause 4(c)(2) of rule X if such findings
17 and recommendations have been submitted to the re-
18 porting committee in time to allow it to consider
19 such findings and recommendations during its delib-
20 erations on the measure.

21 (d) Each report of a committee on a public bill or
22 public joint resolution shall contain the following:

23 (1) A statement citing the specific powers
24 granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the
25 law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.

1 (2)(A) An estimate by the committee of the
2 costs that would be incurred in carrying out the bill
3 or joint resolution in the fiscal year in which it is
4 reported and in each of the five fiscal years following
5 that fiscal year (or for the authorized duration of
6 any program authorized by the bill or joint resolu-
7 tion if less than five years);

8 (B) A comparison of the estimate of costs de-
9 scribed in subdivision (A) made by the committee
10 with any estimate of such costs made by a Govern-
11 ment agency and submitted to such committee; and

12 (C) When practicable, a comparison of the total
13 estimated funding level for the relevant programs
14 with the appropriate levels under current law.

15 (3)(A) In subparagraph (2) the term “Govern-
16 ment agency” includes any department, agency, es-
17 tablishment, wholly owned Government corporation,
18 or instrumentality of the Federal Government or the
19 government of the District of Columbia.

20 (B) Subparagraph (2) does not apply to the
21 Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on
22 House Administration, the Committee on Rules, or
23 the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct,
24 and does not apply when a cost estimate and com-
25 parison prepared by the Director of the Congres-

1 sional Budget Office under section 402 of the Con-
2 gressional Budget Act of 1974 has been included in
3 the report under paragraph (c)(3).

4 (e)(1) Whenever a committee reports a bill or joint
5 resolution proposing to repeal or amend a statute or part
6 thereof, it shall include in its report or in an accompanying
7 document—

8 (A) the text of a statute or part thereof that is
9 proposed to be repealed; and

10 (B) a comparative print of any part of the bill
11 or joint resolution proposing to amend the statute
12 and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be
13 amended, showing by appropriate typographical de-
14 vices the omissions and insertions proposed.

15 (2) If a committee reports a bill or joint resolution
16 proposing to repeal or amend a statute or part thereof
17 with a recommendation that the bill or joint resolution be
18 amended, the comparative print required by subparagraph
19 (1) shall reflect the changes in existing law proposed to
20 be made by the bill or joint resolution as proposed to be
21 amended.

22 (f)(1) A report of the Committee on Appropriations
23 on a general appropriation bill shall include—

24 (A) a concise statement describing the effect of
25 any provision of the accompanying bill that directly

1 or indirectly changes the application of existing law;
2 and

3 (B) a list of all appropriations contained in the
4 bill for expenditures not previously authorized by law
5 (except classified intelligence or national security
6 programs, projects, or activities).

7 (2) Whenever the Committee on Appropriations re-
8 ports a bill or joint resolution including matter specified
9 in clause 1(b)(2) or (3) of rule X, it shall include—

10 (A) in the bill or joint resolution, separate
11 headings for “Rescissions” and “Transfers of Unex-
12 pended Balances”; and

13 (B) in the report of the committee, a separate
14 section listing such rescissions and transfers.

15 (g) Whenever the Committee on Rules reports a reso-
16 lution proposing to repeal or amend a standing rule of the
17 House, it shall include in its report or in an accompanying
18 document—

19 (1) the text of any rule or part thereof that is
20 proposed to be repealed; and

21 (2) a comparative print of any part of the reso-
22 lution proposing to amend the rule and of the rule
23 or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by
24 appropriate typographical devices the omissions and
25 insertions proposed.

1 (h)(1) It shall not be in order to consider a bill or
2 joint resolution reported by the Committee on Ways and
3 Means that proposes to amend the Internal Revenue Code
4 of 1986 unless—

5 (A) the report includes a tax complexity analy-
6 sis prepared by the Joint Committee on Internal
7 Revenue Taxation in accordance with section
8 4022(b) of the Internal Revenue Service Restructur-
9 ing and Reform Act of 1998; or

10 (B) the chairman of the Committee on Ways
11 and Means causes such a tax complexity analysis to
12 be printed in the Congressional Record before con-
13 sideration of the bill or joint resolution.

14 (2) A report from the Committee on Ways and Means
15 on a bill or joint resolution designated by the Majority
16 Leader, after consultation with the Minority Leader, as
17 major tax legislation may include a dynamic estimate of
18 the changes in Federal revenues expected to result from
19 enactment of the legislation. The Joint Committee on In-
20 ternal Revenue Taxation shall render a dynamic estimate
21 of such legislation only in response to a timely request
22 from the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means,
23 after consultation with the ranking minority member. A
24 dynamic estimate under this paragraph may be used only
25 for informational purposes.

1 (3) In this paragraph the term “dynamic estimate”
2 means a projection based in any part on assumptions con-
3 cerning probable effects of macroeconomic feedback. A dy-
4 namic estimate shall include a statement identifying all
5 such assumptions.

6 ***Availability of reports***

7 4. (a)(1) Except as specified in subparagraph (2), it
8 shall not be in order to consider in the House a measure
9 or matter reported by a committee until the third calendar
10 day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays ex-
11 cept when the House is in session on such a day) on which
12 each report of a committee on that measure or matter has
13 been available to Members, Delegates, and the Resident
14 Commissioner.

15 (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply to—

16 (A) a resolution providing a rule, joint rule, or
17 order of business reported by the Committee on
18 Rules considered under clause 6;

19 (B) a resolution providing amounts from the
20 applicable accounts described in clause 1(i)(1) of
21 rule X reported by the Committee on House Admin-
22 istration considered under clause 6 of rule X;

23 (C) a resolution presenting a question of the
24 privileges of the House reported by any committee;

1 (D) a measure for the declaration of war, or the
2 declaration of a national emergency, by Congress;
3 and

4 (E) a measure providing for the disapproval of
5 a decision, determination, or action by a Government
6 agency that would become, or continue to be, effective
7 unless disapproved or otherwise invalidated by
8 one or both Houses of Congress. In this subdivision
9 the term “Government agency” includes any department,
10 agency, establishment, wholly owned Government
11 corporation, or instrumentality of the Federal
12 Government or of the government of the District of
13 Columbia.

14 (b) A committee that reports a measure or matter
15 shall make every reasonable effort to have its hearings
16 thereon (if any) printed and available for distribution to
17 Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner before
18 the consideration of the measure or matter in the
19 House.

20 (c) A general appropriation bill reported by the Committee
21 on Appropriations may not be considered in the
22 House until the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays,
23 Sundays, and legal holidays except when the House is in
24 session on such a day) on which printed hearings of the

1 Committee on Appropriations thereon have been available
2 to Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner.

3 ***Privileged reports, generally***

4 5. (a) The following committees shall have leave to
5 report at any time on the following matters, respectively:

6 (1) The Committee on Appropriations, on gen-
7 eral appropriation bills and on joint resolutions con-
8 tinuing appropriations for a fiscal year after Sep-
9 tember 15 in the preceding fiscal year.

10 (2) The Committee on the Budget, on the mat-
11 ters required to be reported by such committee
12 under titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget
13 Act of 1974.

14 (3) The Committee on House Administration,
15 on enrolled bills, on contested elections, on matters
16 referred to it concerning printing for the use of the
17 House or the two Houses, on expenditure of the ap-
18 plicable accounts of the House described in clause
19 1(i)(1) of rule X, and on matters relating to preser-
20 vation and availability of noncurrent records of the
21 House under rule VII.

22 (4) The Committee on Rules, on rules, joint
23 rules, and the order of business.

24 (5) The Committee on Standards of Official
25 Conduct, on resolutions recommending action by the

1 House with respect to a Member, Delegate, Resident
 2 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House as
 3 a result of an investigation by the committee relat-
 4 ing to the official conduct of such Member, Delegate,
 5 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee.

6 (b) A report filed from the floor as privileged under
 7 paragraph (a) may be called up as a privileged question
 8 by direction of the reporting committee, subject to any re-
 9 quirement concerning its availability to Members, Dele-
 10 gates, and the Resident Commissioner under clause 4 or
 11 concerning the timing of its consideration under clause 6.

12 ***Privileged reports by the Committee on Rules***

13 6. (a) A report by the Committee on Rules on a rule,
 14 joint rule, or the order of business may not be called up
 15 for consideration on the same day it is presented to the
 16 House except—

17 (1) when so determined by a vote of two-thirds
 18 of the Members voting, a quorum being present;

19 (2) in the case of a resolution proposing only to
 20 waive a requirement of clause 4 or of clause 8 of
 21 rule XXII concerning the availability of reports; or

22 (3) during the last three days of a session of
 23 Congress.

24 (b) Pending the consideration of a report by the Com-
 25 mittee on Rules on a rule, joint rule, or the order of busi-

1 ness, the Speaker may entertain one motion that the
2 House adjourn. After the result of such a motion is an-
3 nounced, the Speaker may not entertain any other dilatory
4 motion until the report shall have been disposed of.

5 (c) The Committee on Rules may not report—

6 (1) a rule or order proposing that business
7 under clause 7 of rule XV be set aside by a vote of
8 less than two-thirds of the Members voting, a
9 quorum being present;

10 (2) a rule or order that would prevent the mo-
11 tion to recommit a bill or joint resolution from being
12 made as provided in clause 2(b) of rule XIX, includ-
13 ing a motion to recommit with instructions to report
14 back an amendment otherwise in order, if offered by
15 the Minority Leader or a designee, except with re-
16 spect to a Senate bill or resolution for which the text
17 of a House-passed measure has been substituted.

18 (d) The Committee on Rules shall present to the
19 House reports concerning rules, joint rules, and the order
20 of business, within three legislative days of the time when
21 they are ordered. If such a report is not considered imme-
22 diately, it shall be referred to the calendar. If such a re-
23 port on the calendar is not called up by the member of
24 the committee who filed the report within seven legislative
25 days, any member of the committee may call it up as a

1 privileged question on the day after the calendar day on
2 which the member announces to the House his intention
3 to do so. The Speaker shall recognize a member of the
4 committee who rises for that purpose.

5 (e) An adverse report by the Committee on Rules on
6 a resolution proposing a special order of business for the
7 consideration of a public bill or public joint resolution may
8 be called up as a privileged question by a Member, Dele-
9 gate, or Resident Commissioner on a day when it is in
10 order to consider a motion to discharge committees under
11 clause 2 of rule XV.

12 (f) If the House has adopted a resolution making in
13 order a motion to consider a bill or resolution, and such
14 a motion has not been offered within seven calendar days
15 thereafter, such a motion shall be privileged if offered by
16 direction of all reporting committees having initial juris-
17 diction of the bill or resolution.

18 (g) Whenever the Committee on Rules reports a reso-
19 lution providing for the consideration of a measure, it shall
20 (to the maximum extent possible) specify in the resolution
21 the object of any waiver of a point of order against the
22 measure or against its consideration.

23 ***Resolutions of inquiry***

24 7. A report on a resolution of inquiry addressed to
25 the head of an executive department may be filed from

1 the floor as privileged. If such a resolution is not reported
2 to the House within 14 legislative days after its introduc-
3 tion, a motion to discharge a committee from its consider-
4 ation shall be privileged.

5 **RULE XIV.**

6 **ORDER AND PRIORITY OF BUSINESS.**

7 1. The daily order of business (unless varied by the
8 application of other rules and except for the disposition
9 of matters of higher precedence) shall be as follows:

10 First. Prayer by the Chaplain.

11 Second. Reading and approval of the Journal,
12 unless postponed under clause 9(a) of rule XX.

13 Third. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

14 Fourth. Correction of reference of public bills.

15 Fifth. Disposal of business on the Speaker's
16 table as provided in clause 2.

17 Sixth. Unfinished business as provided in
18 clause 3.

19 Seventh. The morning hour for the consider-
20 ation of bills called up by committees as provided in
21 clause 4.

22 Eighth. Motions that the House resolve into the
23 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
24 Union subject to clause 5.

25 Ninth. Orders of the day.

1 2. Business on the Speaker's table shall be disposed
2 of as follows:

3 (a) Messages from the President shall be re-
4 ferred to the appropriate committees without debate.

5 (b) Communications addressed to the House,
6 including reports and communications from heads of
7 departments and bills, resolutions, and messages
8 from the Senate, may be referred to the appropriate
9 committees in the same manner and with the same
10 right of correction as public bills and public resolu-
11 tions presented by Members, Delegates, or the Resi-
12 dent Commissioner.

13 (c) Motions to dispose of Senate amendments
14 on the Speaker's table may be entertained as pro-
15 vided in clauses 1, 2, and 4 of rule XXII.

16 (d) Senate bills and resolutions substantially
17 the same as House measures already favorably re-
18 ported and not required to be considered in the
19 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
20 Union may be disposed of by motion. Such a motion
21 shall be privileged if offered by direction of all re-
22 porting committees having initial jurisdiction of the
23 House measure.

24 3. Consideration of unfinished business in which the
25 House may have been engaged at an adjournment, except

1 business in the morning hour and proceedings postponed
2 under clause 9 of rule XX, shall be resumed as soon as
3 the business on the Speaker's table is finished, and at the
4 same time each day thereafter until disposed of. The con-
5 sideration of all other unfinished business shall be re-
6 sumed whenever the class of business to which it belongs
7 shall be in order under the rules.

8 4. After the unfinished business has been disposed
9 of, the Speaker shall call each standing committee in regu-
10 lar order and then select committees. Each committee
11 when named may call up for consideration a bill or resolu-
12 tion reported by it on a previous day and on the House
13 Calendar. If the Speaker does not complete the call of the
14 committees before the House passes to other business, the
15 next call shall resume at the point it left off, giving pref-
16 erence to the last bill or resolution under consideration.
17 A committee that has occupied the call for two days may
18 not call up another bill or resolution until the other com-
19 mittees have been called in their turn.

20 5. After consideration of bills or resolutions under
21 clause 4 for one hour, it shall be in order, pending consid-
22 eration thereof, to entertain a motion that the House re-
23 solve into the Committee of the Whole House on the state
24 of the Union or, when authorized by a committee, that
25 the House resolve into the Committee of the Whole House

1 on the state of the Union to consider a particular bill.
2 Such a motion shall be subject to only one amendment
3 designating another bill. If such a motion is decided in
4 the negative, another such motion may not be considered
5 until the matter that was pending when such motion was
6 offered is disposed of.

7 6. All questions relating to the priority of business
8 shall be decided by a majority without debate.

9 RULE XV.

10 BUSINESS IN ORDER ON SPECIAL DAYS.

11 ***Suspensions, Mondays and Tuesdays***

12 1. (a) A rule may not be suspended except by a vote
13 of two-thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being
14 present. The Speaker may not entertain a motion that the
15 House suspend the rules except on Mondays and Tuesdays
16 and during the last six days of a session of Congress.

17 (b) Pending a motion that the House suspend the
18 rules, the Speaker may entertain one motion that the
19 House adjourn. After the result of such a motion is an-
20 nounced, the Speaker may not entertain any other motion
21 until the vote is taken on the suspension.

22 (c) A motion that the House suspend the rules is de-
23 batable for 40 minutes, one-half in favor of the motion
24 and one-half in opposition thereto.

1 ***Discharge motions, second and fourth Mondays***

2 2. (a) Motions to discharge committees shall be in
3 order on the second and fourth Mondays of a month.

4 (b)(1) A Member may present to the Clerk a motion
5 in writing to discharge—

6 (A) a committee from consideration of a public
7 bill or public resolution that has been referred to it
8 for 30 legislative days; or

9 (B) the Committee on Rules from consideration
10 of a resolution that has been referred to it for seven
11 legislative days and that proposes a special order of
12 business for the consideration of a public bill or pub-
13 lic resolution that has been reported by a standing
14 committee or has been referred to a standing com-
15 mittee for 30 legislative days.

16 (2) Only one motion may be presented for a bill or
17 resolution. A Member may not file a motion to discharge
18 the Committee on Rules from consideration of a resolution
19 providing for the consideration of more than one public
20 bill or public resolution or admitting or effecting a non-
21 germane amendment to a public bill or public resolution.

22 (c) A motion presented under paragraph (b) shall be
23 placed in the custody of the Clerk, who shall arrange a
24 convenient place for the signatures of Members. A signa-
25 ture may be withdrawn by a Member in writing at any
26 time before a motion is entered on the Journal. The Clerk

1 shall make signatures a matter of public record, causing
2 the names of the Members who have signed a discharge
3 motion during a week to be published in a portion of the
4 Congressional Record designated for that purpose on the
5 last legislative day of the week and making cumulative
6 lists of such names available each day for public inspection
7 in an appropriate office of the House. The Clerk shall de-
8 vise a means for making such lists available to offices of
9 the House and to the public in electronic form. When a
10 majority of the total membership of the House shall have
11 signed the motion, it shall be entered on the Journal,
12 printed with the signatures thereto in the Record, and re-
13 ferred to the Calendar of Motions to Discharge Commit-
14 tees.

15 (d)(1) On the second and fourth Mondays of a month
16 (except during the last six days of a session of Congress),
17 immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,
18 a motion to discharge that has been on the calendar for
19 at least seven legislative days shall be privileged if called
20 up by a Member whose signature appears thereon. When
21 such a motion is called up, the House shall proceed to
22 its consideration under this paragraph without intervening
23 motion except one motion to adjourn. Privileged motions
24 to discharge shall have precedence in the order of their
25 entry on the Journal.

1 (2) When a motion to discharge is called up, the bill
2 or resolution to which it relates shall be read by title only.
3 The motion is debatable for 20 minutes, one-half in favor
4 of the motion and one-half in opposition thereto.

5 (e)(1) If a motion prevails to discharge the Commit-
6 tee on Rules from consideration of a resolution, the House
7 shall immediately consider the resolution, pending which
8 the Speaker may entertain one motion that the House ad-
9 journ. After the result of such a motion to adjourn is an-
10 nounced, the Speaker may not entertain any other dilatory
11 motion until the resolution has been disposed of. If the
12 resolution is adopted, the House shall immediately proceed
13 to its execution.

14 (2) If a motion prevails to discharge a standing com-
15 mittee from consideration of a public bill or public resolu-
16 tion, a motion that the House proceed to the immediate
17 consideration of such bill or resolution shall be privileged
18 if offered by a Member whose signature appeared on the
19 motion to discharge. The motion to proceed is not debat-
20 able. If the motion to proceed is adopted, the bill or resolu-
21 tion shall be considered immediately under the general
22 rules of the House. If unfinished before adjournment of
23 the day on which it is called up, the bill or resolution shall
24 remain the unfinished business until it is disposed of. If
25 the motion to proceed is rejected, the bill or resolution

1 shall be referred to the appropriate calendar, where it shall
2 have the same status as if the committee from which it
3 was discharged had duly reported it to the House.

4 (f)(1) When a motion to discharge originated under
5 this clause has once been acted on by the House, it shall
6 not be in order to entertain during the same session of
7 Congress—

8 (A) a motion to discharge a committee from
9 consideration of that bill or resolution or of any
10 other bill or resolution that, by relating in substance
11 to or dealing with the same subject matter, is sub-
12 stantially the same; or

13 (B) a motion to discharge the Committee on
14 Rules from consideration of a resolution providing a
15 special order of business for the consideration of
16 that bill or resolution or of any other bill or resolu-
17 tion that, by relating in substance to or dealing with
18 the same subject matter, is substantially the same.

19 (2) A motion to discharge on the Calendar of Motions
20 to Discharge Committees that is rendered out of order
21 under subparagraph (1) shall be stricken from that cal-
22 endar.

1 ***Adverse report by the Committee on Rules, second and***
 2 ***fourth Mondays***

3 3. An adverse report by the Committee on Rules on
 4 a resolution proposing a special order of business for the
 5 consideration of a public bill or public joint resolution may
 6 be called up under clause 6(e) of rule XIII as a privileged
 7 question by a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
 8 sioner on a day when it is in order to consider a motion
 9 to discharge committees under clause 2.

10 ***District of Columbia business, second and fourth***
 11 ***Mondays***

12 4. The second and fourth Mondays of a month shall
 13 be set apart for the consideration of such District of Co-
 14 lumbia business as may be called up by the Committee
 15 on Government Reform after the disposition of motions
 16 to discharge committees and after the disposal of such
 17 business on the Speaker's table as requires reference only.

18 ***Private Calendar, first and third Tuesdays***

19 5. (a) On the first Tuesday of a month, the Speaker
 20 shall direct the Clerk to call the bills and resolutions on
 21 the Private Calendar after disposal of such business on
 22 the Speaker's table as requires reference only. If two or
 23 more Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner
 24 object to the consideration of a bill or resolution so called,
 25 it shall be recommitted to the committee that reported it.
 26 No other business shall be in order before completion of

1 the call of the Private Calendar on this day unless two-
2 thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being present,
3 agree to a motion that the House dispense with the call.

4 (b)(1) On the third Tuesday of a month, after the
5 disposal of such business on the Speaker's table as re-
6 quires reference only, the Speaker may direct the Clerk
7 to call the bills and resolutions on the Private Calendar.
8 Preference shall be given to omnibus bills containing the
9 texts of bills or resolutions that have previously been ob-
10 jected to on a call of the Private Calendar. If two or more
11 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner object
12 to the consideration of a bill or resolution so called (other
13 than an omnibus bill), it shall be recommitted to the com-
14 mittee that reported it. Two-thirds of the Members voting,
15 a quorum being present, may adopt a motion that the
16 House dispense with the call on this day.

17 (2) Omnibus bills shall be read for amendment by
18 paragraph. No amendment shall be in order except to
19 strike or to reduce amounts of money or to provide limita-
20 tions. An item or matter stricken from an omnibus bill
21 may not thereafter during the same session of Congress
22 be included in an omnibus bill. Upon passage such an om-
23 nibus bill shall be resolved into the several bills and resolu-
24 tions of which it is composed. The several bills and resolu-
25 tions, with any amendments adopted by the House, shall

1 be engrossed, when necessary, and otherwise considered
2 as passed severally by the House as distinct bills and reso-
3 lutions.

4 (c) The Speaker may not entertain a reservation of
5 the right to object to the consideration of a bill or resolu-
6 tion under this clause. A bill or resolution considered
7 under this clause shall be considered in the House as in
8 the Committee of the Whole. A motion to dispense with
9 the call of the Private Calendar under this clause shall
10 be privileged. Debate on such a motion shall be limited
11 to five minutes in support and five minutes in opposition.

12 ***Corrections Calendar, second and fourth Tuesdays***

13 6. (a) After a bill has been favorably reported and
14 placed on either the Union or House Calendar, the Speak-
15 er, after consultation with the Minority Leader, may direct
16 the Clerk also to place the bill on the “Corrections Cal-
17 endar.” At any time on the second and fourth Tuesdays
18 of a month, the Speaker may direct the Clerk to call a
19 bill that has been on the Corrections Calendar for three
20 legislative days.

21 (b) A bill called from the Corrections Calendar shall
22 be considered in the House, is debatable for one hour
23 equally divided and controlled by the chairman and rank-
24 ing minority member of the primary committee of jurisdic-
25 tion, and shall not be subject to amendment except those

1 recommended by the primary committee of jurisdiction or
 2 offered by the chairman of the primary committee or a
 3 designee. The previous question shall be considered as or-
 4 dered on the bill and any amendments thereto to final pas-
 5 sage without intervening motion except one motion to re-
 6 commit with or without instructions.

7 (c) The approval of three-fifths of the Members vot-
 8 ing, a quorum being present, shall be required to pass a
 9 bill called from the Corrections Calendar. The rejection
 10 of a bill so called, or the sustaining of a point of order
 11 against it or against its consideration, does not cause its
 12 removal from the Calendar to which it was originally re-
 13 ferred.

14 ***Calendar Call of Committees, Wednesdays***

15 7. (a) On Wednesday of each week, business shall not
 16 be in order before completion of the call of the committees
 17 (except as provided by clause 4 of rule XIV) unless two-
 18 thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being present,
 19 agree to a motion that the House dispense with the call.
 20 Such a motion shall be privileged. Debate on such a mo-
 21 tion shall be limited to five minutes in support and five
 22 minutes in opposition.

23 (b) A bill or resolution on either the House or the
 24 Union Calendar, except bills or resolutions that are privi-
 25 leged under the Rules of the House, may be called under

1 this clause. A bill or resolution called up from the Union
2 Calendar shall be considered in the Committee of the
3 Whole House on the state of the Union without motion,
4 subject to clause 3 of rule XVI. General debate on a meas-
5 ure considered under this clause shall be confined to the
6 measure and may not exceed two hours equally divided
7 between a proponent and an opponent.

8 (c) When a committee has occupied the call under
9 this clause on one Wednesday, it shall not be in order on
10 a succeeding Wednesday to consider unfinished business
11 previously called up by that committee until the other
12 committees have been called in their turn unless—

13 (1) the previous question has been ordered on
14 such unfinished business; or

15 (2) the House adopts a motion to dispense with
16 the call under paragraph (a).

17 (d) If any committee has not been called under this
18 clause during a session of a Congress, then at the next
19 session of that Congress the call shall resume where it left
20 off at the end of the preceding session.

21 (e) This rule does not apply during the last two weeks
22 of a session of Congress.

23 (f) The Speaker may not entertain a motion for a
24 recess on a Wednesday except during the last two weeks
25 of a session of Congress.

1 RULE XVI.

2 MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

3 ***Motions***

4 1. Every motion entertained by the Speaker shall be
5 reduced to writing on the demand of a Member, Delegate,
6 or Resident Commissioner and, unless it is withdrawn the
7 same day, shall be entered on the Journal with the name
8 of the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner offer-
9 ing it. A dilatory motion may not be entertained by the
10 Speaker.

11 ***Withdrawal***

12 2. When a motion is entertained, the Speaker shall
13 state it or cause it to be read aloud by the Clerk before
14 it is debated. The motion then shall be in the possession
15 of the House but may be withdrawn at any time before
16 a decision or amendment thereon.

17 ***Question of consideration***

18 3. When a motion or proposition is entertained, the
19 question, "Will the House now consider it?" may not be
20 put unless demanded by a Member, Delegate, or Resident
21 Commissioner.

22 ***Precedence of motions***

23 4. (a) When a question is under debate, only the fol-
24 lowing motions may be entertained (which shall have prec-
25 edence in the following order):

1 (1) To adjourn.

2 (2) To lay on the table.

3 (3) For the previous question.

4 (4) To postpone to a day certain.

5 (5) To refer.

6 (6) To amend.

7 (7) To postpone indefinitely.

8 (b) A motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for
9 the previous question shall be decided without debate. A
10 motion to postpone to a day certain, to refer, or to post-
11 pone indefinitely, being decided, may not be allowed again
12 on the same day at the same stage of the question.

13 (c)(1) It shall be in order at any time for the Speaker,
14 in his discretion, to entertain a motion—

15 (A) that the Speaker be authorized to declare
16 a recess; or

17 (B) that when the House adjourns it stand ad-
18 journed to a day and time certain.

19 (2) Either motion shall be of equal privilege with the
20 motion to adjourn and shall be decided without debate.

21 ***Divisibility***

22 5. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a ques-
23 tion shall be divided on the demand of a Member, Dele-
24 gate, or Resident Commissioner before the question is put

1 if it includes propositions so distinct in substance that,
2 one being taken away, a substantive proposition remains.

3 (b)(1) A motion or resolution to elect members to a
4 standing committee of the House, or to a joint standing
5 committee, is not divisible.

6 (2) A resolution or order reported by the Committee
7 on Rules providing a special order of business is not divis-
8 ible.

9 (c) A motion to strike and insert is not divisible, but
10 rejection of a motion to strike does not preclude another
11 motion to amend.

12 ***Amendments***

13 6. When an amendable proposition is under consider-
14 ation, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that
15 amendment shall be in order, and it also shall be in order
16 to offer a further amendment by way of substitute for the
17 original motion to amend, to which one amendment may
18 be offered but which may not be voted on until the original
19 amendment is perfected. An amendment may be with-
20 drawn in the House at any time before a decision or
21 amendment thereon. An amendment to the title of a bill
22 or resolution shall not be in order until after its passage
23 or adoption and shall be decided without debate.

1 ***Germaneness***

2 7. No motion or proposition on a subject different
3 from that under consideration shall be admitted under
4 color of amendment.

5 ***Readings***

6 8. Bills and joint resolutions are subject to readings
7 as follows:

8 (a) A first reading is in full when the bill or
9 joint resolution is first considered.

10 (b) A second reading occurs only when the bill
11 or joint resolution is read for amendment in a Com-
12 mittee of the Whole House on the state of the Union
13 under clause 5 of rule XVIII.

14 (c) A third reading precedes passage when the
15 Speaker states the question: “Shall the bill [or joint
16 resolution] be engrossed [when applicable] and read
17 a third time?” If that question is decided in the af-
18 firmative, then the bill or joint resolution shall be
19 read the final time by title and then the question
20 shall be put on its passage.

21 RULE XVII.

22 DECORUM AND DEBATE.

23 ***Decorum***

24 1. (a) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
25 sioner who desires to speak or deliver a matter to the
26 House shall rise and respectfully address himself to “Mr.

1 Speaker” and, on being recognized, may address the
2 House from any place on the floor. When invited by the
3 Chair, a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
4 may speak from the Clerk’s desk.

5 (b)(1) Remarks in debate shall be confined to the
6 question under debate, avoiding personality.

7 (2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (B), debate
8 may not include characterizations of Senate action or inac-
9 tion, references to individual Members of the Senate, or
10 quotations from Senate proceedings.

11 (B) Debate may include references to actions taken
12 by the Senate or by committees thereof that are a matter
13 of public record; references to the pendency or sponsorship
14 in the Senate of bills, resolutions, and amendments; fac-
15 tual descriptions relating to Senate action or inaction con-
16 cerning a measure then under debate in the House; and
17 quotations from Senate proceedings on a measure then
18 under debate in the House that are relevant to the making
19 of legislative history establishing the meaning of that
20 measure.

21 ***Recognition***

22 2. When two or more Members, Delegates, or the
23 Resident Commissioner rise at once, the Speaker shall
24 name the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
25 who is first to speak. A Member, Delegate, or Resident

1 Commissioner may not occupy more than one hour in de-
2 bate on a question in the House or in the Committee of
3 the Whole House on the state of the Union except as oth-
4 erwise provided in this rule.

5 ***Managing Debate***

6 3. (a) The Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
7 sioner who calls up a measure may open and close debate
8 thereon. When general debate extends beyond one day,
9 that Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner shall
10 be entitled to one hour to close without regard to the time
11 used in opening.

12 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a), a Member,
13 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may not speak more
14 than once to the same question without leave of the House.

15 (c) A manager of a measure who opposes an amend-
16 ment thereto is entitled to close controlled debate thereon.

17 ***Call to order***

18 4. (a) If a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
19 sioner, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules
20 of the House, the Speaker shall, or a Member, Delegate,
21 or Resident Commissioner may, call to order the offending
22 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner, who shall
23 immediately sit down unless permitted on motion of an-
24 other Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner to
25 explain. If a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner

1 is called to order, the Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-
2 missioner making the call to order shall indicate the words
3 excepted to, which shall be taken down in writing at the
4 Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House.

5 (b) The Speaker shall decide the validity of a call to
6 order. The House, if appealed to, shall decide the question
7 without debate. If the decision is in favor of the Member,
8 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner called to order, the
9 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner shall be at
10 liberty to proceed, but not otherwise. If the case requires
11 it, an offending Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
12 sioner shall be liable to censure or such other punishment
13 as the House may consider proper. A Member, Delegate,
14 or Resident Commissioner may not be held to answer a
15 call to order, and may not be subject to the censure of
16 the House therefor, if further debate or other business has
17 intervened.

18 ***Comportment***

19 5. When the Speaker is putting a question or address-
20 ing the House, a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
21 sioner may not walk out of or across the Hall. When a
22 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner is speaking,
23 a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may not
24 pass between the person speaking and the Chair. During
25 the session of the House, a Member, Delegate, or Resident

1 Commissioner may not wear a hat or remain by the
2 Clerk's desk during the call of the roll or the counting
3 of ballots. A person may not smoke or use any personal,
4 electronic office equipment, including cellular phones and
5 computers, on the floor of the House. The Sergeant-at-
6 Arms is charged with the strict enforcement of this clause.

7 ***Exhibits***

8 6. When the use of an exhibit in debate is objected
9 to by a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner, its
10 use shall be decided without debate by a vote of the House.

11 ***Galleries***

12 7. During a session of the House, it shall not be in
13 order for a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
14 to introduce to or to bring to the attention of the House
15 an occupant in the galleries of the House. The Speaker
16 may not entertain a request for the suspension of this rule
17 by unanimous consent or otherwise.

18 ***Congressional Record***

19 8. (a) The Congressional Record shall be a substan-
20 tially verbatim account of remarks made during the pro-
21 ceedings of the House, subject only to technical, grammat-
22 ical, and typographical corrections authorized by the Mem-
23 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner making the re-
24 marks.

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

3 (c) This clause establishes a standard of conduct
 4 within the meaning of clause 3(a)(2) of rule XI.

5 ***Secret sessions***

6 9. When confidential communications are received
 7 from the President, or when the Speaker or a Member,
 8 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner informs the House
 9 that he has communications that he believes ought to be
 10 kept secret for the present, the House shall be cleared of
 11 all persons except the Members, Delegates, Resident Com-
 12 missioner, and officers of the House for the reading of
 13 such communications, and debates and proceedings there-
 14 on, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

15 **RULE XVIII.**

16 **THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE**
 17 **STATE OF THE UNION.**

18 ***Resolving into the Committee of the Whole***

19 1. Whenever the House resolves into the Committee
 20 of the Whole House on the state of the Union, the Speaker
 21 shall leave the chair after appointing a Chairman to pre-
 22 side. In case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the
 23 galleries or lobby, the Chairman may cause the same to
 24 be cleared.

1 2. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and in
2 clause 7 of rule XV, the House resolves into the Commit-
3 tee of the Whole House on the state of the Union by mo-
4 tion. When such a motion is entertained, the Speaker shall
5 put the question without debate: “Shall the House resolve
6 itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state
7 of the Union for consideration of this matter?”, naming
8 it.

9 (b) After the House has adopted a resolution reported
10 by the Committee on Rules providing a special order of
11 business for the consideration of a measure in the Com-
12 mittee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, the
13 Speaker may at any time, when no question is pending
14 before the House, declare the House resolved into the
15 Committee of the Whole for the consideration of that
16 measure without intervening motion, unless the special
17 order of business provides otherwise.

18 ***Measures requiring initial consideration in the Com-***
19 ***mittee of the Whole***

20 3. All bills, resolutions, or Senate amendments (as
21 provided in clause 3 of rule XXII) involving a tax or
22 charge on the people, raising revenue, directly or indirectly
23 making appropriations of money or property or requiring
24 such appropriations to be made, authorizing payments out
25 of appropriations already made, releasing any liability to

1 the United States for money or property, or referring a
2 claim to the Court of Claims, shall be first considered in
3 the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
4 Union. A bill, resolution, or Senate amendment that fails
5 to comply with this clause is subject to a point of order
6 against its consideration.

7 ***Order of business***

8 4. (a) Subject to subparagraph (b) business on the
9 calendar of the Committee of the Whole House on the
10 state of the Union may be taken up in regular order, or
11 in such order as the Committee may determine, unless the
12 measure to be considered was determined by the House
13 at the time of resolving into the Committee of the Whole.

14 (b) Motions to resolve into the Committee of the
15 Whole for consideration of bills and joint resolutions mak-
16 ing general appropriations have precedence under this
17 clause.

18 ***Reading for amendment***

19 5. (a) Before general debate commences on a measure
20 in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
21 Union, it shall be read in full. When general debate is con-
22 cluded or closed by order of the House, the measure under
23 consideration shall be read for amendment. A Member,
24 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who offers an amend-
25 ment shall be allowed five minutes to explain it, after

1 which the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
2 who shall first obtain the floor shall be allowed five min-
3 utes to speak in opposition to it. There shall be no further
4 debate thereon, but the same privilege of debate shall be
5 allowed in favor of and against any amendment that may
6 be offered to an amendment. An amendment, or an
7 amendment to an amendment, may be withdrawn by its
8 proponent only by the unanimous consent of the Commit-
9 tee of the Whole.

10 (b) When a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
11 sioner offers an amendment in the Committee of the
12 Whole House on the state of the Union, the Clerk shall
13 promptly transmit five copies of the amendment to the
14 majority committee table and five copies to the minority
15 committee table. The Clerk also shall deliver at least one
16 copy of the amendment to the majority cloakroom and at
17 least one copy to the minority cloakroom.

18 ***Quorum and voting***

19 6. (a) A quorum of a Committee of the Whole House
20 on the state of the Union is 100 Members. The first time
21 that a Committee of the Whole finds itself without a
22 quorum during a day, the Chairman shall invoke the pro-
23 cedure for a quorum call set forth in clause 2 of rule XX,
24 unless he elects to invoke an alternate procedure set forth
25 in clause 3 or clause 4(a) of rule XX. If a quorum appears,

1 the Committee of the Whole shall continue its business.
2 If a quorum does not appear, the Committee of the Whole
3 shall rise, and the Chairman shall report the names of ab-
4 sentees to the House.

5 (b)(1) The Chairman may refuse to entertain a point
6 of order that a quorum is not present during general de-
7 bate.

8 (2) After a quorum has once been established on a
9 day, the Chairman may entertain a point of order that
10 a quorum is not present only when the Committee of the
11 Whole House on the state of the Union is operating under
12 the five-minute rule and the Chairman has put the pend-
13 ing proposition to a vote.

14 (3) Upon sustaining a point of order that a quorum
15 is not present, the Chairman may announce that, following
16 a regular quorum call under paragraph (a), the minimum
17 time for electronic voting on the pending question shall
18 be five minutes.

19 (c) When ordering a quorum call in the Committee
20 of the Whole House on the state of the Union, the Chair-
21 man may announce an intention to declare that a quorum
22 is constituted at any time during the quorum call when
23 he determines that a quorum has appeared. If the Chair-
24 man interrupts the quorum call by declaring that a
25 quorum is constituted, proceedings under the quorum call

1 shall be considered as vacated, and the Committee of the
2 Whole shall continue its sitting and resume its business.

3 (d) A quorum is not required in the Committee of
4 the Whole House on the state of the Union for adoption
5 of a motion that the Committee rise.

6 (e) In the Committee of the Whole House on the state
7 of the Union, the Chairman shall order a recorded vote
8 on a request supported by at least 25 Members.

9 (f) In the Committee of the Whole House on the state
10 of the Union, the Chairman may reduce to five minutes
11 the minimum time for electronic voting without any inter-
12 vening business or debate on any or all pending amend-
13 ments after a record vote has been taken on the first pend-
14 ing amendment.

15 ***Dispensing with the reading of an amendment***

16 7. It shall be in order in the Committee of the Whole
17 House on the state of the Union to move that the Commit-
18 tee of the Whole dispense with the reading of an amend-
19 ment that has been printed in the bill or resolution as re-
20 ported by a committee, or an amendment that a Member,
21 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner has caused to be
22 printed in the Congressional Record. Such a motion shall
23 be decided without debate.

1 ***Closing debate***

2 8. (a) Subject to paragraph (b) at any time after the
3 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union
4 has begun five-minute debate on amendments to any por-
5 tion of a bill or resolution, it shall be in order to move
6 that the Committee of the Whole close all debate on that
7 portion of the bill or resolution or on the pending amend-
8 ments only. Such a motion shall be decided without de-
9 bate. The adoption of such a motion does not preclude
10 further amendment, to be decided without debate.

11 (b) If the Committee of the Whole House on the state
12 of the Union closes debate on any portion of a bill or reso-
13 lution before there has been debate on an amendment that
14 a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner has
15 caused to be printed in the Congressional Record at least
16 one day before its consideration, the Member, Delegate,
17 or Resident Commissioner who caused the amendment to
18 be printed in the Record shall be allowed five minutes to
19 explain it, after which the Member, Delegate, or Resident
20 Commissioner who shall first obtain the floor shall be al-
21 lowed five minutes to speak in opposition to it. There shall
22 be no further debate thereon.

23 (c) Material submitted for printing in the Congres-
24 sional Record under this rule shall indicate the full text
25 of the proposed amendment, the name of the Member,
26 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner proposing it, the

1 number of the bill or resolution to which it will be offered,
2 and the point in the bill or resolution or amendment there-
3 to where the amendment is intended to be offered. The
4 amendment shall appear in a portion of the Record des-
5 ignated for that purpose. Amendments to a specified
6 measure submitted for printing in that portion of the
7 Record shall be numbered in the order printed.

8 ***Striking the enacting clause***

9 9. A motion that the Committee of the Whole House
10 on the state of the Union rise and report a bill or resolu-
11 tion to the House with the recommendation that the enact-
12 ing or resolving clause be stricken shall have precedence
13 of a motion to amend, and, if carried in the House, shall
14 constitute a rejection of the bill or resolution. Whenever
15 a bill or resolution is reported from the Committee of the
16 Whole with such adverse recommendation and the rec-
17 ommendation is rejected by the House, the bill or resolu-
18 tion shall stand recommitted to the Committee of the
19 Whole without further action by the House. Before the
20 question of concurrence is submitted, it shall be in order
21 to move that the House refer the bill or resolution to a
22 committee, with or without instructions. If a bill or resolu-
23 tion is so referred, then when it is again reported to the
24 House it shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole
25 without debate.

1 ***Concurrent resolution on the budget***

2 10. (a) At the conclusion of general debate in the
3 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union
4 on a concurrent resolution on the budget under section
5 305(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the con-
6 current resolution shall be considered as read for amend-
7 ment.

8 (b) It shall not be in order in the House or in the
9 Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union
10 to consider an amendment to a concurrent resolution on
11 the budget, or an amendment thereto, unless the concur-
12 rent resolution, as amended by such amendment or
13 amendments—

14 (1) would be mathematically consistent except
15 as limited by paragraph (c); and

16 (2) would contain all the matter set forth in
17 paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 301(a) of the
18 Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

19 (c)(1) Except as specified in subparagraph (2), it
20 shall not be in order in the House or in the Committee
21 of the Whole House on the state of the Union to consider
22 an amendment to a concurrent resolution on the budget,
23 or an amendment thereto, that proposes to change the
24 amount of the appropriate level of the public debt set forth
25 in the concurrent resolution, as reported.

1 (2) Amendments to achieve mathematical consistency
2 under section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act
3 of 1974, if offered by direction of the Committee on the
4 Budget, may propose to adjust the amount of the appro-
5 priate level of the public debt set forth in the concurrent
6 resolution, as reported, to reflect changes made in other
7 figures contained in the concurrent resolution.

8 ***Unfunded mandates***

9 11. (a) In the Committee of the Whole House on the
10 state of the Union, an amendment proposing only to strike
11 an unfunded mandate from the portion of the bill then
12 open to amendment, if otherwise in order, may be pre-
13 cluded from consideration only by specific terms of a spe-
14 cial order of the House.

15 (b) In this clause the term “unfunded mandate”
16 means a Federal intergovernmental mandate the direct
17 costs of which exceed the threshold otherwise specified for
18 a reported bill or joint resolution in section 424(a)(1) of
19 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

20 ***Applicability of Rules of the House***

21 12. The Rules of the House are the rules of the Com-
22 mittee of the Whole House on the state of the Union so
23 far as applicable.

RULE XIX.

MOTIONS FOLLOWING THE AMENDMENT STAGE.

Previous question

1. (a) There shall be a motion for the previous question, which, being ordered, shall have the effect of cutting off all debate and bringing the House to a direct vote on the immediate question or questions on which it has been ordered. Whenever the previous question has been ordered on an otherwise debatable question on which there has been no debate, it shall be in order to debate that question for 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled by a proponent of the question and an opponent. The previous question may be moved and ordered on a single question, on a series of questions allowable under the rules, or on an amendment or amendments, or may embrace all authorized motions or amendments and include the bill or resolution to its passage, adoption, or rejection.

(b) Incidental questions of order arising during the pendency of a motion for the previous question shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

Recommit

2. (a) After the previous question has been ordered on passage or adoption of a measure, or pending a motion to that end, it shall be in order to move that the House recommit (or commit, as the case may be) the measure,

1 with or without instructions, to a standing or select com-
2 mittee. For such a motion to recommit, the Speaker shall
3 give preference in recognition to a Member, Delegate, or
4 Resident Commissioner who is opposed to the measure.

5 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), if a motion
6 that the House recommit a bill or joint resolution on which
7 the previous question has been ordered to passage includes
8 instructions, it shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally
9 divided between the proponent and an opponent.

10 (c) On demand of the floor manager for the majority,
11 it shall be in order to debate the motion for one hour
12 equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an
13 opponent.

14 ***Reconsideration***

15 3. When a motion has been carried or lost, it shall
16 be in order on the same or succeeding day for a Member
17 on the prevailing side of the question to enter a motion
18 for the reconsideration thereof. The entry of such a motion
19 shall take precedence over all other questions except the
20 consideration of a conference report or a motion to ad-
21 journ, and may not be withdrawn after such succeeding
22 day without the consent of the House. Once entered, a
23 motion may be called up for consideration by any Member.
24 During the last six days of a session of Congress, such
25 a motion shall be disposed of when entered.

1 4. A bill, petition, memorial, or resolution referred to
2 a committee, or reported therefrom for printing and re-
3 commitment, may not be brought back to the House on
4 a motion to reconsider.

5 RULE XX.

6 VOTING AND QUORUM CALLS.

7 1. (a) The House shall divide after the Speaker has
8 put a question to a vote by voice as provided in clause
9 6 of rule I if the Speaker is in doubt or division is de-
10 manded. Those in favor of the question shall first rise
11 from their seats to be counted, and then those opposed.

12 (b) If a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
13 requests a recorded vote, and that request is supported
14 by at least one-fifth of a quorum, the vote shall be taken
15 by electronic device unless the Speaker invokes another
16 procedure for recording votes provided in this rule. A re-
17 corded vote taken in the House under this paragraph shall
18 be considered a vote by the yeas and nays.

19 (c) In case of a tie vote, a question shall be lost.

20 2. (a) Unless the Speaker directs otherwise, the Clerk
21 shall conduct a record vote or quorum call by electronic
22 device. In such a case the Clerk shall enter on the Journal
23 and publish in the Congressional Record, in alphabetical
24 order in each category, the names of Members recorded
25 as voting in the affirmative, the names of Members re-

1 corded as voting in the negative, and the names of Mem-
2 bers answering present as if they had been called in the
3 manner provided in clause 3. Except as otherwise per-
4 mitted under clause 9 or 10 of this rule or under clause
5 6 of rule XVIII, the minimum time for a record vote or
6 quorum call by electronic device shall be 15 minutes.

7 (b) When the electronic voting system is inoperable
8 or is not used, the Speaker or Chairman may direct the
9 Clerk to conduct a record vote or quorum call as provided
10 in clause 3 or 4.

11 3. The Speaker may direct the Clerk to conduct a
12 record vote or quorum call by call of the roll. In such a
13 case the Clerk shall call the names of Members, alphabeti-
14 cally by surname. When two or more have the same sur-
15 name, the name of the State (and, if necessary to distin-
16 guish among Members from the same State, the given
17 names of the Members) shall be added. After the roll has
18 been called once, the Clerk shall call the names of those
19 not recorded, alphabetically by surname. Members appear-
20 ing after the second call, but before the result is an-
21 nounced, may vote or announce a pair.

22 4. (a) The Speaker may direct a record vote or
23 quorum call to be conducted by tellers. In such a case the
24 tellers named by the Speaker shall record the names of
25 the Members voting on each side of the question or record

1 their presence, as the case may be, which the Clerk shall
2 enter on the Journal and publish in the Congressional
3 Record. Absentees shall be noted, but the doors may not
4 be closed except when ordered by the Speaker. The mini-
5 mum time for a record vote or quorum call by tellers shall
6 be 15 minutes.

7 (b) On the demand of a Member, or at the suggestion
8 of the Speaker, the names of Members sufficient to make
9 a quorum in the Hall of the House who do not vote shall
10 be noted by the Clerk, entered on the Journal, reported
11 to the Speaker with the names of the Members voting,
12 and be counted and announced in determining the pres-
13 ence of a quorum to do business.

14 5. (a) In the absence of a quorum, a majority com-
15 prising at least 15 Members, which may include the
16 Speaker, may compel the attendance of absent Members.

17 (b) Subject to clause 7(b) a majority of those present
18 may order the Sergeant-at-Arms to send officers ap-
19 pointed by him to arrest those Members for whom no suf-
20 ficient excuse is made and shall secure and retain their
21 attendance. The House shall determine on what condition
22 they shall be discharged. Unless the House otherwise di-
23 rects, the Members who voluntarily appear shall be admit-
24 ted immediately to the Hall of the House and shall report

1 their names to the Clerk to be entered on the Journal as
2 present.

3 6. (a) When a quorum fails to vote on a question,
4 a quorum is not present, and objection is made for that
5 cause (unless the House shall adjourn)—

6 (1) there shall be a call of the House;

7 (2) the Sergeant-at-Arms shall proceed forth-
8 with to bring in absent Members; and

9 (3) the yeas and nays on the pending question
10 shall at the same time be considered as ordered.

11 (b) The Clerk shall record Members by the yeas and
12 nays on the pending question, using such procedure as the
13 Speaker may invoke under clause 2, 3, or 4. Each Member
14 arrested under this clause shall be brought by the Ser-
15 geant-at-Arms before the House, whereupon he shall be
16 noted as present, discharged from arrest, and given an op-
17 portunity to vote; and his vote shall be recorded. If those
18 voting on the question and those who are present and de-
19 cline to vote together make a majority of the House, the
20 Speaker shall declare that a quorum is constituted, and
21 the pending question shall be decided as the requisite ma-
22 jority of those voting shall have determined. Thereupon
23 further proceedings under the call shall be considered as
24 dispensed with.

1 (c) At any time after Members have had the requisite
 2 opportunity to respond by the yeas and nays, but before
 3 a result has been announced, the Speaker may entertain
 4 a motion that the House adjourn if seconded by a majority
 5 of those present, to be ascertained by actual count by the
 6 Speaker. If the House adjourns on such a motion, all pro-
 7 ceedings under this clause shall be considered as vacated.

8 7. (a) The Speaker may not entertain a point of order
 9 that a quorum is not present unless a question has been
 10 put to a vote.

11 (b) Subject to paragraph (c) the Speaker may recog-
 12 nize a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to
 13 move a call of the House at any time. When a quorum
 14 is established pursuant to a call of the House, further pro-
 15 ceedings under the call shall be considered as dispensed
 16 with unless the Speaker recognizes for a motion to compel
 17 attendance of Members under clause 5(b).

18 (c) A call of the House shall not be in order after
 19 the previous question is ordered unless the Speaker deter-
 20 mines by actual count that a quorum is not present.

21 ***Postponement of proceedings***

22 8. (a)(1) When a recorded vote is ordered, or the yeas
 23 and nays are ordered, or a vote is objected to under clause
 24 6 on any of the questions specified in subparagraph (2),
 25 the Speaker may postpone further proceedings on that

1 question to a designated place in the legislative schedule
2 on that legislative day (in the case of the question of
3 agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal) or
4 within two legislative days (in the case of any other ques-
5 tion).

6 (2) The questions described in the subparagraph (1)
7 are as follows:

8 (A) The question of passing a bill or joint reso-
9 lution.

10 (B) The question of adopting a resolution or
11 concurrent resolution.

12 (C) The question of agreeing to a motion to in-
13 struct managers on the part of the House (except
14 that proceedings may not resume on such a motion
15 under clause 7(c) of rule XXII if the managers have
16 filed a report in the House).

17 (D) The question of agreeing to a conference
18 report.

19 (E) The question of agreeing to a motion to re-
20 commit a bill considered under clause 6 of rule XV.

21 (F) The question of ordering the previous ques-
22 tion on a question described in subdivision (A), (B),
23 (C), (D), or (E).

24 (G) The question of agreeing to an amendment
25 to a bill considered under clause 6 of rule XV.

1 (H) The question of agreeing to a motion to
2 suspend the rules.

3 (b) At the time designated by the Speaker for further
4 proceedings on questions postponed under paragraph (a),
5 the Speaker shall resume proceedings on each postponed
6 question in the order in which it was considered.

7 (c) The Speaker may reduce to five minutes the mini-
8 mum time for electronic voting on a question postponed
9 under this clause, or on a question incidental thereto, that
10 follows another electronic vote without intervening busi-
11 ness, so long as the minimum time for electronic voting
12 on the first in any series of questions is 15 minutes.

13 (d) If the House adjourns on a legislative day des-
14 ignated for further proceedings on questions postponed
15 under this clause without disposing of such questions, then
16 on the next legislative day the unfinished business is the
17 disposition of such questions in the order in which they
18 were considered.

19 ***Five-minute votes***

20 9. The Speaker may reduce to five minutes the mini-
21 mum time for electronic voting—

22 (a) after a record vote on a motion for the pre-
23 vious question, on any underlying question that fol-
24 lows without intervening business, or on a question
25 incidental thereto;

1 (b) after a record vote on an amendment re-
2 ported from the Committee of the Whole House on
3 the state of the Union, on any subsequent amend-
4 ment to that bill or resolution reported from the
5 Committee of the Whole, or on a question incidental
6 thereto;

7 (c) after a record vote on a motion to recommit
8 a bill, resolution, or conference report, on the ques-
9 tion of passage or adoption, as the case may be, of
10 such bill, resolution, or conference report, or on a
11 question incidental thereto, if the question of pas-
12 sage or adoption follows without intervening busi-
13 ness the vote on the motion to recommit; or

14 (d) as provided in clause 6(b)(3) of rule XVIII,
15 clause 6(f) of rule XVIII, or clause 8 of this rule.

16 ***Automatic yeas and nays***

17 10. The yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered
18 when the Speaker puts the question on passage of a bill
19 or joint resolution, or on adoption of a conference report,
20 making general appropriations, or increasing Federal in-
21 come tax rates (within the meaning of clause 5 of rule
22 XXI), or on final adoption of a concurrent resolution on
23 the budget or conference report thereon.

1 ***Ballot votes***

2 11. In a case of ballot for election, a majority of the
3 votes shall be necessary to an election. When there is not
4 such a majority on the first ballot, the process shall be
5 repeated until a majority is obtained. In all balloting
6 blanks shall be rejected, may not be counted in the enu-
7 meration of votes, and may not be reported by the tellers.

8 RULE XXI.

9 RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN BILLS.

10 ***Reservation of certain points of order***

11 1. At the time a general appropriation bill is reported,
12 all points of order against provisions therein shall be con-
13 sidered as reserved.

14 ***General appropriation bills and amendments***

15 2. (a)(1) An appropriation may not be reported in
16 a general appropriation bill, and may not be in order as
17 an amendment thereto, for an expenditure not previously
18 authorized by law, except to continue appropriations for
19 public works and objects that are already in progress.

20 (2) A reappropriation of unexpended balances of ap-
21 propriations may not be reported in a general appropria-
22 tion bill, and may not be in order as an amendment there-
23 to, except to continue appropriations for public works and
24 objects that are already in progress. This subparagraph
25 does not apply to transfers of unexpended balances within
26 the department or agency for which they were originally

1 appropriated that are reported by the Committee on Ap-
2 propriations.

3 (b) A provision changing existing law may not be re-
4 ported in a general appropriation bill, including a provi-
5 sion making the availability of funds contingent on the re-
6 ceipt or possession of information not required by existing
7 law for the period of the appropriation, except germane
8 provisions that retrench expenditures by the reduction of
9 amounts of money covered by the bill (which may include
10 those recommended to the Committee on Appropriations
11 by direction of a legislative committee having jurisdiction
12 over the subject matter) and except rescissions of appro-
13 priations contained in appropriation Acts.

14 (c) An amendment to a general appropriation bill
15 shall not be in order if changing existing law, including
16 an amendment making the availability of funds contingent
17 on the receipt or possession of information not required
18 by existing law for the period of the appropriation. Except
19 as provided in paragraph (d), an amendment proposing
20 a limitation not specifically contained or authorized in ex-
21 isting law for the period of the limitation shall not be in
22 order during consideration of a general appropriation bill.

23 (d) After a general appropriation bill has been read
24 for amendment, a motion that the Committee of the Whole
25 House on the state of the Union rise and report the bill

1 to the House with such amendments as may have been
2 adopted shall, if offered by the Majority Leader or a des-
3 ignee, have precedence over motions to amend the bill. If
4 such a motion to rise and report is rejected or not offered,
5 amendments proposing limitations not specifically con-
6 tained or authorized in existing law for the period of the
7 limitation or proposing germane amendments that re-
8 trench expenditures by reductions of amounts of money
9 covered by the bill may be considered.

10 (e) A provision other than an appropriation des-
11 ignated an emergency under section 251(b)(2) or section
12 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
13 Control Act, a rescission of budget authority, or a reduc-
14 tion in direct spending or an amount for a designated
15 emergency may not be reported in an appropriation bill
16 or joint resolution containing an emergency designation
17 under section 251(b)(2) or section 252(e) of such Act and
18 may not be in order as an amendment thereto.

19 (f) During the reading of an appropriation bill for
20 amendment in the Committee of the Whole House on the
21 state of the Union, it shall be in order to consider en bloc
22 amendments proposing only to transfer appropriations
23 among objects in the bill without increasing the levels of
24 budget authority or outlays in the bill. When considered
25 en bloc under this paragraph, such amendments may

1 amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment
2 (following disposition of any points of order against such
3 portions) and is not subject to a demand for division of
4 the question in the House or in the Committee of the
5 Whole.

6 ***Transportation obligation limitations***

7 3. It shall not be in order to consider a bill, joint
8 resolution, amendment, or conference report that would
9 cause obligation limitations to be below the level for any
10 fiscal year set forth in section 8103 of the Transportation
11 Equity Act for the 21st Century, as adjusted, for the high-
12 way category or the mass transit category, as applicable.

13 ***Appropriations on legislative bills***

14 4. A bill or joint resolution carrying an appropriation
15 may not be reported by a committee not having jurisdic-
16 tion to report appropriations, and an amendment propos-
17 ing an appropriation shall not be in order during the con-
18 sideration of a bill or joint resolution reported by a com-
19 mittee not having that jurisdiction. A point of order
20 against an appropriation in such a bill, joint resolution,
21 or amendment thereto may be raised at any time during
22 pendency of that measure for amendment.

23 ***Tax and tariff measures and amendments***

24 5. (a) A bill or joint resolution carrying a tax or tariff
25 measure may not be reported by a committee not having

1 jurisdiction to report tax or tariff measures, and an
2 amendment in the House or proposed by the Senate carry-
3 ing a tax or tariff measure shall not be in order during
4 the consideration of a bill or joint resolution reported by
5 a committee not having that jurisdiction. A point of order
6 against a tax or tariff measure in such a bill, joint resolu-
7 tion, or amendment thereto may be raised at any time dur-
8 ing pendency of that measure for amendment.

9 ***Passage of tax rate increases***

10 (b) A bill or joint resolution, amendment, or con-
11 ference report carrying a Federal income tax rate increase
12 may not be considered as passed or agreed to unless so
13 determined by a vote of not less than three-fifths of the
14 Members voting, a quorum being present. In this para-
15 graph the term “Federal income tax rate increase” means
16 any amendment to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of
17 section 1, or to section 11(b) or 55(b), of the Internal Rev-
18 enue Code of 1986, that imposes a new percentage as a
19 rate of tax and thereby increases the amount of tax im-
20 posed by any such section.

21 ***Consideration of retroactive tax rate increases***

22 (c) It shall not be in order to consider a bill, joint
23 resolution, amendment, or conference report carrying a
24 retroactive Federal income tax rate increase. In this
25 paragraph—

1 (1) the term “Federal income tax rate in-
 2 crease” means any amendment to subsection (a),
 3 (b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 1, or to section 11(b)
 4 or 55(b), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that
 5 imposes a new percentage as a rate of tax and there-
 6 by increases the amount of tax imposed by any such
 7 section; and

8 (2) a Federal income tax rate increase is retro-
 9 active if it applies to a period beginning before the
 10 enactment of the provision.

11 RULE XXII.

12 HOUSE AND SENATE RELATIONS.

13 ***Senate amendments***

14 1. A motion to disagree to Senate amendments to a
 15 House bill or resolution and to request or agree to a con-
 16 ference with the Senate, or a motion to insist on House
 17 amendments to a Senate bill or resolution and to request
 18 or agree to a conference with the Senate, shall be privi-
 19 leged in the discretion of the Speaker if offered by direc-
 20 tion of the primary committee and of all reporting commit-
 21 tees that had initial referral of the bill or resolution.

22 2. A motion to dispose of House bills with Senate
 23 amendments not requiring consideration in the Committee
 24 of the Whole House on the state of the Union shall be
 25 privileged.

1 3. Except as permitted by clause 1, before the stage
2 of disagreement, a Senate amendment to a House bill or
3 resolution shall be subject to the point of order that it
4 must first be considered in the Committee of the Whole
5 House on the state of the Union if, originating in the
6 House, it would be subject to such a point under clause
7 3 of rule XVIII.

8 4. When the stage of disagreement has been reached
9 on a bill or resolution with House or Senate amendments,
10 a motion to dispose of any amendment shall be privileged.

11 5. (a) Managers on the part of the House may not
12 agree to a Senate amendment described in paragraph (b)
13 unless specific authority to agree to the amendment first
14 is given by the House by a separate vote with respect
15 thereto. If specific authority is not granted, the Senate
16 amendment shall be reported in disagreement by the con-
17 ference committee back to the two Houses for disposition
18 by separate motion.

19 (b) The managers on the part of the House may not
20 agree to a Senate amendment described in paragraph (a)
21 that—

22 (1) would violate clause 2(a)(1) or (c) of rule
23 XXI if originating in the House; or

24 (2) proposes an appropriation on a bill other
25 than a general appropriation bill.

1 6. A Senate amendment carrying a tax or tariff meas-
2 ure in violation of clause 5(a) of rule XXI may not be
3 agreed to.

4 ***Conference reports; amendments reported in disagree-***
5 ***ment***

6 7. (a) The presentation of a conference report shall
7 be in order at any time except during a reading of the
8 Journal or the conduct of a record vote, a vote by division,
9 or a quorum call.

10 (b)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2) the time allotted
11 for debate on a motion to instruct managers on the part
12 of the House shall be equally divided between the majority
13 and minority parties.

14 (2) If the proponent of a motion to instruct managers
15 on the part of the House and the Member, Delegate, or
16 Resident Commissioner of the other party identified under
17 subparagraph (1) both support the motion, one-third of
18 the time for debate thereon shall be allotted to a Member,
19 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who opposes the mo-
20 tion on demand of that Member, Delegate, or Resident
21 Commissioner.

22 (c)(1) A motion to instruct managers on the part of
23 the House, or a motion to discharge all managers on the
24 part of the House and to appoint new conferees, shall be
25 privileged—

1 (A) after a conference committee has been ap-
2 pointed for 20 calendar days without making a re-
3 port; and

4 (B) on the first legislative day after the cal-
5 endar day on which the Member, Delegate, or Resi-
6 dent Commissioner offering the motion announces to
7 the House his intention to do so and the form of the
8 motion.

9 (2) The Speaker may designate a time in the legisla-
10 tive schedule on that legislative day for consideration of
11 a motion described in subparagraph (1).

12 (3) During the last six days of a session of Congress,
13 the period of time specified in subparagraph (1)(A) shall
14 be 36 hours.

15 (d) Each conference report to the House shall be
16 printed as a report of the House. Each such report shall
17 be accompanied by a joint explanatory statement prepared
18 jointly by the managers on the part of the House and the
19 managers on the part of the Senate. The joint explanatory
20 statement shall be sufficiently detailed and explicit to in-
21 form the House of the effects of the report on the matters
22 committed to conference.

23 8. (a)(1) Except as specified in subparagraph (2), it
24 shall not be in order to consider a conference report
25 until—

1 (A) the third calendar day (excluding Satur-
2 days, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the
3 House is in session on such a day) on which the con-
4 ference report and the accompanying joint explana-
5 tory statement have been available to Members, Del-
6 egates, and the Resident Commissioner in the Con-
7 gressional Record; and

8 (B) copies of the conference report and the ac-
9 companying joint explanatory statement have been
10 available to Members, Delegates, and the Resident
11 Commissioner for at least two hours.

12 (2) Subparagraph (1)(A) does not apply during the
13 last six days of a session of Congress.

14 (b)(1) Except as specified in subparagraph (2), it
15 shall not be in order to consider a motion to dispose of
16 a Senate amendment reported in disagreement by a con-
17 ference committee until—

18 (A) the third calendar day (excluding Satur-
19 days, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the
20 House is in session on such a day) on which the re-
21 port in disagreement and any accompanying state-
22 ment have been available to Members, Delegates,
23 and the Resident Commissioner in the Congressional
24 Record; and

1 (B) copies of the report in disagreement and
2 any accompanying statement, together with the text
3 of the Senate amendment, have been available to
4 Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner
5 for at least two hours.

6 (2) Subparagraph (1)(A) does not apply during the
7 last six days of a session of Congress.

8 (3) During consideration of a Senate amendment re-
9 ported in disagreement by a conference committee on a
10 general appropriation bill, a motion to insist on disagree-
11 ment to the Senate amendment shall be preferential to any
12 other motion to dispose of that amendment if the original
13 motion offered by the floor manager proposes to change
14 existing law and the motion to insist is offered before de-
15 bate on the original motion by the chairman of the com-
16 mittee having jurisdiction of the subject matter of the
17 amendment or a designee. Such a preferential motion shall
18 be separately debatable for one hour equally divided be-
19 tween its proponent and the proponent of the original mo-
20 tion. The previous question shall be considered as ordered
21 on the preferential motion to its adoption without inter-
22 vening motion.

23 (c) A conference report or a Senate amendment re-
24 ported in disagreement by a conference committee that

1 has been available as provided in paragraph (a) or (b)
2 shall be considered as read when called up.

3 (d)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the time allotted
4 for debate on a conference report or on a motion to dispose
5 of a Senate amendment reported in disagreement by a
6 conference committee shall be equally divided between the
7 majority and minority parties.

8 (2) If the floor manager for the majority and the floor
9 manager for the minority both support the conference re-
10 port or motion, one-third of the time for debate thereon
11 shall be allotted to a Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-
12 missioner who opposes the conference report or motion on
13 demand of that Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
14 sioner.

15 (e) Under clause 6(a)(2) of rule XIII, a resolution
16 proposing only to waive a requirement of this clause con-
17 cerning the availability of reports to Members, Delegates,
18 and the Resident Commissioner may be considered by the
19 House on the same day it is reported by the Committee
20 on Rules.

21 9. Whenever a disagreement to an amendment has
22 been committed to a conference committee, the managers
23 on the part of the House may propose a substitute that
24 is a germane modification of the matter in disagreement.
25 The introduction of any language presenting specific addi-

1 tional matter not committed to the conference committee
 2 by either House does not constitute a germane modifica-
 3 tion of the matter in disagreement. Moreover, a conference
 4 report may not include matter not committed to the con-
 5 ference committee by either House and may not include
 6 a modification of specific matter committed to the con-
 7 ference committee by either or both Houses if that modi-
 8 fication is beyond the scope of that specific matter as com-
 9 mitted to the conference committee.

10 10. (a)(1) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
 11 sioner may raise a point of order against nongermane mat-
 12 ter, as specified in subparagraph (2), before the com-
 13 mencement of debate on—

14 (A) a conference report;

15 (B) a motion that the House recede from its
 16 disagreement to a Senate amendment reported in
 17 disagreement by a conference committee and concur
 18 therein, with or without amendment; or

19 (C) a motion that the House recede from its
 20 disagreement to a Senate amendment on which the
 21 stage of disagreement has been reached and concur
 22 therein, with or without amendment.

23 (2) A point of order against nongermane matter is
 24 one asserting that a proposition described in subparagraph
 25 (1) contains specified matter that would violate clause 7

1 of rule XVI if it were offered in the House as an amend-
2 ment to the underlying measure in the form it was passed
3 by the House.

4 (b) If a point of order under paragraph (a) is sus-
5 tained, a motion that the House reject the nongermane
6 matter identified by the point of order shall be privileged.
7 Such a motion is debatable for 40 minutes, one-half in
8 favor of the motion and one-half in opposition thereto.

9 (c) After disposition of a point of order under para-
10 graph (a) or a motion to reject under paragraph (b), any
11 further points of order under paragraph (a) not covered
12 by a previous point of order, and any consequent motions
13 to reject under paragraph (b), shall be likewise disposed
14 of.

15 (d)(1) If a motion to reject under paragraph (b) is
16 adopted, then after disposition of all points of order under
17 paragraph (a) and any consequent motions to reject under
18 paragraph (b), the conference report or motion, as the
19 case may be, shall be considered as rejected and the mat-
20 ter remaining in disagreement shall be disposed of under
21 subparagraph (2) or (3), as the case may be.

22 (2) After the House has adopted one or more motions
23 to reject nongermane matter contained in a conference re-
24 port under the preceding provisions of this clause—

1 (A) if the conference report accompanied a
2 House measure amended by the Senate, the pending
3 question shall be whether the House shall recede and
4 concur in the Senate amendment with an amend-
5 ment consisting of so much of the conference report
6 as was not rejected; and

7 (B) if the conference report accompanied a Sen-
8 ate measure amended by the House, the pending
9 question shall be whether the House shall insist fur-
10 ther on the House amendment.

11 (3) After the House has adopted one or more motions
12 to reject nongermane matter contained in a motion that
13 the House recede and concur in a Senate amendment, with
14 or without amendment, the following motions shall be
15 privileged and shall have precedence in the order stated:

16 (A) A motion that the House recede and concur
17 in the Senate amendment with an amendment in
18 writing then available on the floor.

19 (B) A motion that the House insist on its dis-
20 agreement to the Senate amendment and request a
21 further conference with the Senate.

22 (C) A motion that the House insist on its dis-
23 agreement to the Senate amendment.

24 (e) If, on a division of the question on a motion de-
25 scribed in paragraph (a)(1)(B) or (C), the House agrees

1 to recede, then a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
2 sioner may raise a point of order against nongermane mat-
3 ter, as specified in paragraph (a)(2), before the commence-
4 ment of debate on concurring in the Senate amendment,
5 with or without amendment. A point of order under this
6 paragraph shall be disposed of according to the preceding
7 provisions of this clause in the same manner as a point
8 of order under paragraph (a).

9 11. It shall not be in order to consider a conference
10 report to accompany a bill or joint resolution that proposes
11 to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 unless—

12 (a) the joint explanatory statement of the man-
13 agers includes a tax complexity analysis prepared by
14 the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation
15 in accordance with section 4022(b) of the Internal
16 Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of
17 1998; or

18 (b) the chairman of the Committee on Ways
19 and Means causes such a tax complexity analysis to
20 be printed in the Congressional Record before con-
21 sideration of the conference report.

22 12. (a)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), a meeting of
23 each conference committee shall be open to the public.

24 (2) In open session of the House, a motion that man-
25 agers on the part of the House be permitted to close to

1 the public a meeting or meetings of their conference com-
2 mittee shall be privileged, shall be decided without debate,
3 and shall be decided by a record vote.

4 (b) A point of order that a conference committee
5 failed to comply with paragraph (a) may be raised imme-
6 diately after the conference report is read or considered
7 as read. If such a point of order is sustained, the con-
8 ference report shall be considered as rejected, the House
9 shall be considered to have insisted on its amendments or
10 on disagreement to the Senate amendments, as the case
11 may be, and to have requested a further conference with
12 the Senate, and the Speaker may appoint new conferees
13 without intervening motion.

14 RULE XXIII.

15 STATUTORY LIMIT ON PUBLIC DEBT.

16 1. Upon adoption by Congress of a concurrent resolu-
17 tion on the budget under section 301 or 304 of the Con-
18 gressional Budget Act of 1974 that sets forth, as the ap-
19 propriate level of the public debt for the period to which
20 the concurrent resolution relates, an amount that is dif-
21 ferent from the amount of the statutory limit on the public
22 debt that otherwise would be in effect for that period, the
23 Clerk shall prepare an engrossment of a joint resolution
24 increasing or decreasing, as the case may be, the statutory
25 limit on the public debt in the form prescribed in clause

1 2. Upon engrossment of the joint resolution, the vote by
2 which the concurrent resolution on the budget was finally
3 agreed to in the House shall also be considered as a vote
4 on passage of the joint resolution in the House, and the
5 joint resolution shall be considered as passed by the House
6 and duly certified and examined. The engrossed copy shall
7 be signed by the Clerk and transmitted to the Senate for
8 further legislative action.

9 2. The matter after the resolving clause in a joint
10 resolution described in clause 1 shall be as follows: “That
11 subsection (b) of section 3101 of title 31, United States
12 Code, is amended by striking out the dollar limitation con-
13 tained in such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof
14 ‘\$ ’.”, with the blank being filled with a dollar limita-
15 tion equal to the appropriate level of the public debt set
16 forth pursuant to section 301(a)(5) of the Congressional
17 Budget Act of 1974 in the relevant concurrent resolution
18 described in clause 1. If an adopted concurrent resolution
19 under clause 1 sets forth different appropriate levels of
20 the public debt for separate periods, only one engrossed
21 joint resolution shall be prepared under clause 1; and the
22 blank referred to in the preceding sentence shall be filled
23 with the limitation that is to apply for each period.

24 3. (a) The report of the Committee on the Budget
25 on a concurrent resolution described in clause 1 and the

1 joint explanatory statement of the managers on a con-
2 ference report to accompany such a concurrent resolution
3 each shall contain a clear statement of the effect the even-
4 tual enactment of a joint resolution engrossed under this
5 rule would have on the statutory limit on the public debt.

6 (b) It shall not be in order for the House to consider
7 a concurrent resolution described in clause 1, or a con-
8 ference report thereon, unless the report of the Committee
9 on the Budget or the joint explanatory statement of the
10 managers complies with paragraph (a).

11 4. Nothing in this rule shall be construed as limiting
12 or otherwise affecting—

13 (a) the power of the House or the Senate to
14 consider and pass bills or joint resolutions, without
15 regard to the procedures under clause 1, that would
16 change the statutory limit on the public debt; or

17 (b) the rights of Members, Delegates, the Resi-
18 dent Commissioner, or committees with respect to
19 the introduction, consideration, and reporting of
20 such bills or joint resolutions.

21 5. In this rule the term “statutory limit on the public
22 debt” means the maximum face amount of obligations
23 issued under authority of chapter 31 of title 31, United
24 States Code, and obligations guaranteed as to principal
25 and interest by the United States (except such guaranteed

1 obligations as may be held by the Secretary of the Treas-
2 ury), as determined under section 3101(b) of such title
3 after the application of section 3101(a) of such title, that
4 may be outstanding at any one time.

5 RULE XXIV.

6 CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.

7 There is hereby established by and for the House the
8 following code of conduct, to be known as the “Code of
9 Official Conduct”:

10 1. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
11 sioner, officer, or employee of the House shall con-
12 duct himself at all times in a manner that shall re-
13 flect creditably on the House.

14 2. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
15 sioner, officer, or employee of the House shall ad-
16 here to the spirit and the letter of the Rules of the
17 House and to the rules of duly constituted commit-
18 tees thereof.

19 3. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
20 sioner, officer, or employee of the House may not re-
21 ceive compensation and may not permit compensa-
22 tion to accrue to his beneficial interest from any
23 source, the receipt of which would occur by virtue of
24 influence improperly exerted from his position in
25 Congress.

1 4. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
2 sioner, officer, or employee of the House may not ac-
3 cept gifts except as provided by clause 5 of rule
4 XXVI.

5 5. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
6 sioner, officer, or employee of the House may not ac-
7 cept an honorarium for a speech, a writing for publi-
8 cation, or other similar activity, except as otherwise
9 provided under rule XXVI.

10 6. A Member, Delegate, or Resident
11 Commissioner—

12 (a) shall keep his campaign funds separate
13 from his personal funds;

14 (b) may not convert campaign funds to
15 personal use in excess of an amount represent-
16 ing reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable
17 campaign expenditures; and

18 (c) may not expend funds from his cam-
19 paign account that are not attributable to bona
20 fide campaign or political purposes.

21 7. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
22 sioner shall treat as campaign contributions all pro-
23 ceeds from testimonial dinners or other fund-raising
24 events.

1 8. (a) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
2 sioner, or officer of the House may not retain an
3 employee who does not perform duties for the offices
4 of the employing authority commensurate with the
5 compensation he receives.

6 (b) In the case of a committee employee who
7 works under the direct supervision of a member of
8 the committee other than a chairman, the chairman
9 may require that such member affirm in writing that
10 the employee has complied with clause 8(a) (subject
11 to clause 7 of rule X) as evidence of compliance by
12 the chairman with this clause and with clause 7 of
13 rule X.

14 9. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
15 sioner, officer, or employee of the House may not
16 discharge and may not refuse to hire an individual,
17 or otherwise discriminate against an individual with
18 respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privi-
19 leges of employment, because of the race, color, reli-
20 gion, sex (including marital or parental status), dis-
21 ability, age, or national origin of such individual, but
22 may take into consideration the domicile or political
23 affiliation of such individual.

24 10. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
25 sioner who has been convicted by a court of record

1 for the commission of a crime for which a sentence
2 of two or more years' imprisonment may be imposed
3 should refrain from participation in the business of
4 each committee of which he is a member, and a
5 Member should refrain from voting on any question
6 at a meeting of the House or of the Committee of
7 the Whole House on the state of the Union, unless
8 or until judicial or executive proceedings result in re-
9 instatement of the presumption of his innocence or
10 until he is reelected to the House after the date of
11 such conviction.

12 11. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
13 sioner may not authorize or otherwise allow an indi-
14 vidual, group, or organization not under the direc-
15 tion and control of the House to use the words
16 "Congress of the United States," "House of Rep-
17 resentatives," or "Official Business," or any com-
18 bination of words thereof, on any letterhead or enve-
19 lope.

20 12. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), an
21 employee of the House who is required to file a re-
22 port under rule XXVII may not participate person-
23 ally and substantially as an employee of the House
24 in a contact with an agency of the executive or judi-
25 cial branches of Government with respect to non-

1 legislative matters affecting any nongovernmental
2 person in which the employee has a significant fi-
3 nancial interest.

4 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if an em-
5 ployee first advises his employing authority of a sig-
6 nificant financial interest described in paragraph (a)
7 and obtains from his employing authority a written
8 waiver stating that the participation of the employee
9 in the activity described in paragraph (a) is nec-
10 essary. A copy of each such waiver shall be filed with
11 the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

12 13. Before a Member, Delegate, Resident Com-
13 missioner, officer, or employee of the House may
14 have access to classified information, the following
15 oath (or affirmation) shall be executed:

16 “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will
17 not disclose any classified information received
18 in the course of my service with the House of
19 Representatives, except as authorized by the
20 House of Representatives or in accordance with
21 its Rules.”

22 Copies of the executed oath (or affirmation) shall be
23 retained by the Clerk as part of the records of the
24 House.

10 RULE XXV.

12 Limitations on use of official and unofficial accounts

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule, if an amount from the Official Expenses Allowance of a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner is paid into the House Recording Studio revolving fund for telecommunications satellite services, the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may accept reimbursement from nonpolitical entities in that amount for transmission to the Clerk for credit to the Official Expenses Allowance.

1 3. In this rule the term “unofficial office account”
2 means an account or repository in which funds are re-
3 ceived for the purpose of defraying otherwise unreim-
4 bursed expenses allowable under section 162(a) of the In-
5 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 as ordinary and necessary
6 in the operation of a congressional office, and includes a
7 newsletter fund referred to in section 527(g) of the Inter-
8 nal Revenue Code of 1986.

9 ***Limitations on use of the frank***

10 4. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
11 shall mail franked mail under section 3210(d) of title 39,
12 United States Code at the most economical rate of postage
13 practicable.

14 5. Before making a mass mailing, a Member, Dele-
15 gate, or Resident Commissioner shall submit a sample or
16 description of the mail matter involved to the House Com-
17 mission on Congressional Mailing Standards for an advi-
18 sory opinion as to whether the proposed mailing is in com-
19 pliance with applicable provisions of law, rule, or regula-
20 tion.

21 6. A mass mailing that is otherwise frankable by a
22 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner under the
23 provisions of section 3210(e) of title 39, United States
24 Code, is not frankable unless the cost of preparing and

1 printing it is defrayed exclusively from funds made avail-
2 able in an appropriation Act.

3 7. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
4 may not send a mass mailing outside the congressional
5 district from which he was elected.

6 8. In the case of a Member, Delegate, or Resident
7 Commissioner, a mass mailing is not frankable under sec-
8 tion 3210 of title 39, United States Code, when it is post-
9 marked less than 60 days before the date of a primary
10 or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in
11 which he is a candidate for public office. If the mail matter
12 is of a type that is not customarily postmarked, the date
13 on which it would have been postmarked, if it were of a
14 type customarily postmarked, applies.

15 9. In this rule the term “mass mailing” means, with
16 respect to a session of Congress, a mailing of newsletters
17 or other pieces of mail with substantially identical content
18 (whether such pieces of mail are deposited singly or in
19 bulk, or at the same time or different times), totaling more
20 than 500 pieces of mail in that session, except that such
21 term does not include a mailing—

22 (a) of matter in direct response to a commu-
23 nication from a person to whom the matter is
24 mailed;

1 (b) from a Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-
2 missioner to other Members, Delegates, the Resident
3 Commissioner, or Senators, or to Federal, State, or
4 local government officials; or

5 (c) of a news release to the communications
6 media.

7 ***Prohibition on use of funds by Members not elected to***
8 ***succeeding Congress***

9 10. Funds from the applicable accounts described in
10 clause 1(i)(1) of rule X, including funds from committee
11 expense resolutions, and funds in any local currencies
12 owned by the United States may not be made available
13 for travel by a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner,
14 or Senator after the date of a general election in which
15 he was not elected to the succeeding Congress or, in the
16 case of a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
17 who is not a candidate in a general election, after the ear-
18 lier of the date of such general election or the adjournment
19 sine die of the last regular session of the Congress.

1 RULE XXVI.

2 LIMITATIONS ON OUTSIDE EARNED INCOME AND

3 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.

4 ***Outside earned income; honoraria***

5 1. (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b), a Mem-
6 ber, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
7 ployee of the House may not—

8 (1) have outside earned income attributable to
9 a calendar year that exceeds 15 percent of the an-
10 nual rate of basic pay for level II of the Executive
11 Schedule under section 5313 of title 5, United
12 States Code, as of January 1 of that calendar year;
13 or

14 (2) receive any honorarium, except that an offi-
15 cer or employee of the House who is paid at a rate
16 less than 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic
17 pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule may receive
18 an honorarium unless the subject matter is directly
19 related to the official duties of the individual, the
20 payment is made because of the status of the indi-
21 vidual with the House, or the person offering the
22 honorarium has interests that may be substantially
23 affected by the performance or nonperformance of
24 the official duties of the individual.

1 (b) In the case of an individual who becomes a Mem-
2 ber, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
3 ployee of the House, such individual may not have outside
4 earned income attributable to the portion of a calendar
5 year that occurs after such individual becomes a Member,
6 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee
7 that exceeds 15 percent of the annual rate of basic pay
8 for level II of the Executive Schedule under section 5313
9 of title 5, United States Code, as of January 1 of that
10 calendar year multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of
11 which is the number of days the individual is a Member,
12 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee
13 during that calendar year and the denominator of which
14 is 365.

15 (c) A payment in lieu of an honorarium that is made
16 to a charitable organization on behalf of a Member, Dele-
17 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
18 House may not be received by that Member, Delegate,
19 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee. Such a pay-
20 ment may not exceed \$2,000 or be made to a charitable
21 organization from which the Member, Delegate, Resident
22 Commissioner, officer, or employee or a parent, sibling,
23 spouse, child, or dependent relative of the Member, Dele-
24 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee, derives
25 a financial benefit.

1 2. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, offi-
 2 cer, or employee of the House may not—

3 (a) receive compensation for affiliating with or
 4 being employed by a firm, partnership, association,
 5 corporation, or other entity that provides profes-
 6 sional services involving a fiduciary relationship;

7 (b) permit his name to be used by such a firm,
 8 partnership, association, corporation, or other entity;

9 (c) receive compensation for practicing a profes-
 10 sion that involves a fiduciary relationship;

11 (d) serve for compensation as an officer or
 12 member of the board of an association, corporation,
 13 or other entity; or

14 (e) receive compensation for teaching, without
 15 the prior notification and approval of the Committee
 16 on Standards of Official Conduct.

17 ***Copyright royalties***

18 3. (a) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner,
 19 officer, or employee of the House may not receive an ad-
 20 vance payment on copyright royalties. This paragraph
 21 does not prohibit a literary agent, researcher, or other in-
 22 dividual (other than an individual employed by the House
 23 or a relative of a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
 24 sioner, officer, or employee) working on behalf of a Mem-
 25 ber, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-

1 ployee with respect to a publication from receiving an ad-
2 vance payment of a copyright royalty directly from a pub-
3 lisher and solely for the benefit of that literary agent, re-
4 searcher, or other individual.

5 (b) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
6 ficer, or employee of the House may not receive copyright
7 royalties under a contract entered into on or after January
8 1, 1996, unless that contract is first approved by the Com-
9 mittee on Standards of Official Conduct as complying with
10 the requirement of clause 4(d)(1)(E) (that royalties are
11 received from an established publisher under usual and
12 customary contractual terms).

13 ***Definitions***

14 4. (a)(1) In this rule, except as provided in subpara-
15 graph (2), the term “officer or employee of the House”
16 means an individual (other than a Member, Delegate, or
17 Resident Commissioner) whose pay is disbursed by the
18 Chief Administrative Officer, who is paid at a rate equal
19 to or greater than 120 percent of the minimum rate of
20 basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule, and who is
21 so employed for more than 90 days in a calendar year;
22 and

23 (2) when used with respect to an honorarium, the
24 term “officer or employee of the House” means an individ-
25 ual (other than a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-

1 sioner) whose salary is disbursed by the Chief Administra-
2 tive Officer.

3 (b) In this rule the term “honorarium” means a pay-
4 ment of money or a thing of value for an appearance,
5 speech, or article (including a series of appearances,
6 speeches, or articles) by a Member, Delegate, Resident
7 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House, exclud-
8 ing any actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by
9 that Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer,
10 or employee (and one relative) to the extent that such ex-
11 penses are paid or reimbursed by any other person. The
12 amount otherwise determined shall be reduced by the
13 amount of any such expenses to the extent that such ex-
14 penses are not so paid or reimbursed.

15 (c) In this rule the term “travel expenses” means,
16 with respect to a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
17 sioner, officer or, employee of the House, or a relative of
18 such Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer,
19 or employee, the cost of transportation, and the cost of
20 lodging and meals while away from his residence or prin-
21 cipal place of employment.

22 (d)(1) In this rule the term “outside earned income”
23 means, with respect to a Member, Delegate, Resident
24 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House, wages,
25 salaries, fees, and other amounts received or to be received

1 as compensation for personal services actually rendered,
2 but does not include —

3 (A) the salary of a Member, Delegate, Resident
4 Commissioner, officer, or employee;

5 (B) any compensation derived by a Member,
6 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
7 ployee of the House for personal services actually
8 rendered before the adoption of this rule or before
9 he became a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
10 sioner, officer, or employee;

11 (C) any amount paid by, or on behalf of, a
12 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer,
13 or employee of the House to a tax-qualified pension,
14 profit-sharing, or stock bonus plan and received by
15 him from such a plan;

16 (D) in the case of a Member, Delegate, Resi-
17 dent Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
18 House engaged in a trade or business in which he
19 or his family holds a controlling interest and in
20 which both personal services and capital are income-
21 producing factors, any amount received by the Mem-
22 ber, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or
23 employee, so long as the personal services actually
24 rendered by him in the trade or business do not gen-
25 erate a significant amount of income; or

1 (E) copyright royalties received from estab-
2 lished publishers under usual and customary con-
3 tractual terms; and

4 (2) outside earned income shall be determined with-
5 out regard to community property law.

6 (e) In this rule the term “charitable organization”
7 means an organization described in section 170(c) of the
8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

9 ***Gifts***

10 5. (a)(1) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
11 sioner, officer, or employee of the House may not know-
12 ingly accept a gift except as provided in this clause.

13 (2)(A) In this clause the term “gift” means a gratu-
14 ity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, for-
15 bearance, or other item having monetary value. The term
16 includes gifts of services, training, transportation, lodging,
17 and meals, whether provided in kind, by purchase of a
18 ticket, payment in advance, or reimbursement after the
19 expense has been incurred.

20 (B)(i) A gift to a family member of a Member, Dele-
21 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
22 House, or a gift to any other individual based on that indi-
23 vidual’s relationship with the Member, Delegate, Resident
24 Commissioner, officer, or employee, shall be considered a
25 gift to the Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-

1 ficer, or employee if it is given with the knowledge and
2 acquiescence of the Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
3 sioner, officer, or employee and the Member, Delegate,
4 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee has reason
5 to believe the gift was given because of his official position.

6 (ii) If food or refreshment is provided at the same
7 time and place to both a Member, Delegate, Resident
8 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House and the
9 spouse or dependent thereof, only the food or refreshment
10 provided to the Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
11 sioner, officer, or employee shall be treated as a gift for
12 purposes of this clause.

13 (3) The restrictions in subparagraph (1) do not apply
14 to the following:

15 (A) Anything for which the Member, Delegate,
16 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
17 House pays the market value, or does not use and
18 promptly returns to the donor.

19 (B) A contribution, as defined in section 301(8)
20 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2
21 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) that is lawfully made under that
22 Act, a lawful contribution for election to a State or
23 local government office, or attendance at a fundrais-
24 ing event sponsored by a political organization de-

1 scribed in section 527(e) of the Internal Revenue
2 Code of 1986.

3 (C) A gift from a relative as described in sec-
4 tion 109(16) of title I of the Ethics in Government
5 Act of 1978 (2 U.S.C. App. 109(16)).

6 (D)(i) Anything provided by an individual on
7 the basis of a personal friendship unless the Mem-
8 ber, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or
9 employee of the House has reason to believe that,
10 under the circumstances, the gift was provided be-
11 cause of his official position and not because of the
12 personal friendship.

13 (ii) In determining whether a gift is provided on
14 the basis of personal friendship, the Member, Dele-
15 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of
16 the House shall consider the circumstances under
17 which the gift was offered, such as:

18 (I) The history of his relationship with the
19 individual giving the gift, including any pre-
20 vious exchange of gifts between them.

21 (II) Whether to his actual knowledge the
22 individual who gave the gift personally paid for
23 the gift or sought a tax deduction or business
24 reimbursement for the gift.

1 (III) Whether to his actual knowledge the
2 individual who gave the gift also gave the same
3 or similar gifts to other Members, Delegates,
4 the Resident Commissioners, officers, or em-
5 ployees of the House.

6 (E) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(3), a
7 contribution or other payment to a legal expense
8 fund established for the benefit of a Member, Dele-
9 gate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of
10 the House that is otherwise lawfully made in accord-
11 ance with the restrictions and disclosure require-
12 ments of the Committee on Standards of Official
13 Conduct.

14 (F) A gift from another Member, Delegate,
15 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
16 House or Senate.

17 (G) Food, refreshments, lodging, transpor-
18 tation, and other benefits—

19 (i) resulting from the outside business or
20 employment activities of the Member, Delegate,
21 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of
22 the House (or other outside activities that are
23 not connected to his duties as an officeholder),
24 or of his spouse, if such benefits have not been
25 offered or enhanced because of his official posi-

1 tion and are customarily provided to others in
2 similar circumstances;

3 (ii) customarily provided by a prospective
4 employer in connection with bona fide employ-
5 ment discussions; or

6 (iii) provided by a political organization de-
7 scribed in section 527(e) of the Internal Reve-
8 nue Code of 1986 in connection with a fund-
9 raising or campaign event sponsored by such
10 organization.

11 (H) Pension and other benefits resulting from
12 continued participation in an employee welfare and
13 benefits plan maintained by a former employer.

14 (I) Informational materials that are sent to the
15 office of the Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
16 sioner, officer, or employee of the House in the form
17 of books, articles, periodicals, other written mate-
18 rials, audiotapes, videotapes, or other forms of com-
19 munication.

20 (J) Awards or prizes that are given to competi-
21 tors in contests or events open to the public, includ-
22 ing random drawings.

23 (K) Honorary degrees (and associated travel,
24 food, refreshments, and entertainment) and other
25 bona fide, nonmonetary awards presented in recogni-

1 tion of public service (and associated food, refresh-
2 ments, and entertainment provided in the presen-
3 tation of such degrees and awards).

4 (L) Training (including food and refreshments
5 furnished to all attendees as an integral part of the
6 training) if such training is in the interest of the
7 House.

8 (M) Bequests, inheritances, and other transfers
9 at death.

10 (N) An item, the receipt of which is authorized
11 by the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, the Mu-
12 tual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, or any
13 other statute.

14 (O) Anything that is paid for by the Federal
15 Government, by a State or local government, or se-
16 cured by the Government under a Government con-
17 tract.

18 (P) A gift of personal hospitality (as defined in
19 section 109(14) of the Ethics in Government Act) of
20 an individual other than a registered lobbyist or
21 agent of a foreign principal.

22 (Q) Free attendance at a widely attended event
23 permitted under subparagraph (4).

24 (R) Opportunities and benefits that are—

1 (i) available to the public or to a class con-
2 sisting of all Federal employees, whether or not
3 restricted on the basis of geographic consider-
4 ation;

5 (ii) offered to members of a group or class
6 in which membership is unrelated to congres-
7 sional employment;

8 (iii) offered to members of an organization,
9 such as an employees' association or congres-
10 sional credit union, in which membership is re-
11 lated to congressional employment and similar
12 opportunities are available to large segments of
13 the public through organizations of similar size;

14 (iv) offered to a group or class that is not
15 defined in a manner that specifically discrimi-
16 nates among Government employees on the
17 basis of branch of Government or type of re-
18 sponsibility, or on a basis that favors those of
19 higher rank or rate of pay;

20 (v) in the form of loans from banks and
21 other financial institutions on terms generally
22 available to the public; or

23 (vi) in the form of reduced membership or
24 other fees for participation in organization ac-
25 tivities offered to all Government employees by

1 professional organizations if the only restric-
2 tions on membership relate to professional
3 qualifications.

4 (S) A plaque, trophy, or other item that is sub-
5 stantially commemorative in nature and that is in-
6 tended for presentation.

7 (T) Anything for which, in an unusual case, a
8 waiver is granted by the Committee on Standards of
9 Official Conduct.

10 (U) Food or refreshments of a nominal value
11 offered other than as a part of a meal.

12 (V) Donations of products from the district or
13 State that the Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-
14 missioner represents that are intended primarily for
15 promotional purposes, such as display or free dis-
16 tribution, and are of minimal value to any single re-
17 cipient.

18 (W) An item of nominal value such as a greet-
19 ing card, baseball cap, or a T-shirt.

20 (4)(A) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner,
21 officer, or employee of the House may accept an offer of
22 free attendance at a widely attended convention, con-
23 ference, symposium, forum, panel discussion, dinner, view-
24 ing, reception, or similar event, provided by the sponsor
25 of the event, if—

1 (i) the Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-
2 sioner, officer, or employee of the House participates
3 in the event as a speaker or a panel participant, by
4 presenting information related to Congress or mat-
5 ters before Congress, or by performing a ceremonial
6 function appropriate to his official position; or

7 (ii) attendance at the event is appropriate to
8 the performance of the official duties or representa-
9 tive function of the Member, Delegate, Resident
10 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House.

11 (B) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
12 ficer, or employee of the House who attends an event de-
13 scribed in subdivision (A) may accept a sponsor's unsolic-
14 ited offer of free attendance at the event for an accom-
15 panying individual.

16 (C) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
17 ficer, or employee of the House, or the spouse or depend-
18 ent thereof, may accept a sponsor's unsolicited offer of
19 free attendance at a charity event, except that reimburse-
20 ment for transportation and lodging may not be accepted
21 in connection with the event.

22 (D) In this paragraph the term "free attendance"
23 may include waiver of all or part of a conference or other
24 fee, the provision of local transportation, or the provision
25 of food, refreshments, entertainment, and instructional

1 materials furnished to all attendees as an integral part
2 of the event. The term does not include entertainment col-
3 lateral to the event, nor does it include food or refresh-
4 ments taken other than in a group setting with all or sub-
5 stantially all other attendees.

6 (5) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
7 ficer, or employee of the House may not accept a gift the
8 value of which exceeds \$250 on the basis of the personal
9 friendship exception in subparagraph (3)(D) unless the
10 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct issues a writ-
11 ten determination that such exception applies. A deter-
12 mination under this subparagraph is not required for gifts
13 given on the basis of the family relationship exception in
14 subparagraph (3)(C).

15 (6) When it is not practicable to return a tangible
16 item because it is perishable, the item may, at the discre-
17 tion of the recipient, be given to an appropriate charity
18 or destroyed.

19 (b)(1)(A) A reimbursement (including payment in
20 kind) to a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
21 ficer, or employee of the House from a private source
22 other than a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign prin-
23 cipal for necessary transportation, lodging, and related ex-
24 penses for travel to a meeting, speaking engagement, fact-
25 finding trip, or similar event in connection with his duties

1 as an officeholder shall be considered as a reimbursement
2 to the House and not a gift prohibited by this clause, if
3 the Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or
4 employee—

5 (i) in the case of an employee, receives advance
6 authorization, from the Member, Delegate, Resident
7 Commissioner, or officer under whose direct super-
8 vision the employee works, to accept reimbursement;
9 and

10 (ii) discloses the expenses reimbursed or to be
11 reimbursed and the authorization to the Clerk within
12 30 days after the travel is completed.

13 (B) For purposes of subdivision (A), events, the ac-
14 tivities of which are substantially recreational in nature,
15 are not considered to be in connection with the duties of
16 a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or
17 employee of the House as an officeholder.

18 (2) Each advance authorization to accept reimburse-
19 ment shall be signed by the Member, Delegate, Resident
20 Commissioner, or officer of the House under whose direct
21 supervision the employee works and shall include—

22 (A) the name of the employee;

23 (B) the name of the person who will make the
24 reimbursement;

1 (C) the time, place, and purpose of the travel;
2 and

3 (D) a determination that the travel is in con-
4 nection with the duties of the employee as an office-
5 holder and would not create the appearance that the
6 employee is using public office for private gain.

7 (3) Each disclosure made under subparagraph (1)(A)
8 of expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed shall be signed
9 by the Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or offi-
10 cer (in the case of travel by that Member, Delegate, Resi-
11 dent Commissioner, or officer) or by the Member, Dele-
12 gate, Resident Commissioner, or officer under whose di-
13 rect supervision the employee works (in the case of travel
14 by an employee) and shall include—

15 (A) a good faith estimate of total transportation
16 expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

17 (B) a good faith estimate of total lodging ex-
18 penses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

19 (C) a good faith estimate of total meal expenses
20 reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

21 (D) a good faith estimate of the total of other
22 expenses reimbursed or to be reimbursed;

23 (E) a determination that all such expenses are
24 necessary transportation, lodging, and related ex-
25 penses as defined in subparagraph (4); and

1 (F) in the case of a reimbursement to a Mem-
2 ber, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or officer, a
3 determination that the travel was in connection with
4 his duties as an officeholder and would not create
5 the appearance that the Member, Delegate, Resident
6 Commissioner, or officer is using public office for
7 private gain.

8 (4) In this paragraph the term “necessary transpor-
9 tation, lodging, and related expenses”—

10 (A) includes reasonable expenses that are nec-
11 essary for travel for a period not exceeding four days
12 within the United States or seven days exclusive of
13 travel time outside of the United States unless ap-
14 proved in advance by the Committee on Standards
15 of Official Conduct;

16 (B) is limited to reasonable expenditures for
17 transportation, lodging, conference fees and mate-
18 rials, and food and refreshments, including reim-
19 bursement for necessary transportation, whether or
20 not such transportation occurs within the periods de-
21 scribed in subdivision (A);

22 (C) does not include expenditures for rec-
23 reational activities, nor does it include entertainment
24 other than that provided to all attendees as an inte-
25 gral part of the event, except for activities or enter-

1 tainment otherwise permissible under this clause;
2 and

3 (D) may include travel expenses incurred on be-
4 half of either the spouse or a child of the Member,
5 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
6 ployee.

7 (5) The Clerk shall make available to the public all
8 advance authorizations and disclosures of reimbursement
9 filed under subparagraph (1) as soon as possible after they
10 are received.

11 (c) A gift prohibited by paragraph (a)(1) includes the
12 following:

13 (1) Anything provided by a registered lobbyist
14 or an agent of a foreign principal to an entity that
15 is maintained or controlled by a Member, Delegate,
16 Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the
17 House.

18 (2) A charitable contribution (as defined in sec-
19 tion 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)
20 made by a registered lobbyist or an agent of a for-
21 eign principal on the basis of a designation, rec-
22 ommendation, or other specification of a Member,
23 Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or em-
24 ployee of the House (not including a mass mailing
25 or other solicitation directed to a broad category of

1 persons or entities), other than a charitable con-
2 tribution permitted by paragraph (d).

3 (3) A contribution or other payment by a reg-
4 istered lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal to
5 a legal expense fund established for the benefit of a
6 Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer,
7 or employee of the House.

8 (4) A financial contribution or expenditure
9 made by a registered lobbyist or an agent of a for-
10 eign principal relating to a conference, retreat, or
11 similar event, sponsored by or affiliated with an offi-
12 cial congressional organization, for or on behalf of
13 Members, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, of-
14 ficers, or employees of the House.

15 (d)(1) A charitable contribution (as defined in section
16 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) made by
17 a registered lobbyist or an agent of a foreign principal in
18 lieu of an honorarium to a Member, Delegate, Resident
19 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House are not
20 considered a gift under this clause if it is reported as pro-
21 vided in subparagraph (2).

22 (2) A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
23 ficer, or employee who designates or recommends a con-
24 tribution to a charitable organization in lieu of an hono-
25 rarium described in subparagraph (1) shall report within

1 30 days after such designation or recommendation to the
2 Clerk—

3 (A) the name and address of the registered lob-
4 byist who is making the contribution in lieu of an
5 honorarium;

6 (B) the date and amount of the contribution;
7 and

8 (C) the name and address of the charitable or-
9 ganization designated or recommended by the Mem-
10 ber, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner.

11 The Clerk shall make public information received under
12 this subparagraph as soon as possible after it is received.

13 (e) In this clause—

14 (1) the term “registered lobbyist” means a lob-
15 byist registered under the Federal Regulation of
16 Lobbying Act or any successor statute; and

17 (2) the term “agent of a foreign principal”
18 means an agent of a foreign principal registered
19 under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

20 (f) All the provisions of this clause shall be inter-
21 preted and enforced solely by the Committee on Standards
22 of Official Conduct. The Committee on Standards of Offi-
23 cial Conduct is authorized to issue guidance on any matter
24 contained in this clause.

1 ***Claims against the Government***

2 6. A person may not be an officer or employee of the
3 House, or continue in its employment, if he acts as an
4 agent for the prosecution of a claim against the Govern-
5 ment or if he is interested in such claim, except as an
6 original claimant or in the proper discharge of official du-
7 ties.

8 RULE XXVII.

9 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

10 1. The Clerk shall send a copy of each report filed
11 with the Clerk under title I of the Ethics in Government
12 Act of 1978 within the seven-day period beginning on the
13 date on which the report is filed to the Committee on
14 Standards of Official Conduct. By August 1 of each year,
15 the Clerk shall compile all such reports sent to him by
16 Members within the period beginning on January 1 and
17 ending on June 15 of each year and have them printed
18 as a House document, which shall be made available to
19 the public.

20 2. For the purposes of this rule, the provisions of title
21 I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 shall be consid-
22 ered Rules of the House as they pertain to Members, Dele-
23 gates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and employees
24 of the House.

1 RULE XXVIII.

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

3 1. The provisions of law that constituted the Rules
4 of the House at the end of the previous Congress shall
5 govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable,
6 and the rules of parliamentary practice comprised by Jef-
7 ferson's Manual shall govern the House in all cases to
8 which they are applicable and in which they are not incon-
9 sistent with the Rules and orders of the House.

10 2. In these rules words importing the masculine gen-
11 der include the feminine as well.

12 **SEC. 2. SEPARATE ORDERS.**

13 (a) BUDGET ENFORCEMENT.—(1) Pending the adop-
14 tion by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the
15 budget for fiscal year 1999—

16 (A) the chairman of the Committee on the
17 Budget, when elected, shall publish in the Congres-
18 sional Record budget totals contemplated by section
19 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and
20 allocations contemplated by section 302(a) of that
21 Act for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003;

22 (B) those totals and levels shall be effective in
23 the House as though established under a concurrent
24 resolution on the budget and sections 301 and 302
25 of that Act; and

1 (C) the publication of those totals and levels
2 shall be considered as the completion of Congres-
3 sional action on a concurrent resolution on the budg-
4 et for fiscal year 1999.

5 (2) Pending the adoption by the Congress of a con-
6 current resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000, a
7 provision in a bill or joint resolution, or in an amendment
8 thereto or a conference report thereon, that establishes
9 prospectively for a Federal office or position a specified
10 or minimum level of compensation to be funded by annual
11 discretionary appropriations shall not be considered as
12 providing new entitlement authority within the meaning
13 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

14 (3) In the case of a reported bill or joint resolution
15 considered pursuant to a special order of business, a point
16 of order under section 303 of the Congressional Budget
17 Act of 1974 shall be determined on the basis of the text
18 made in order as an original bill or joint resolution for
19 the purpose of amendment or to the text on which the
20 previous question is ordered directly to passage, as the
21 case may be.

22 (b) TENURE ON BUDGET COMMITTEE.—Notwith-
23 standing clause 5(a)(2)(B) of rule X, during the One Hun-
24 dred Sixth Congress tenure on the Committee on the
25 Budget shall not be limited.

1 (c) STANDARDS COMMITTEE RULES.—Each provi-
2 sion of House Resolution 168 of the One Hundred Fifth
3 Congress that was not executed as a change in the stand-
4 ing rules is hereby reaffirmed for the One Hundred Sixth
5 Congress.

6 (d) CENSUS SUBCOMMITTEE.—Notwithstanding
7 clause 5(d) of rule X, during the One Hundred Sixth Con-
8 gress the Committee on Government Reform may have not
9 more than eight subcommittees.

10 (e) EXPLANATORY MATERIAL RELATING TO CODI-
11 FICATION OF RULES.—Upon the adoption of this resolu-
12 tion, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their
13 designees may submit for inclusion in the Congressional
14 Record as part of the debate hereon such extraneous and
15 tabular matter as they may consider to constitute legisla-
16 tive history concerning the codification of the standing
17 rules.

18 (f) CONTINUATION OF SELECT COMMITTEE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Solely for the purpose of
20 completing activities directly associated with the de-
21 classification and public release of its report, the Se-
22 lect Committee on U.S. National Security and Mili-
23 tary/Commercial Concerns With the People’s Repub-
24 lic of China (hereafter referred to as the “Select
25 Committee”), created by House Resolution 463, One

1 Hundred Fifth Congress, agreed to June 18, 1998
2 (hereafter referred to as the “Authorizing Resolu-
3 tion”), may sit and act during the One Hundred
4 Sixth Congress at any time prior to April 1, 1999,
5 as it may deem appropriate, without regard to
6 whether or not the House of Representatives is in
7 session at the time.

8 (2) CONTINUATION OF POWERS AND JURISDIC-
9 TION.—Solely for the purpose described in para-
10 graph (1), the Select Committee’s jurisdiction, and
11 all other powers, authorities, responsibilities, and
12 procedures of the Select Committee and of other
13 Committees of the House of Representatives, shall
14 remain as set forth in the Authorizing Resolution,
15 except as follows:

16 (A) Section 10 of the Authorizing Resolu-
17 tion shall not be continued.

18 (B) Sections 8 and 9 of the Authorizing
19 Resolution shall apply only to the enforcement
20 of requests for information which are issued
21 prior to January 3, 1999, and to issuing and
22 enforcing requests for information directly re-
23 lated to the declassification and public release
24 of the Select Committee’s report.

1 (3) DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.—In addition to
2 the powers and authorities extended under para-
3 graph (2), upon the termination of the Select Com-
4 mittee, all records of the Select Committee shall be
5 transferred to other committees of the House of
6 Representatives, stored by the Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives, or otherwise disposed of as the Se-
8 lect Committee may direct, consistent with applica-
9 ble rules and laws concerning classified information.

10 (4) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—Funds for the
11 Select Committee for carrying out activities under
12 this subsection during the One Hundred Sixth Con-
13 gress shall be derived solely from amounts provided
14 pursuant to the Authorizing Resolution which re-
15 main unobligated and unexpended as of the end of
16 the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

17 (g) NUMBERING OF BILLS.—In the One Hundred
18 Sixth Congress, the first 10 numbers for bills (H.R. 1
19 through H.R. 10) shall be reserved for assignment by the
20 Speaker to such bills as he may designate when introduced
21 before March 1, 1999.

22 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

23 Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in
24 order to consider in the House a resolution amending
25 clause 5 of rule XXVI, if offered by the Majority Leader

1 or his designee. The resolution shall be considered as read
2 for amendment. The previous question shall be considered
3 as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without in-
4 tervening motion or demand for division of the question
5 except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled
6 by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their
7 designees.

