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H. RES. 186

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to allow proxy voting in committees when a Member is engaged in official business in the District of Columbia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1997

Mr. FATTAH (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. TIERNEY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Mr. RANGEL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to allow proxy voting in committees when a Member is engaged in official business in the District of Columbia.

1 *Resolved*, That clause 2(f) of rule XI of the Rules of
2 the House of Representatives is amended to read as fol-
3 lows:

4 *“Proxy voting*

5 *“(f) No vote by any member of any committee or sub-*
6 committee with respect to any measure or matter may be
7 cast by proxy, unless such committee, by written rule
8 adopted by the committee, permits voting by proxy and

1 requires that the proxy authorization shall be in writing,
2 shall assert that the Member is absent on official business
3 in the District of Columbia, shall designate the individual
4 who is to execute the proxy authorization, and shall be
5 limited to a specific measure or matter and any amend-
6 ments or motions pertaining thereto for one day; except
7 that a Member may authorize a general proxy only for
8 motions to recess or adjourn. Each proxy to be effective
9 shall be signed by the Member assigning his or her vote
10 and shall contain the date and time of day the proxy is
11 signed and shall be accompanied by a written statement
12 as to the specific official duties the Member will be en-
13 gaged in that preclude being present to vote. Proxies may
14 not be counted for a quorum.”.

