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H. RES. 869

Directing the Chief Administrative Officer to install cameras in the hearing room of the Committee on Rules.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2009

Mr. DENT (for himself, Mr. DREIER, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. FOXX, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. WALDEN, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. PLATTS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. UPTON, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. LANCE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CAMP, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HARPER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WOLF, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. GERLACH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Directing the Chief Administrative Officer to install cameras in the hearing room of the Committee on Rules.

Whereas the public benefits from a more open and transparent Congress;

Whereas the House has undertaken renovations to many of its hearing rooms to facilitate the broadcast of committee proceedings both on internal television channels and the webcast of those same proceedings on the Internet;

Whereas the Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Appropriations, Committee on Armed Services, Committee on the Budget, Committee on Education and Labor, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Committee on Financial Services, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Committee on Homeland Security, Committee on House Administration, Committee on the Judiciary, Committee on Natural Resources, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Committee on Science and Technology, Committee on Small Business, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Committee on Ways and Means all have hearing rooms equipped with cameras to provide the public access to their proceedings;

Whereas most of those committees provide live video and audio webcasts of their proceedings on the Internet;

Whereas the Committee on Rules is the only committee, other than the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, which does not have cameras installed in its main hearing room;

Whereas most of the architectural work required to install such cameras was completed during the last renovation of the hearing room of the Committee on Rules, room H-313 in the Capitol, reducing the time and expense required for camera installation; and

Whereas the public would benefit from greater access to the proceedings of the Committee on Rules because that committee establishes the ultimate terms of debate in the House for virtually all major legislation, including the base text of bills to be considered, which amendments are made in order, and how much debate they receive: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Administrative Officer of the
2 House is hereby directed to—

3 (1) take all necessary steps to begin installation
4 of cameras in room H-313 of the Capitol during the
5 next recess lasting 10 calendar days or longer;

6 (2) during the next such recess, begin and complete
7 installation of such cameras; and

8 (3) coordinate with the Chair of the Committee
9 on Rules to provide for live broadcasting of the proceedings
10 of the Committee on Rules on the Internet.

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