

H. Res. 7

ADOPTING THE RULES FOR THE 117th CONGRESS

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Adoption of the Rules of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.

This section provides that the Rules of the 116th Congress are the Rules of the 117th Congress, except for the amendments contained in section 2 of the resolution and orders contained in the resolution.

Section 2. Changes to the Standing Rules.

Conforming Change. Subsection (a) strikes outdated language that no longer exists in statute authorizing the Clerk to maintain on the House payroll the staff of a former Speaker. This authority, established through 2 U.S.C. § 5128, was repealed by Public Law 115-244 in the 115th Congress.

Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds. Subsection (b) codifies the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, established in the 116th Congress in House Resolution 6, into the standing rules of the House. The subsection instructs the Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, to appoint a Director of the Office from recommendations provided by the chair of the Committee on House Administration in consultation with the ranking minority member. The Office is subject to the policy direction and oversight of the Committee on House Administration and will direct and guide House employing offices to recruit, hire, train, develop, advance, promote, and retain a diverse workforce; survey and evaluate diversity in House employing offices; submit a House of Representatives diversity report each session; and provide consultation and guidance in furtherance of increasing diversity and inclusion in the House.

Subsection (b) also codifies the Office of the Whistleblower Ombudsman, established in the 116th Congress in House Resolution 6, and changes its name to the gender-neutral Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds. The subsection instructs the Speaker, in consultation with the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Oversight and Reform, to appoint a Director of the Office. The subsection instructs the Office, under the direction of the Committee on House Administration, and in consultation with other committees at the request of their chairs or ranking members, to develop best practices for whistleblower intake for House offices and provide trainings to House offices on how to safely receive information from whistleblowers.

Continuing Authority to Act in Litigation Matters. Subsection (c) clarifies existing practice that the continuing authority to act in litigation matters provided by clause 8(c) of rule II includes, but is not limited to, the authority for committee chairs to immediately reissue subpoenas, prior to the organization of their committees, to ensure litigation can continue uninterrupted.

Admittance to the Hall of the House. Subsection (d) adds the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the list of persons who are permitted in the Hall of the House. The subsection also adds a new restriction on who may access the Hall of the House, barring former Members, Delegates, Resident Commissioners, Parliamentarians, elected officers of the House, or minority employees nominated as an elected officer of the House if they have been convicted of a crime related to their election to, or service to, the House.

Gender-Inclusive Language. Subsection (e) modernizes the use of pronouns, familial relationship terminology, and other references to gender in order to be inclusive of all Members, Delegates, Resident Commissioners, employees of the House, and their families. This also obviates the need for the former clause 2 of rule XXIX, which provided that “words importing one gender include the other as well.”

Committee on Armed Services. Subsection (f) adds the Marine Corps and the Space Force to the list of U.S. military service branches covered under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services. Neither addition substantively alters the committee’s current jurisdiction, and both are clarifying and technical in nature.

Committee Oversight Plans. Subsection (g) requires committees to include in their oversight plan a discussion of how the committee’s work will address issues of inequities on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or national origin.

Printing and Availability Requirements. Subsection (h) modifies two requirements related to the method by which specific types of legislative texts must be made available. First, instead of requiring that primary expense resolutions reported by the Committee on House Administration be physically printed and available on the calendar day prior to their consideration, this subsection now allows this availability period to begin when the text is made available electronically or in printed form. Second, this subsection modifies the requirement that reports on Senate amendments in disagreement by a conference committee, and any accompanying statements, be available for 72 hours in the Congressional Record. This 72-hour period now begins when the relevant text is either made available in the Congressional Record or made publicly available at an electronic document repository operated by the Clerk.

Committee Vote Availability. Subsection (i) modernizes the requirement for committees to make the results of record votes publicly available by removing the requirement that they be made available to the public for in-person inspection in committee offices.

Committees will still be required to make the results of record votes publicly available electronically within 48 hours of the vote.

Amendment Availability. Subsection (j) builds on the requirement for committee chairs to make amendments adopted by their committees publicly available within 24 hours by requiring all other amendments – which includes failed or withdrawn amendments – to be posted within 48 hours of their disposition or withdrawal. This requirement does not apply to amendments not offered.

Truth-In-Testimony Reform. Subsection (k) amends the disclosure requirements for witnesses appearing in nongovernmental capacities by: (1) adding grants to the reporting requirement for foreign payments; (2) expanding the lookback period for reporting to 36 months; (3) requiring witnesses to disclose whether they are the fiduciary of any organization or entity with an interest in the subject matter of the hearing; and (4) requiring, to the extent practicable, the disclosures be made publicly available 24-hours prior to the witness's appearance at a hearing. The subsection also updates the text of clause 2(g)(5) of rule XI for clarity.

Electronic Filing of Reports and Electronic Signatures. Subsection (l) authorizes electronic filing of committee reports, which was temporarily allowed by House Resolution 965 of the 116th, and allows electronic signatures to be used for signed views in committee reports and for select forms received by the Committee on Ethics. Reports received electronically will be processed as otherwise provided in rule XIII, and committees filing electronic reports should continue to consult with the Clerk regarding proper format and other administrative requirements.

Subpoena Authority. Subsection (m) affirms that committees and subcommittees, pursuant to the longstanding subpoena authority granted by clause 2(m) of rule XI, may authorize and issue subpoenas for documents or testimony to any person or entity, whether governmental, public, or private, within the United States. The language makes clear that the rule expressly authorizes the issuance of subpoenas to any current or former President and Vice President, either in their personal or official capacity, as well as the White House, the Office of the President, the Executive Office of the President, and any individual currently or formerly employed by those entities. This is not a change to, but rather a clearer affirmation of, existing authorities.

Committee on Ethics. Subsection (n) provides that a Member may serve on the Committee on Ethics during a fifth Congress in a period of five successive Congresses if they are the chair or ranking member of the committee. It also clarifies that various provisions within clause 3 of rule XI apply to Delegates and Resident Commissioners.

Audio and Video Recordings. Subsection (o) modifies the description of committee proceedings that may not be used or made available for any partisan political campaign

purpose to clarify the provision's application to all such audio and video coverage regardless of the specific technological device or recording medium used.

Cosponsorship Withdrawal. Subsection (p) eliminates the requirement that a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner obtain unanimous consent to remove their name as a cosponsor of a bill or resolution, instead allowing the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to remove their own name by making a demand from the floor. The sponsor of a bill, however, must still make a unanimous-consent request in order to remove a cosponsor, and cosponsors may still only be removed until the last committee of referral reports the bill to the House or is discharged from its consideration.

Comparative Prints. Subsection (q) removes the requirement, added in the 115th Congress, that prior to the consideration of bills, joint resolutions, and amendments in the nature of a substitute, comparative prints must be made available. However, section 3(j) of this resolution directs the relevant committees and offices of the House to continue efforts to further the institutional priority of enabling all House staff to produce such comparative prints.

Requiring Committee Hearing and Markup on Bills and Joint Resolutions. Subsection (r) codifies in the standing rules of the House a separate order from the 116th Congress requiring a committee hearing and markup in order for most bills and joint resolutions to be considered pursuant to a special order of business reported by the Committee on Rules. The subsection provides a point of order against consideration if such a measure has not been reported by at least one committee, effective March 1st of an odd-numbered year. A point of order also lies against any bill or joint resolution reported by a committee if the report does not contain a list of relevant committee and subcommittee hearings which includes the designation of at least one such hearing that was used to develop or consider the underlying measure. Finally, the provision provides exceptions to the points of order for resolutions continuing appropriations for a fiscal year, measures that contain specified emergency designations pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, measures considered pursuant to the Consensus Calendar, and measures not referred to committee. Pursuant to section 3(u), because of the challenges facing committees operating during a pandemic, this rule will not take effect in the 117th Congress until April 1, 2021.

Motion to Recommit. Subsection (s) provides that a motion to recommit (or commit) a bill or joint resolution to a standing or select committee may only be made without instructions and is not debatable. It also provides that the previous question is considered as ordered on any such motion. The subsection makes a conforming change to the prohibition on the Committee on Rules from reporting a rule preventing a motion to recommit in order to remove the specification that instructions must be permitted. The subsection also removes the now-extraneous mandates that motions to recommit with instructions must be in the form of a direction to be reported back to the House forthwith and that instructions in a motion to recommit to conference may not include argument. The rule continues to prioritize recognition of an opponent of the underlying measure, but the Chair will address contested opposition

when challenged on the floor rather than continuing the practice of querying for opposition at the time the motion is made.

District of Columbia Business. Subsection (t) removes a no-longer-used provision setting aside the second and fourth Mondays of a month for District of Columbia business called up by the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Title Amendments. Subsection (u) limits the offering of amendments to the titles of bills and resolutions to the Majority Leader or a designee.

Reconciliation Directives. Subsection (v) strikes the contents of clause 7 of rule XXI, which created a point of order against a concurrent resolution on the budget, amendments to a budget resolution, or a conference report on a budget resolution, containing reconciliation directives that would have the effect of increasing net direct spending. Clause 10 of rule XXI, the PAYGO rule, continues to apply to any reconciliation measure reported pursuant to such directives.

Availability of Measures. Subsection (w) modifies the text availability requirement for unreported bills and joint resolutions by specifying that the 72-hour availability period may begin when the text of the measure is made electronically available prior to its introduction. Although the introduced measure must consist of the exact text of the language made electronically available prior to introduction in order to qualify under this updated rule, changes to a measure's text made after its introduction by a self-executing special rule do not impact this availability period.

Prohibited Service. Subsection (x) modifies a provision in the Code of Official Conduct added in the 116th Congress prohibiting Members, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and employees of the House from serving as an officer or director of any public company by replacing a direction to the Committee on Ethics to develop regulations with a requirement for compliance with such regulations as the Committee has since promulgated these regulations.

Code of Official Conduct. Subsection (y) adds two new clauses to the Code of Official Conduct. First, the new clause 20 of rule XXIII protects Congressional whistleblowers by preventing a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House from taking any actions to prevent an individual from, or to retaliate against an individual for, providing truthful information to the Committee on Ethics, the Office of Congressional Ethics, the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, or any law enforcement official, provided that the disclosure of such information is not otherwise prohibited by law or House rules.

Second, the new clause 21 of rule XXIII further protects the identities of whistleblowers by prohibiting a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House from knowingly and willfully publicly disclosing the identity or personally identifiable information of an individual who is granted protections under federal whistleblower laws.

Exempted from this prohibition are cases in which: (1) the individual has provided express written consent prior to such disclosure; (2) the individual has already voluntarily and publicly disclosed their identity; or (3) the disclosure is by the chair of a committee after an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the committee members that such disclosure is in the public interest. Additionally, nothing in this new whistleblower protection will inhibit the investigation of any allegation of wrongdoing disclosed by any individual or prevent the public disclosure of substantive information shared that is not personally identifiable. Disclosures by the chair of a committee are subject to appropriate safeguards, including advance notice to the individual including a written explanation of the reasons for the disclosure.

Communications Standards Commission. Subsection (z) renames the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards to the House Communications Standards Commission, conforming to a change made in H.R. 133 of the 116th Congress. The new name reflects the Commission's jurisdiction over all mass communications.

Section 3. Separate Orders.

Member Day Hearing Requirement. Subsection (a) requires each standing committee (except for the Committee on Ethics) to hold a Member Day Hearing during the first session of the 117th Congress to hear testimony from Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner – whether or not they are a member of the committee – on proposed legislation within its jurisdiction. The subsection permits the Committee on Rules to hold its Member Day Hearing during the second session, in order to receive testimony on proposed changes to the standing rules for the next Congress.

Deposition Authority. Subsection (b) provides the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and each standing committee of the 117th Congress (except for the Committee on Rules) the authority to order the taking of a deposition by a member or counsel of such committee. Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner may participate in all such depositions, but their presence is not required. Depositions taken under this authority are subject to regulations issued by the chair of the Committee on Rules and printed in the Congressional Record, and such authority continues to include potential supplemental regulations.

War Powers Resolution. Subsection (c) expressly provides that any motion to discharge a measure introduced pursuant to section 6 or section 7 of the War Powers Resolution would not be subject to a motion to table.

Exercise Facilities for Former Members. Subsection (d) continues the prohibition on access to any exercise facility that is made available exclusively to Members, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, former Members, former Delegates, former Resident Commissioners, officers, and former officers of the House and their spouses to any former Member, former

Delegate, former Resident Commissioner, former officer, or spouse who is a lobbyist registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 or any successor statute, or who is an agent of a foreign principal as defined in clause 5 of rule XXV.

Empaneling Investigative Subcommittee of the Committee on Ethics. Subsection (e) carries forward House Resolution 451 from the 110th Congress, directing the Committee on Ethics to empanel an investigative subcommittee or issue a report within 30 days of the date a Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner is indicted or criminal charges are filed. The subsection updates any references in House Resolution 451 to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to be references to the Committee on Ethics.

Non-Disclosure Agreements. Subsection (f) continues a provision from the 116th Congress which provides that Non-Disclosure Agreements required by offices as a condition of employment for paid or unpaid staff or contractors cannot require notice or approval for employees to communicate with the Committee on Ethics, the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, or any other office or entity designated by the Committee on House Administration; and that Non-Disclosure Agreements must also provide clear guidance to that effect.

Requiring Members to Pay for Discrimination Settlements. Subsection (g) continues from the 116th Congress a requirement for a Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner to reimburse the Treasury for any settlement of a complaint related to a claim alleging a violation by the Member of sections 201(a), 206(a), or 207 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, which cover discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (which the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recognizes as including sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, age, disability, or an employee's service in the uniformed services, and retaliation for claims alleging such discrimination.

Mandatory Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Policies for House Offices. Subsection (h) continues from the 116th Congress a requirement that each House office adopt an anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy and requires the Committee on House Administration to issue regulations to carry out the subsection by April 1, 2021.

Displaying Statement of Rights and Protections Provided to House Employees. Subsection (i) continues from the 116th Congress a requirement that the Committee on House Administration issue regulations requiring each House office to prominently display a statement of the rights and protections provided to House employees under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, including procedures available to employees for responding to and adjudicating allegations of workplace rights violations.

Broadening Availability and Utility of Legislative Documents in Machine-Readable Formats. Subsection (j) instructs the Committee on House Administration, the Clerk, and other officers and officials to continue to advance government transparency by taking further steps to

publish documents of the House in machine-readable formats and broaden their utility by enabling all House staff to create comparative prints.

Improving the Committee Electronic Document Repository. Subsection (k) directs the Clerk, the Committee on House Administration, and other officers and officials to improve the existing electronic document repository operated by the Clerk for use by committees. Such improvements are intended to increase public availability and identification of legislative information produced by House committees, including votes, amendments, and witness disclosure forms.

Inclusion of Citations for Proposed Repeals and Amendments. Subsection (l) continues a requirement for parallel citations, to the maximum extent practicable, for amendatory instructions to Public Laws and Statutes at Large that are not classified in the U.S. Code.

Providing for Transparency with Respect to Memorials Submitted Pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States. Subsection (m) carries forward provisions that clarify the procedures of the House regarding the receipt of Article V memorials from the States by directing the Clerk to make each memorial, designated by the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, electronically available, organized by State of origin and year of receipt, and indicate whether the memorial was designated as an application or rescission.

In carrying out this subsection, it is expected that the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary will be solely charged with determining whether a memorial purports to be an application of the legislature of a state calling for a constitutional convention or rescission of prior applications. The Clerk's role will be entirely administrative. The chair of the Committee on the Judiciary will only designate memorials from state legislatures (and not petitions from individuals or other parties), as it is only state legislatures that are contemplated under Article V of the Constitution.

In submitting each memorial to the Clerk, the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary will include a transmission letter that indicates it has been designated under this subsection of House Resolution 5. The Clerk will make publicly available the memorial and the transmission letter from the chair. Ancillary documentation from the state or other parties is not expected to be publicized.

Subcommittees. Subsection (n) waives clause 5(d) of rule X to allow the Committee on Agriculture up to six subcommittees, which is consistent with authorities in the 114th, 115th, and 116th Congresses.

Congressional Member Organization Transparency Reform. Subsection (o) continues to allow participating Members to enter into agreements with eligible Congressional Member Organizations for the purpose of payment of salaries and expenses. The subsection requires that for the organization to be eligible during the 117th Congress, the organization must register with the Committee on House Administration, designate a single Member to be responsible for

the administration of the organization, have at least 3 employees assigned to perform some work for the organization, and had at least 15 Members during the 116th Congress using a portion of their Members' Representational Allowance (MRA) to pay for the salaries and expenses of the organization.

Budget Matters. Subsection (p) reestablishes that the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate levels as contained in the statement of the chair of the Committee on the Budget of May 1, 2020, as adjusted in the 116th Congress, are effective pending the adoption of a fiscal year 2021 budget resolution.

Reissuance of Subpoenas Prior to Committee Organization. Subsection (q) authorizes the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Reform to issue subpoenas related to the Committee's investigation, initiated during the 116th Congress, into the accuracy and timing of the 2020 decennial census. The subsection also authorizes the chair of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis to issue subpoenas related to the Select Subcommittee's investigation, likewise initiated during the 116th Congress, into political interference in the response to the coronavirus pandemic at the Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Numbering of Bills. Subsection (r) reserves the first 10 numbers for bills (H.R. 1 through H.R. 10) for assignment by the Speaker and the second 10 numbers (H.R. 11 through H.R. 20) for assignment by the Minority Leader.

Remote Voting by Proxy and Remote Committee Activity. Subsection (s) carries forward House Resolution 965 from the 116th Congress with the following changes: 1) notification and availability requirements do not apply to proxy revocation letters submitted to the Clerk after a Member has automatically revoked their proxy by voting in person; 2) committees may hold official business meetings without submitting a letter regarding requirements formerly contained in the remote committee regulations; and 3) the chair of the Committee on House Administration is required, in consultation with the ranking member, to identify and submit to the Speaker and to the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Rules specific operable and secure technology that may be used to conduct remote voting in the House – certification of that submission replaces a previous requirement in section 5(a) of H. Res. 965.

Witness Diversity. Subsection (t) requires the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to provide a report to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Rules recommending a method to survey the diversity of witness panels at committee hearings by July 1, 2021. It requires the Committees on House Administration and Rules to take any necessary steps to ensure its implementation by July 31, 2021.

Requirements for Committee Hearing and Markup. Subsection (u) provides that during the 117th Congress, the requirement that committees hold a hearing and a markup for most

bills and joint resolutions considered pursuant to a rule (added to the standing rules by section 2(r) of this resolution) shall not apply before April 1, 2021. This delay in implementation is due to the increased difficulty of organizing committees and holding committee proceedings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Exemptions. Subsection (v) provides that the Chair of the Committee on Budget may adjust an estimate to exempt the budgetary effects of measures to prevent, prepare for, or respond to economic or public health consequences resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and measures to prevent, prepare for, or respond to economic, environmental, or public health consequences resulting from climate change.

Further Expenses for Resolving Contested Elections. Subsection (w) authorizes such sums as may be necessary for the Committee on House Administration to resolve contested elections. Funds shall be available for expenses incurred between January 3, 2021, and January 3, 2022. Amounts made available under this subsection shall be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on House Administration.

Support for Senate Measures. Subsection (x) requires the Clerk to submit to the chair of the Committee on Rules by February 1, 2021, regulations establishing a process for House Members to indicate their support for Senate-passed measures that have been received by the House, including maintaining a publicly available list of Members supporting each measure. The chair of the Committee on Rules is directed to print the regulations in the Congressional Record, at which point Members will be permitted to use the process to indicate their support for Senate measures.

Dissemination of Manipulated Media. Subsection (y) directs the Committee on Ethics to report by December 31, 2021, any recommended amendments to the Code of Official Conduct and any accompanying regulations addressing the dissemination by electronic means of any image, video, or audio file that has been distorted or manipulated with the intent to mislead the public.

Section 4. Committees, Commissions, and House Offices

House Democracy Partnership. Subsection (a) reauthorizes the House Democracy Assistance Commission, now known as the House Democracy Partnership.

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Subsection (b) reauthorizes the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. The subsection carries forward and makes minor modifications to provisions from the 116th Congress to reaffirm that the commission's budget is in addition to and separate from the amounts authorized for salaries and expenses of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and to ensure equal distribution of funding between the commission's co-chairs to reflect the bipartisan structure of the commission.

Office of Congressional Ethics. Subsection (c) reauthorizes the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) and carries forward provisions from the 116th Congress without substantive revision except that members may be reappointed for a fourth additional term.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. Subsection (d) reauthorizes the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. The subsection carries forward and makes modest modifications to provisions from the 116th Congress. The investigative jurisdiction of the Select Committee shall consist of policies, strategies, and innovations to achieve substantial and permanent reductions in pollution and other activities that contribute to the climate crisis which will honor our responsibility to be good stewards of the planet for future generations and advance environmental justice. The Select Committee shall coordinate with and advise standing committees with relevant jurisdiction with respect to such policies, strategies, and innovations. Additionally, the Select Committee is authorized to receive any records transferred to it by a standing committee if obtained pursuant to a subpoena or deposition recommended by the Select Committee. The subsection requires that all policy recommendations be submitted to committees by December 31, 2021, and that all reports be submitted to the House by December 31, 2022.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Subsection (e) reauthorizes the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress and carries forward provisions from the 116th Congress without substantive revision except that the final report shall be submitted by December 31, 2022. All references to the 116th Congress shall apply to the 117th Congress.

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis. Subsection (f) reauthorizes the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis of the Committee on Oversight and Reform and carries forward the authorizing provisions from the 116th Congress without revision.

Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth. Subsection (g) establishes a Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth to investigate, study, make findings, and develop recommendations on policies, strategies, and innovations to make our economy work for everyone, empowering American economic growth while ensuring that no one is left out or behind in the 21st Century Economy. The Select Committee shall coordinate with and advise standing committees with relevant jurisdiction with respect to policy related to economic fairness, access to education, and workforce development. The Select Committee is authorized to hold hearings and may report to the House or any committee the results of its investigations and studies, together with any detailed findings and policy recommendations it deems advisable. The subsection requires that all policy recommendations be submitted to committees by December 31, 2021, and that all reports be submitted to the House by December 31, 2022. The Speaker is directed to appoint 15 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner to serve on the Select Committee and to designate one of its members to serve as the chair. Six of the 15 members must be appointed on the recommendation of the Minority Leader. The Select Committee will be governed by Rules X and XI, except as provided in the subsection. The subsection does not extend subpoena and

deposition authority to the Select Committee, but authorizes the Select Committee to submit subpoena and deposition recommendations to the relevant standing committees. Additionally, the Select Committee is authorized to receive any records transferred to it by a standing committee if obtained pursuant to a subpoena or deposition recommended by the Select Committee. \$500,000 is authorized for the expenses of the Select Committee through March 31, 2021.

Section 5. Orders of Business.

The orders of business contained in section 5 are necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Subsection (a) provides that on any legislative day from January 3, 2021, through January 28, 2021: the Journal shall be approved; the Chair may declare the House adjourned to meet within Constitutional limits; the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair; and each day during this period shall not constitute a day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution, clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry), clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII (motions to instruct conferees), and clause 7 of XV (Consensus Calendar).

Subsection (b) grants the Speaker authority to consider bills under suspension of the rules through the legislative day of January 28, 2021.

Subsection (c) grants the House authority, through the legislative day of January 28, 2021, to adopt a report from the Committee on Rules through a majority vote on the same day it is filed.