

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 278

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Members, in specified circumstances, to vote by secure electronic device from their districts.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 1993

Mr. KASICH (for himself, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. WATERS, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. DE LUGO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. ORTIZ, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, and Mr. LIPINSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved*, (a) That rule I of the Rules of the House  
2 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the  
3 following new clause:

4       “13.(a) He shall devise and implement a system sub-  
5 ject to his direction and control to allow each Member to  
6 vote in the House and in the Committee of the Whole  
7 using a secure, electronic device from a location (which

1 the Speaker shall approve) within that Member's congres-  
2 sional district if the Member notifies the Speaker that any  
3 of the following circumstances exist—

4           “(1) the Member is seriously ill;

5           “(2) the Member's spouse, child, or stepchild is  
6 seriously ill;

7           “(3) a child has been born to the Member or  
8 the Member's spouse within the past 2 weeks;

9           “(4) the Member's spouse, child, stepchild, par-  
10 ent, or sibling has died within the past 2 weeks; or

11           “(5) a natural disaster as declared by the Presi-  
12 dent or the Governor has occurred within the Mem-  
13 ber's district within the past 2 weeks;

14 and that Member obtains the prior written approval of the  
15 Speaker.

16           “(b) As used in this clause, the term ‘seriously ill’  
17 has the same meaning as the term serious health condition  
18 (except a mental condition) as defined in section 101 of  
19 the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.”.

20           (b) The Committee on Rules is authorized and di-  
21 rected to report any amendments to the Rules of the  
22 House of Representatives by September 21, 1994, nec-  
23 essary to effectuate clause 13 of rule I.

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