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H. CON. RES. 190

To establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2003

Mr. DREIER (for himself and Mr. FROST) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people.

Whereas the Government must be able to function during emergencies in a manner that gives confidence and security to the American people; and

Whereas the Government must ensure the continuation of congressional operations, including procedures for replacing Members, in the aftermath of a catastrophic attack:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That (a) there is hereby established a joint
3 committee composed of 20 members as follows:

4 (1) 10 Members of the House of Representa-
5 tives as follows: 5 from the majority party to be ap-
6 pointed by the Speaker of the House, including the
7 chairman of the Committee on Rules, who shall
8 serve as co-chairman, and 5 from the minority party
9 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House (after
10 consultation with the Minority Leader); and

11 (2) 10 Members of the Senate as follows: 5
12 from the majority party, including the chairman of
13 the Committee on Rules and Administration, who
14 shall serve as co-chairman, and 5 from the minority
15 party, to be appointed by the Majority Leader of the
16 Senate (after consultation with the Minority Lead-
17 er).

18 A vacancy in the joint committee shall not affect the power
19 of the remaining members to execute the functions of the
20 joint committee, and shall be filled in the same manner
21 as the original selection.

22 (b)(1) The joint committee shall make a full study
23 and review of the procedures which should be adopted by
24 the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Con-
25 gress for the purpose of (A) ensuring the continuity and

1 authority of Congress during times of crisis, (B) improv-
2 ing congressional procedures necessary for the enactment
3 of measures affecting homeland security during times of
4 crisis, and (C) enhancing the ability of each chamber to
5 cooperate effectively with the other body on major and
6 consequential issues related to homeland security.

7 (2) No recommendation shall be made by the joint
8 committee except upon the majority vote of the members
9 from each House, respectively.

10 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this reso-
11 lution, any recommendation with respect to the rules and
12 procedures of one House that only affects matters related
13 solely to that House may only be made and voted on by
14 members of the joint committee from that House and,
15 upon its adoption by a majority of such members, shall
16 be considered to have been adopted by the full committee
17 as a recommendation of the joint committee.

18 (4) The joint committee shall submit to the Speaker
19 of the House of Representatives and to the Majority Lead-
20 er of the Senate an interim report not later than January
21 31, 2004, and a final report not later than May 31, 2004,
22 of the results of such study and review.

23 (e) The joint committee shall cease to exist no later
24 than May 31, 2004.

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