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H. RES. 415

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that regular order
should be restored in the House and Senate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NOLAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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regular order should be restored in the House and Senate.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING REGULAR ORDER IN THE HOUSE**
3 **AND SENATE.**

4 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

5 (1) it should not be in order to consider a bill
6 or resolution in the House unless each committee to
7 which the bill or resolution is referred—

8 (A) had a hearing on the bill or resolution
9 at which amendments were permitted to be of-

1 ferred and debated and a vote was taken on each
2 amendment offered and on final passage, and

3 (B) filed a report with respect to the bill
4 or resolution;

5 (2) a conference report should not be filed in
6 the House unless—

7 (A) the conference committee held at least
8 3 meetings in which all members of the con-
9 ference committee were allowed to be present,

10 (B) all items of difference between the
11 House and Senate were addressed, voted on,
12 and resolved by the full conference committee
13 membership, and

14 (C) printed or electronic copies of the con-
15 ference report and the accompanying joint ex-
16 planatory statement were available to Members
17 and Delegates for at least 48 hours prior to fil-
18 ing;

19 (3) the House and Senate should schedule si-
20 multaneous 5-day work weeks in Washington and
21 district work periods; and

22 (4) every bill brought to committee should be
23 open to amendment and every bill brought to the

- 1 floor of the House for a vote should be considered
- 2 under an open rule.

