

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 44

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2015

Mr. HOYER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. VOTING BY DELEGATES AND RESIDENT COM-**
3 **MISSIONER IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.**

4 (a) PERMITTING VOTES TO BE CAST.—Clause 3(a)
5 of rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives
6 is amended by inserting before the first sentence the fol-
7 lowing: “In a Committee of the Whole House on the state
8 of the Union, each Delegate and the Resident Commis-

1 sioner shall possess the same powers and privileges as
2 Members of the House.”.

3 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR.—The first sentence of
4 clause 1 of rule XVIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives is amended by striking “Member” and insert-
6 ing “Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner”.

7 (c) REPEATING OF CERTAIN VOTES.—Clause 6 of
8 rule XVIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
10 graph:

11 “(h) Whenever a recorded vote on any question has
12 been decided by a margin within which the votes cast by
13 the Delegates and the Resident Commissioner have been
14 decisive, the Committee of the Whole shall rise and the
15 Speaker shall put such question de novo without inter-
16 vening motion. Upon the announcement of the vote on
17 that question, the Committee of the Whole shall resume
18 its sitting without intervening motion.”.

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