

H. Res. 125

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

March 3, 2005.

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 841) to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 60 minutes, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment

under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage

without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, the amendment specified in section 3(a) shall be in order as though printed as the first amendment in House Report 109–10 if offered by Representative Ney of Ohio or a designee, and the amendment specified in section 3(b) may be in order in lieu of the amendment printed in House Report 109–10 and numbered 1.

SEC. 3(a). The first amendment referred to in section 2, which shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, is as follows:

In section 26(b)(2) of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as proposed to be added by the bill, strike “45 days” and insert “49 days”.

(b) The second amendment referred to in section 2 is as follows:

In section 26(b)(2) of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as proposed to be added by the bill, strike “shall take place” and all that follows through “the vacancy exists,” and insert the following: “shall take place not later than 60 days

after the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the vacancy exists,”.

Attest:

Clerk.