

I am now ready to take the oath of the office, and I ask the Dean of the House, the Honorable JOHN DINGELL of Michigan, to administer the oath of office.

Mr. DINGELL then administered the oath of office to Mr. BOEHNER of Ohio, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. DINGELL. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. According to precedent, the Chair will swear in the Members-elect en masse.

The Members-elect will rise and raise their right hands.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 112th Congress.

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MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as majority leader the gentleman from Virginia, the Honorable ERIC CANTOR.

MINORITY LEADER

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Congratulations to you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations to my colleague and chair of the Republican Conference.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by that conference to notify the House of Representatives officially that the Democratic Members have selected as minority leader the gentlewoman from California, the Honorable NANCY D'ALESSANDRO PELOSI.

MAJORITY WHIP

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Con-

ference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as their majority whip the gentleman from California, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY.

MINORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Democratic Caucus, I am directed by that conference to notify the House of Representatives officially that the Democratic Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER; and as assistant Democratic leader, the gentleman from South Carolina, the Honorable JAMES CLYBURN.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE HOUSE, SERGEANT AT ARMS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND CHAPLAIN

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

Resolved, That Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Wilson S. Livingood of the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives;

That Daniel J. Strodel of the District of Columbia be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; and

That Father Daniel P. Coughlin of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate my counterpart on his re-election.

I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LARSON OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the remainder of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. LARSON of Connecticut:

That John Lawrence of the State of New Jersey be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Alexis Covey-Brandt of the State of Maryland be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Yelberton Watkins of the State of South Carolina be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Connecticut.

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentleman from Texas.

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the officers of the House.

The officers presented themselves in the well of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

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SWEARING IN OF MEMBER

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Oklahoma please present himself in the well.

Mr. SULLIVAN appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

NOTIFICATION TO THE SENATE

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that John A. Boehner, a Representative from the State of Ohio, has been elected Speaker; and that Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY PRESIDENT

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 3

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 3

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Without objection, pursuant to House Resolution 3, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANTOR) and

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO IN- FORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 4

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected John A. Boehner, a Representative from the State of Ohio as Speaker, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland as Clerk, of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress:

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RULES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 5

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress, with amendments to the standing rules as provided in section 2, and with other orders as provided in sections 3, 4, and 5.

SEC. 2. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES.

(a) CITING AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.—

(1) In clause 7 of rule XII, add the following new paragraph:

“(c)(1) A bill or joint resolution may not be introduced unless the sponsor submits for printing in the Congressional Record a statement citing as specifically as practicable the power or powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the bill or joint resolution. The statement shall appear in a portion of the Record designated for that purpose and be made publicly available in electronic form by the Clerk.

“(2) Before consideration of a Senate bill or joint resolution, the chair of a committee of jurisdiction may submit the statement required under subparagraph (1) as though the chair were the sponsor of the Senate bill or joint resolution.”.

(2) In clause 3(d) of rule XIII—

(A) strike subparagraph (1) (and redesignate the succeeding subparagraphs accordingly); and

(B) in subparagraph (2), as redesignated, strike “subparagraph (2)” each place it appears and insert (in each instance) “subparagraph (1)”.

(b) THREE-DAY AVAILABILITY FOR UNREPORTED MEASURES.—In rule XXI, add the following new clause:

“11. It shall not be in order to consider a bill or joint resolution which has not been reported by a committee until the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day) on which such measure has been available to Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner.”.

(c) TRANSPARENCY FOR HOUSE AND COMMITTEE OPERATIONS.—

(1) STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS.—In clause 4(d)(1) of rule X—

(A) in subdivision (C), strike “and”;

(B) in subdivision (D), strike the period and insert “; and”; and

(C) add the following new subdivision:

“(E) establish and maintain standards for making documents publicly available in electronic form by the House and its committees.”.

(2) ENSURING THAT TEXT IS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—In rule XXIX, add the following new clause:

“3. If a measure or matter is publicly available in electronic form at a location designated by the Committee on House Administration, it shall be considered as having been available to Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner for purposes of these rules.”.

(3) MINIMUM NOTICE PERIOD FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS.—In rule XI, amend clause 2(g)(3) to read as follows:

“(3)(A) The chair of a committee shall announce the date, place, and subject matter of—

“(i) a committee hearing, which may not commence earlier than one week after such notice; or

“(ii) a committee meeting, which may not commence earlier than the third day on which members have notice thereof.

“(B) A hearing or meeting may begin sooner than specified in subdivision (A) in either

of the following circumstances (in which case the chair shall make the announcement specified in subdivision (A) at the earliest possible time):

“(i) the chair of the committee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, determines that there is good cause; or

“(ii) the committee so determines by majority vote in the presence of the number of members required under the rules of the committee for the transaction of business.

“(C) An announcement made under this subparagraph shall be published promptly in the Daily Digest and made publicly available in electronic form.

“(D) This subparagraph and subparagraph (4) shall not apply to the Committee on Rules.”.

(4) MINIMUM PERIOD FOR AVAILABILITY OF COMMITTEE MARKUP TEXT.—In clause 2(g) of rule XI, insert the following new subparagraph, and redesignate the succeeding subparagraphs accordingly:

“(4) At least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of legislation, or at the time of an announcement under subparagraph (3)(B) made within 24 hours before such meeting, the chair of the committee shall cause the text of such legislation to be made publicly available in electronic form.”.

(5) AVAILABILITY OF VOTES IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—In clause 2(e)(1)(B)(i) of rule XI—

(A) in the first sentence, before the period at the end thereof insert “and also made publicly available in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote”; and

(B) in the second sentence, strike “for public inspection”.

(6) AVAILABILITY OF THE TEXT OF AMENDMENTS IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—In clause 2(e) of rule XI, add the following new subparagraph:

“(6) Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to a measure or matter considered by a committee, the chair of such committee shall cause the text of each such amendment to be made publicly available in electronic form.”.

(7) AVAILABILITY OF “TRUTH IN TESTIMONY” INFORMATION IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—In clause 2(g)(5) of rule XI, as redesignated, add the following new sentence: “Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.”.

(8) AVAILABILITY OF COMMITTEE RULES IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—In clause 2(a) of rule XI, amend subparagraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) Each committee shall make its rules publicly available in electronic form and submit such rules for publication in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the chair of the committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.”.

(9) AUDIO AND VIDEO COVERAGE OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND MEETINGS.—In clause 2(e) of rule XI, add the following new subparagraph:

“(5) To the maximum extent practicable, each committee shall—

“(A) provide audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings; and

“(B) maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.”.

(10) RECORD VOTES IN THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.—In clause 3(b) of rule XIII, strike “a report by the Committee on Rules on a rule, joint rule, or the order of business or to”.

(11) ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS.—In clause 2(d)(1) of rule X—

(A) in subdivision (D), strike “and”;

(B) in subdivision (E), strike the period and insert “; and”; and