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H. RES. 78

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 19, 2007

Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BECERRA, and Ms. SLAUGHTER) 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 to read as follows:

7 “3. (a) In a Committee of the Whole House on the
8 state of the Union, each Delegate and the Resident Com-

1 missioner shall possess the same powers and privileges as
 2 Members of the House. Each Delegate and the Resident
 3 Commissioner shall be elected to serve on standing com-
 4 mittees in the same manner as Members of the House and
 5 shall possess in such committees the same powers and
 6 privileges as the other members of the committee.”.

7 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR.—The first sentence of
 8 clause 1 of rule XVIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-
 9 resentatives is amended by striking “a Chairman” and in-
 10 serting “a Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commis-
 11 sioner as Chairman”.

12 (c) REPEATING OF CERTAIN VOTES.—Clause 6 of
 13 rule XVIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives
 14 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
 15 graph:

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

