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H. RES. 1147

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to hold an explanatory public meeting prior to the submission of congressional earmark requests.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2010

Ms. SPEIER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC MEET-**
3 **ING EXPLAINING EARMARK REQUESTS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Rule XXIII of the Rules of the
5 House of Representatives is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating clause 18 as clause 19;

7 and

1 (2) by inserting after clause 17 the following
2 new clause:

3 “18. (a) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
4 sioner shall not submit a request for a congressional ear-
5 mark without first holding a public meeting for the pur-
6 pose of reviewing such request. Such public meeting shall
7 be open to coverage by the press and shall provide a forum
8 for constituent participation, either in person or through
9 teleconference, web conference, or internet chat. The
10 Member shall provide public notice of such public meeting
11 prior to the meeting being held, including a notice on his
12 or her official public internet website. The Member shall
13 provide an electronic copy of such notice to the Committee
14 on Appropriations.

15 “(b) The Committee on Appropriations shall post
16 each notice submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) on its
17 official public website in a manner that permits members
18 of the public to search such notices by the name of the
19 submitting Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
20 sioner.”.

21 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Clause 17(a) of Rule XXIII of
22 the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (4), by striking “and”;

24 (2) in subparagraph (5), by striking the period
25 and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 paragraph:

3 “(6) a certification that the Member, Dele-
4 gate, or Resident Commissioner has complied
5 with the requirements of clause 18(a).”.

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