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Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCALISE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and for other purposes.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE ONE HUN-**  
3                       **DRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS.**

4       The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One  
5       Hundred Seventeenth Congress, including applicable pro-  
6       visions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted  
7       rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Seven-  
8       teenth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House

1 of Representatives of the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-  
2 gress, with amendments to the standing rules as provided  
3 in section 2, and with other orders as provided in this reso-  
4 lution.

5 **SEC. 2. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES.**

6 (a) INITIATIVES TO REDUCE SPENDING AND IM-  
7 PROVE ACCOUNTABILITY.—

8 (1) CUT-AS-YOU-GO.—In rule XXI, amend  
9 clause 10 to read as follows:

10 “10.(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and  
11 (c), it shall not be in order to consider a bill or joint reso-  
12 lution, or an amendment thereto or a conference report  
13 thereon, if the provisions of such measure have the net  
14 effect of increasing mandatory spending for the period of  
15 either—

16 “(A) the current year, the budget year, and the  
17 four fiscal years following that budget year; or

18 “(B) the current year, the budget year, and the  
19 nine fiscal years following that budget year.

20 “(2) For purposes of this clause, the terms ‘budget  
21 year’ and ‘current year’ have the meanings specified in  
22 section 250 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-  
23 icit Control Act of 1985, and the term ‘mandatory spend-  
24 ing’ has the meaning of ‘direct spending’ specified in such  
25 section 250 except that such term shall also include provi-

1 sions in appropriation Acts that make outyear modifica-  
2 tions to substantive law as described in section 3(4)(C)  
3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

4 “(b) If a bill or joint resolution, or an amendment  
5 thereto, is considered pursuant to a special order of the  
6 House directing the Clerk to add as new matter at the  
7 end of such bill or joint resolution the entire text of a  
8 separate measure or measures as passed by the House,  
9 the new matter proposed to be added shall be included  
10 in the evaluation under paragraph (a) of the bill, joint res-  
11 olution, or amendment.

12 “(c)(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), the  
13 evaluation under paragraph (a) shall exclude a provision  
14 expressly designated as an emergency for the Statutory  
15 Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, in the case of a point of order  
16 under this clause against consideration of—

17 “(A) a bill or joint resolution;

18 “(B) an amendment made in order as original text  
19 by a special order of business;

20 “(C) a conference report; or

21 “(D) an amendment between the Houses.

22 “(2) In the case of an amendment (other than one  
23 specified in subparagraph (1)) to a bill or joint resolution,  
24 the evaluation under paragraph (a) shall give no cog-  
25 nizance to any designation of emergency.”.

1           (2) REQUIRING A VOTE ON RAISING THE DEBT  
2           LIMIT.—Amend rule XXVIII to read as follows:

3                           “RULE XXVIII  
4                           “(RESERVED.)”.

5           (3) POINT OF ORDER AGAINST AMENDMENTS  
6           TO APPROPRIATIONS BILLS INCREASING BUDGET AU-  
7           THORITY.—In clause 2 of rule XXI, add at the end  
8           the following new paragraph:

9           “(g) An amendment to a general appropriation bill  
10          shall not be in order if proposing a net increase in the  
11          level of budget authority in the bill.”.

12          (4) LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES IN DIRECT  
13          SPENDING IN RECONCILIATION INITIATIVES.—In  
14          rule XXI, amend clause 7 to read as follows:

15          “(7) It shall not be in order to consider a concurrent  
16          resolution on the budget, or an amendment thereto, or a  
17          conference report thereon that contains reconciliation di-  
18          rectives under section 310 of the Congressional Budget  
19          Act of 1974 that specify changes in law such that the rec-  
20          onciliation legislation reported pursuant to such directives  
21          would cause an increase in net direct spending (as such  
22          term is defined in clause 10) for the period covered by  
23          such concurrent resolution.”.

24          (b) INCREASED THRESHOLD FOR TAX RATE IN-  
25          CREASES.—

1 (1) VOTE REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE.—In clause  
2 5 of rule XXI—

3 (A) redesignate paragraph (b) as para-  
4 graph (c); and

5 (B) insert after paragraph (a) the fol-  
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 **“Passage of tax rate increases**

8 “(b) A bill or joint resolution, amendment, or con-  
9 ference report carrying a Federal income tax rate increase  
10 may not be considered as passed or agreed to unless so  
11 determined by a vote of not less than three-fifths of the  
12 Members voting, a quorum being present. In this para-  
13 graph, the term ‘Federal income tax rate increase’ means  
14 any amendment to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of  
15 section 1, or to section 11(b) or 55(b), of the Internal Rev-  
16 enue Code of 1986, that imposes a new percentage as a  
17 rate of tax and thereby increases the amount of tax im-  
18 posed by any such section.”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—In clause 10  
20 of rule XX, strike “appropriations,” and insert “ ap-  
21 propriations or increasing Federal income tax rates  
22 (within the meaning of clause 5 of rule XXI),”.

23 (c) TWO-MINUTE VOTES.—In clause 9 of rule XX—

24 (1) in the heading, strike “**Five-minute**” and  
25 insert “**Two-minute**”;

1           (2) in paragraph (a), strike “five minutes” and  
2           insert “not less than two minutes”; and

3           (3) in paragraph (b), strike “five-minute vot-  
4           ing” and insert “reduced voting times”.

5           (d) MODIFICATIONS TO CALENDAR WEDNESDAY.—

6           In clause 6(a) of rule XV, strike “on the preceding legisla-  
7           tive day” and insert “at least 72 hours in advance”.

8           (e) COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT  
9           PLANS.—

10           (1) PLANS.—In rule X, amend clause 2(d) to  
11           read as follows:

12           “(d)(1) Not later than March 1 of the first session  
13           of a Congress, each standing committee (other than the  
14           Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Ethics,  
15           and the Committee on Rules) shall, in a meeting that is  
16           open to the public, adopt its authorization and oversight  
17           plan for that Congress. Such plan shall be submitted si-  
18           multaneously to the Committee on Oversight and Account-  
19           ability and the Committee on House Administration.

20           “(2) Each such plan shall include, with respect to  
21           programs and agencies within the committee’s jurisdic-  
22           tion, and to the maximum extent practicable—

23           “(A) a list of such programs or agencies with  
24           lapsed authorizations that received funding in the  
25           prior fiscal year or, in the case of a program or

1 agency with a permanent authorization, which has  
2 not been subject to a comprehensive review by the  
3 committee in the prior three Congresses;

4 “(B) a description of each such program or  
5 agency to be authorized in the current Congress;

6 “(C) a description of each such program or  
7 agency to be authorized in the next Congress, if ap-  
8 plicable;

9 “(D) a description of any oversight to support  
10 the authorization of each such program or agency in  
11 the current Congress; and

12 “(E) recommendations for changes to existing  
13 law for moving such programs or agencies from  
14 mandatory funding to discretionary appropriations,  
15 where appropriate.

16 “(3) Each such plan may include, with respect to the  
17 programs and agencies within the committee’s jurisdic-  
18 tion—

19 “(A) recommendations for the consolidation or  
20 termination of such programs or agencies that are  
21 duplicative, unnecessary, or inconsistent with the ap-  
22 propriate roles and responsibilities of the Federal  
23 Government;

24 “(B) recommendations for changes to existing  
25 law related to Federal rules, regulations, statutes,

1 and court decisions affecting such programs and  
2 agencies that are inconsistent with the authorities of  
3 the Congress under Article I of the Constitution;  
4 and

5 “(C) a description of such other oversight ac-  
6 tivities as the committee may consider necessary.

7 “(4) In the development of such plan, the chair of  
8 each committee shall coordinate with other committees of  
9 jurisdiction to ensure that programs and agencies are sub-  
10 ject to routine, comprehensive authorization efforts.

11 “(5) Not later than April 15 in the first session of  
12 a Congress, after consultation with the Speaker, the Ma-  
13 jority Leader, and the Minority Leader, the Committee on  
14 Oversight and Accountability shall report to the House the  
15 authorization and oversight plans submitted by commit-  
16 tees under subparagraph (1) together with any rec-  
17 ommendations that it, or the House leadership group de-  
18 scribed above, may make to ensure the most effective co-  
19 ordination of authorization and oversight plans and other-  
20 wise to achieve the objectives of this clause.”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—In clause  
22 1(d)(2) of rule XI—

23 (A) in subdivision (B), strike “oversight  
24 plans” and insert “authorization and oversight  
25 plans”; and



1 (B) in subdivision (C), strike “oversight  
2 plans” and insert “authorization and oversight  
3 plans”.

4 (f) COST ESTIMATES FOR MAJOR LEGISLATION TO  
5 INCLUDE MACROECONOMIC EFFECTS.—In rule XIII, add  
6 at the end the following new clause:

7 **“Estimates of major legislation**

8 “8.(a) An estimate provided by the Congressional  
9 Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional  
10 Budget Act of 1974 for any major legislation shall, to the  
11 extent practicable, incorporate the budgetary effects of  
12 changes in economic output, employment, capital stock,  
13 and other macroeconomic variables resulting from such  
14 legislation.

15 “(b) An estimate provided by the Joint Committee  
16 on Taxation to the Director of the Congressional Budget  
17 Office under section 201(f) of the Congressional Budget  
18 Act of 1974 for any major legislation shall, to the extent  
19 practicable, incorporate the budgetary effects of changes  
20 in economic output, employment, capital stock, and other  
21 macroeconomic variables resulting from such legislation.

22 “(c) An estimate referred to in this clause shall, to  
23 the extent practicable, include—

24 “(1) a qualitative assessment of the budgetary  
25 effects (including macroeconomic variables described

1 in paragraphs (a) and (b)) of such legislation in the  
2 20-fiscal year period beginning after the last fiscal  
3 year of the most recently agreed to concurrent reso-  
4 lution on the budget that set forth appropriate levels  
5 required by section 301 of the Congressional Budget  
6 Act of 1974; and

7 “(2) an identification of the critical assump-  
8 tions and the source of data underlying that esti-  
9 mate.

10 “(d) As used in this clause—

11 “(1) the term ‘major legislation’ means any bill  
12 or joint resolution—

13 “(A) for which an estimate is required to  
14 be prepared pursuant to section 402 of the  
15 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and that  
16 causes a gross budgetary effect (before incor-  
17 porating macroeconomic effects) in any fiscal  
18 year over the years of the most recently agreed  
19 to concurrent resolution on the budget equal to  
20 or greater than 0.25 percent of the current pro-  
21 jected gross domestic product of the United  
22 States for that fiscal year; or

23 “(B) designated as such by the chair of  
24 the Committee on the Budget for all direct  
25 spending legislation other than revenue legisla-

1           tion or the Member who is chair or vice chair,  
2           as applicable, of the Joint Committee on Tax-  
3           ation for revenue legislation; and

4           “(2) the term ‘budgetary effects’ means  
5           changes in revenues, outlays, and deficits.”.

6           (g) ETHICS REFORM.—In clause 3(r) of rule XI—

7           (1) strike “(r) Upon receipt” and insert “(r)(1)  
8           Upon receipt”; and

9           (2) add at the end the following new subpara-  
10          graph:

11          “(2) In addition to receiving written notifications  
12          from the Office of Congressional Ethics under subpara-  
13          graph (1), the committee shall adopt rules providing for  
14          a process to receive from the public outside information  
15          offered as a complaint. The process shall include the es-  
16          tablishment of a method for the submission of such infor-  
17          mation to the committee in electronic form.”.

18          (h) EMPANELING INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF  
19          COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.—In clause 3(b) of rule XI, add  
20          at the end the following:

21          “(9) Whenever a Member, Delegate, or the Resident  
22          Commissioner is indicted or otherwise formally charged  
23          with criminal conduct in a court of the United States or  
24          any State, the Committee on Ethics shall, not later than  
25          30 days after the date of such indictment or charge—

1           “(A) empanel an investigative subcommittee to  
2 review the allegations; or

3           “(B) submit a report to the House describing  
4 its reasons for not empaneling such an investigative  
5 subcommittee, together with the actions, if any, the  
6 committee has taken in response to the allegations.”.

7       (i) TREATMENT OF EVIDENCE IN COMMITTEE AND  
8 SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS.—In clause 3(p) of rule  
9 XI—

10           (1) in subparagraph (5)(C), strike the semi-  
11 colon at the end and insert “; or”;

12           (2) in subparagraph (5)(D), strike “or” at the  
13 end;

14           (3) strike subparagraph (5)(E);

15           (4) in subparagraph (7), strike the semicolon at  
16 the end and insert “; and”;

17           (5) in subparagraph (8), strike “; and” and in-  
18 sert a period; and

19           (6) strike subparagraph (9).

20       (j) DESIGNATING COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND  
21 ACCOUNTABILITY.—In the standing rules, strike “Com-  
22 mittee on Oversight and Reform” each place it appears  
23 and insert (in each instance) “Committee on Oversight  
24 and Accountability”.

1 (k) DESIGNATING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND  
2 THE WORKFORCE.—In rule X—

3 (1) in clause 1(e), strike “Committee on Edu-  
4 cation and Labor” and insert “Committee on Edu-  
5 cation and the Workforce”; and

6 (2) in clause 3(d), strike “Committee on Edu-  
7 cation and Labor” and insert “Committee on Edu-  
8 cation and the Workforce”.

9 (l) SUBCOMMITTEES OF COMMITTEE ON AGRI-  
10 CULTURE.—In clause 5(d)(2) of rule X—

11 (1) redesignate subdivisions (B) through (F) as  
12 subdivisions (C) through (G), respectively; and

13 (2) insert after subdivision (A) the following  
14 new subdivision:

15 “(B) The Committee on Agriculture may have not  
16 more than six subcommittees.”.

17 (m) CYBERSECURITY.—In clause 1(j)(3) of rule X,  
18 add at the end the following:

19 “(G) Cybersecurity.”.

20 (n) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY TO ACT IN CONTINUING  
21 LITIGATION MATTERS.—In clause 8(c) of rule II, strike  
22 “, including, but not limited to, the issuance of sub-  
23 poenas,”.

24 (o) RECORD VOTES ON MEASURES REPORTED BY  
25 THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.—In clause 3(b) of rule XIII,

1 strike “, and applies only to the maximum extent prac-  
2 ticable to a report by the Committee on Rules on a rule,  
3 joint rule, or the order of business”.

4 (p) ACCESS TO HALL OF THE HOUSE.—In clause  
5 2(a)(14) of rule IV, strike “and of the Territories and the  
6 Mayor of the District of Columbia”.

7 **SEC. 3. SEPARATE ORDERS.**

8 (a) HOLMAN RULE.—During the One Hundred  
9 Eighteenth Congress, any reference in clause 2 of rule  
10 XXI to a provision or amendment that retrenches expendi-  
11 tures by a reduction of amounts of money covered by the  
12 bill shall be construed as applying to any provision or  
13 amendment (offered after the bill has been read for  
14 amendment) that retrenches expenditures by—

15 (1) reduction of amounts of money in the bill;

16 (2) the reduction of the number and salary of  
17 the officers of the United States; or

18 (3) the reduction of the compensation of any  
19 person paid out of the Treasury of the United  
20 States.

21 (b) RESTORING LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ACCOUNT-  
22 ABILITY.—The regulations adopted pursuant to House  
23 Resolution 1096, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress,  
24 shall have no force or effect during the One Hundred  
25 Eighteenth Congress.

1 (c) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICE OF  
2 SPEAKER VACANT.—During the One Hundred Eighteenth  
3 Congress, clause 2(a)(3) of rule IX shall not apply to any  
4 resolution causing a vacancy in the Office of Speaker that  
5 is offered by a Member of the majority party caucus or  
6 conference and has accumulated 4 cosponsors from such  
7 party caucus or conference at the time it is offered.

8 (d) REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO SINGLE-SUB-  
9 JECT BILLS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the One Hundred  
11 Eighteenth Congress, a bill or joint resolution may  
12 not be introduced unless the sponsor submits for  
13 printing in the Congressional Record a statement  
14 setting forth the single subject of the bill or joint  
15 resolution. Such statement shall be included with the  
16 statement required by clause 7(c) of rule XII, and  
17 shall appear in a portion of the Record designated  
18 for that purpose and be made publicly available in  
19 electronic form by the Clerk.

20 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall  
21 become effective on February 1, 2023.

22 (3) TRANSITION.—On any bill or joint resolu-  
23 tion introduced prior to the effective date of this  
24 subsection, the statement required under paragraph  
25 (1) shall, to the extent practicable, be submitted by

1 the sponsor prior to committee or House consider-  
2 ation.

3 (e) QUESTION OF CONSIDERATION FOR GERMANE-  
4 NESS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the One Hundred  
6 Eighteenth Congress, it shall not be in order to con-  
7 sider a rule or order that waives all points of order  
8 against an amendment submitted to the Committee  
9 on Rules otherwise in violation of clause 7 of rule  
10 XVI.

11 (2) DISPOSITION OF POINT OF ORDER.—As dis-  
12 position of a point of order under paragraph (1), the  
13 Chair shall put the question of consideration with re-  
14 spect to the rule or order, as applicable. The ques-  
15 tion of consideration shall be debatable for 10 min-  
16 utes by the Member initiating the point of order and  
17 for 10 minutes by an opponent, but shall otherwise  
18 be decided without intervening motion.

19 (f) BUDGET MATTERS.—

20 (1) INTERIM ENFORCEMENT OF ALLOCATIONS,  
21 AGGREGATES, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE LEVELS  
22 PENDING ADOPTION OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
23 ON THE BUDGET.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—During the first session  
25 of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress—



1 (i) the allocations, aggregates, and  
2 other appropriate levels submitted for  
3 printing in the Congressional Record by  
4 the chair of the Committee on the Budget  
5 shall be considered for all purposes in the  
6 House to be the allocations, aggregates,  
7 and other appropriate levels under titles  
8 III and IV of the Congressional Budget  
9 Act of 1974; and

10 (ii) the provisions of Senate Concur-  
11 rent Resolution 14, One Hundred Seven-  
12 teenth Congress, shall have no force or ef-  
13 fect.

14 (B) REVISIONS BY CHAIR OF COMMITTEE  
15 ON THE BUDGET IN CERTAIN CASES.—

16 (i) The chair of the Committee on the  
17 Budget may revise the allocations of a  
18 committee or committees, aggregates, and  
19 other appropriate levels referred to in sub-  
20 paragraph (A) for any bill or joint resolu-  
21 tion, or amendment thereto or conference  
22 report thereon, if such measure would not  
23 increase direct spending in either the pe-  
24 riod of—

1 (I) fiscal years 2023 to 2028;

2 and

3 (II) fiscal years 2023 to 2033.

4 (ii) The chair of the Committee on the  
5 Budget may revise the allocations of a  
6 committee or committees, aggregates, and  
7 other appropriate levels referred to in sub-  
8 paragraph (A) to take into account the  
9 most recent baseline published by the Con-  
10 gressional Budget Office.

11 (C) AUTHORITY FOR INTERIM ENFORCE-  
12 MENT PRIOR TO ELECTION OF CHAIR OF COM-  
13 MITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—Prior to the election  
14 of a chair of the Committee on the Budget, the  
15 Majority Leader or his designee may submit the  
16 matter referred to in subparagraph (A) or make  
17 such revisions referred to in subparagraph (B).

18 (D) EXEMPTION.—The chair of the Com-  
19 mittee on the Budget or, prior to the election  
20 of the chair, the Majority leader or his designee  
21 may adjust an estimate under clause 4 of rule  
22 XXIX to exempt the budgetary effects of meas-  
23 ures to protect taxpayers with taxable incomes  
24 below \$400,000 from an increase in audits

1 above the most recent tax year from the Inter-  
2 nal Revenue Service.

3 (2) LONG TERM SPENDING POINT OF ORDER.—

4 (A) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
5 ANALYSIS OF PROPOSALS.—The Director of the  
6 Congressional Budget Office shall, to the extent  
7 practicable, prepare an estimate of whether a  
8 bill or joint resolution reported by a committee  
9 (other than the Committee on Appropriations),  
10 or amendment thereto or conference report  
11 thereon, would cause, relative to current law, a  
12 net increase in direct spending in excess of  
13 \$2,500,000,000 in any of the 4 consecutive 10-  
14 fiscal year periods beginning with the first fiscal  
15 year that is 10 fiscal years after the current fis-  
16 cal year.

17 (B) POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be in  
18 order to consider any bill or joint resolution re-  
19 ported by a committee, or amendment thereto  
20 or conference report thereon, that would cause  
21 a net increase in direct spending in excess of  
22 \$2,500,000,000 in any of the 4 consecutive 10-  
23 fiscal year periods described in paragraph (1).

24 (C) DETERMINATIONS OF BUDGET LEV-  
25 ELS.—For purposes of this subsection, the lev-

1           els of net increases in direct spending shall be  
2           determined on the basis of estimates provided  
3           by the chair of the Committee on the Budget.

4           (3) ANALYSIS OF INFLATIONARY IMPACT FOR  
5           CERTAIN LEGISLATION.—During the One Hundred  
6           Eighteenth Congress, if an estimate provided by the  
7           Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of  
8           the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 shows  
9           changes in mandatory spending that cause a gross  
10          budgetary effect in any fiscal year over a 10-year pe-  
11          riod that is equal to or greater than .25 percent of  
12          the projected gross domestic product (measured by  
13          the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers)  
14          for the current fiscal year, or upon the request of  
15          the chair of the Committee on the Budget, then such  
16          estimate shall include, to the extent practicable, a  
17          statement estimating the inflationary effects of the  
18          legislation, including whether the legislation is deter-  
19          mined to have no significant impact on inflation, is  
20          determined to have a quantifiable inflationary im-  
21          pact on the consumer price index, or is determined  
22          likely to have a significant impact on inflation but  
23          the amount cannot be determined at the time the es-  
24          timate is prepared.

1           (4) CONTENT OF CBO ANALYSIS FOR CERTAIN  
2           LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE FEDERAL HOSPITAL  
3           INSURANCE TRUST FUND OR THE OLD-AGE, SUR-  
4           VIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST  
5           FUND.—During the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-  
6           gress, if an estimate provided by the Congressional  
7           Budget Office under section 402 of the Congres-  
8           sional Budget Act of 1974 shows that legislation im-  
9           pacting either the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust  
10          Fund or the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability In-  
11          surance Trust Fund (OASDI) causes a gross budg-  
12          etary effect in any fiscal year over a 10-year period  
13          that is equal to or greater than .25 percent of the  
14          projected gross domestic product (measured by the  
15          Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers) for  
16          the current fiscal year, or upon request of the chair  
17          of the Committee on the Budget, then such estimate  
18          shall, to the extent practicable, display—

19                 (A) the impact of legislation on the Fed-  
20                 eral Hospital Insurance Trust Fund’s unfunded  
21                 liabilities over a 25-year projection, solvency  
22                 projections, and the net present value of those  
23                 liabilities; and

24                 (B) the impact of legislation on the  
25                 OASDI trust fund’s unfunded liabilities over a

1           75-year projection, solvency projections, and the  
2           net present value of those liabilities.

3           (g) SPENDING REDUCTION AMENDMENTS IN APPRO-  
4           PRIATIONS BILLS.—

5           (1) During the reading of a general appropria-  
6           tion bill for amendment in the Committee of the  
7           Whole House on the state of the Union, it shall be  
8           in order to consider en bloc amendments proposing  
9           only to transfer appropriations from an object or ob-  
10          jects in the bill to a spending reduction account.  
11          When considered en bloc under this paragraph, such  
12          amendments may amend portions of the bill not yet  
13          read for amendment (following disposition of any  
14          points of order against such portions) and are not  
15          subject to a demand for division of the question in  
16          the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

17          (2) Except as provided in paragraph (1), it  
18          shall not be in order to consider an amendment to  
19          a spending reduction account in the House or in the  
20          Committee of the Whole House on the state of the  
21          Union.

22          (3) A point of order under clause 2(b) of rule  
23          XXI shall not apply to a spending reduction ac-  
24          count.

1           (4) A general appropriation bill may not be con-  
2           sidered in the Committee of the Whole House on the  
3           state of the Union unless it includes a spending re-  
4           duction account as the last section of the bill. An  
5           order to report a general appropriation bill to the  
6           House shall constitute authority for the chair of the  
7           Committee on Appropriations to add such a section  
8           to the bill or modify the figure contained therein.

9           (5) For purposes of this subsection, the term  
10          “spending reduction account” means an account in  
11          a general appropriation bill that bears that caption  
12          and contains only—

13                 (A) a recitation of the amount by which an  
14                 applicable allocation of new budget authority  
15                 under section 302(b) of the Congressional  
16                 Budget Act of 1974 exceeds the amount of new  
17                 budget authority proposed by the bill; or

18                 (B) if no such allocation is in effect, “\$0”.

19          (h) SCORING CONVEYANCES OF FEDERAL LAND.—

20                 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the One Hundred Eight-  
21                 eenth Congress, for all purposes in the House, a pro-  
22                 vision in a bill or joint resolution, or in an amend-  
23                 ment thereto or a conference report thereon, requir-  
24                 ing or authorizing a conveyance of Federal land to  
25                 a State, local government, or tribal entity shall not

1 be considered as providing new budget authority, de-  
2 creasing revenues, increasing mandatory spending,  
3 or increasing outlays.

4 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

5 (A) The term “conveyance” means any  
6 method, including sale, donation, or exchange,  
7 by which all or any portion of the right, title,  
8 and interest of the United States in and to  
9 Federal land is transferred to another entity.

10 (B) The term “Federal land” means any  
11 land owned by the United States, including the  
12 surface estate, the subsurface estate, or any im-  
13 provements thereon.

14 (C) The term “State” means any of the  
15 several States, the District of Columbia, or a  
16 territory (including a possession) of the United  
17 States.

18 (i) MEMBER DAY HEARING REQUIREMENT.—During  
19 the first session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress,  
20 each standing committee (other than the Committee on  
21 Ethics) shall hold a hearing at which it receives testimony  
22 from Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner  
23 on proposed legislation within its jurisdiction, except that  
24 the Committee on Rules may hold such hearing during the  
25 second session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress.



1 (j) INFORMATION TO COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS ON  
2 REQUEST.—During the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-  
3 gress, the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Ac-  
4 countability must be included as one of the seven members  
5 of the committee making any request of an Executive  
6 agency pursuant to section 2954 of title 5, United States  
7 Code.

8 (k) REMOTE APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the One Hundred  
10 Eighteenth Congress, at the discretion of the chair  
11 of a committee and in accordance with regulations  
12 submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
13 by the chair of the Committee on Rules—

14 (A) witnesses at committee or sub-  
15 committee proceedings may appear remotely;

16 (B) counsel shall be permitted to accom-  
17 pany witnesses appearing remotely; and

18 (C) an oath may be administered to a wit-  
19 ness remotely for purposes of clause 2(m)(2) of  
20 rule XI.

21 (2) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall  
22 apply only to witnesses appearing in a non-govern-  
23 mental capacity.

24 (l) DEPOSITION AUTHORITY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—During the One Hundred  
2           Eighteenth Congress, the chair of a standing com-  
3           mittee (other than the Committee on Rules), and the  
4           chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
5           ligence, upon consultation with the ranking minority  
6           member of such committee, may order the taking of  
7           depositions, including pursuant to subpoena, by a  
8           member or counsel of such committee.

9           (2) REGULATIONS.—Depositions taken under  
10          the authority prescribed in this subsection shall be  
11          subject to regulations issued by the chair of the  
12          Committee on Rules and printed in the Congres-  
13          sional Record.

14          (3) PERSONS PERMITTED TO ATTEND DEPOSI-  
15          TIONS.—Deponents may be accompanied at a depo-  
16          sition by two designated personal, nongovernmental  
17          attorneys to advise them of their rights. Only mem-  
18          bers, committee staff designated by the chair or  
19          ranking minority member, an official reporter, the  
20          witness, and the witness's two designated attorneys  
21          are permitted to attend. Other persons, including  
22          government agency personnel, may not attend.

23          (m) BROADENING AVAILABILITY AND UTILITY OF  
24          LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS IN MACHINE-READABLE FOR-  
25          MATS.—The Committee on House Administration, the

1 Clerk, and other officers and officials of the House shall  
2 continue efforts to broaden the availability and utility of  
3 legislative documents in machine readable formats in the  
4 One Hundred Eighteenth Congress in furtherance of the  
5 institutional priorities of—

6           (1) improving public availability and use of leg-  
7 islative information produced by the House and its  
8 committees; and

9           (2) enabling all House staff to produce com-  
10 parative prints showing the differences between  
11 versions of legislation, how proposed legislation will  
12 amend existing law, and how an amendment may  
13 change proposed legislation.

14       (n) IMPROVING THE COMMITTEE ELECTRONIC DOC-  
15 UMENT REPOSITORY.—The Clerk, the Committee on  
16 House Administration, and other officers and officials of  
17 the House shall continue efforts to improve the electronic  
18 document repository operated by the Clerk for use by com-  
19 mittees of the House in the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-  
20 gress, in furtherance of the institutional priority of in-  
21 creasing public availability and identification of legislative  
22 information produced and held by House committees, in-  
23 cluding votes, amendments, and witness disclosure forms.

24       (o) PROVIDING FOR TRANSPARENCY WITH RESPECT  
25 TO MEMORIALS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF

1 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.—With re-  
2 spect to any memorial presented under clause 3 of rule  
3 XII purporting to be an application of the legislature of  
4 a State calling for a convention for proposing amendments  
5 to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Arti-  
6 cle V, or a rescission of any such prior application—

7 (1) the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary  
8 shall, in the case of such a memorial presented in  
9 the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress or suc-  
10 ceeding Congresses, and may, in the case of such a  
11 memorial presented prior to the One Hundred Four-  
12 teenth Congress, designate any such memorial for  
13 public availability by the Clerk; and

14 (2) the Clerk shall make such memorials as are  
15 designated pursuant to paragraph (1) publicly avail-  
16 able in electronic form, organized by State of origin  
17 and year of receipt, and shall indicate whether the  
18 memorial was designated as an application or a re-  
19 scission.

20 (p) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION.—During the One  
21 Hundred Eighteenth Congress, a motion to discharge a  
22 measure introduced pursuant to section 6 or section 7 of  
23 the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1545–46) shall not  
24 be subject to a motion to table.

1 (q) FURTHER EXPENSES FOR RESOLVING CON-  
2 TESTED ELECTIONS.—

3 (1) AMOUNTS FOR EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE  
4 ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—There shall be paid  
5 out of the applicable accounts of the House of Rep-  
6 resentatives such sums as may be necessary for fur-  
7 ther expenses of the Committee on House Adminis-  
8 tration for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress  
9 for resolving contested elections.

10 (2) SESSION LIMITATION.—The amount speci-  
11 fied in paragraph (1) shall be available for expenses  
12 incurred during the period beginning at noon on  
13 January 3, 2023, and ending immediately before  
14 noon on January 3, 2024.

15 (3) VOUCHERS.—Payments under this sub-  
16 section shall be made on vouchers authorized by the  
17 Committee on House Administration, signed by the  
18 chair of the Committee, and approved in the manner  
19 directed by the Committee.

20 (4) REGULATIONS.—Amounts made available  
21 under this subsection shall be expended in accord-  
22 ance with regulations prescribed by the Committee  
23 on House Administration.

24 (r) ETHICS REFORM.—The Speaker is directed to es-  
25 tablish a bipartisan task force to conduct a comprehensive

1 review of House ethics rules and regulations, and such  
2 task force shall submit recommended improvements to the  
3 Speaker, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and  
4 the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the  
5 committees on Ethics and Rules.

6 (s) EXERCISE FACILITIES FOR FORMER MEM-  
7 BERS.—During the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress:

8 (1) The House of Representatives may not pro-  
9 vide access to any exercise facility which is made  
10 available exclusively to Members and former Mem-  
11 bers, officers and former officers of the House of  
12 Representatives, and their spouses to any former  
13 Member, former officer, or spouse who is a lobbyist  
14 registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of  
15 1995 or any successor statute or who is an agent of  
16 a foreign principal as defined in clause 5 of rule  
17 XXV. For purposes of this subsection, the term  
18 “Member” includes a Delegate or Resident Commis-  
19 sioner to the Congress.

20 (2) The Committee on House Administration  
21 shall promulgate regulations to carry out this sub-  
22 section.

23 (t) NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.—Any non-dis-  
24 closure agreement imposed by any employing or con-  
25 tracting authority in the House of Representatives to

1 which a paid or unpaid employee or contractor is or was  
2 required to agree as a term of employment shall—

3 (1) provide clear guidance that the employee or  
4 contractor may communicate concerning any matter  
5 with the Committee on Ethics, the Office of Con-  
6 gressional Workplace Rights, or any other office or  
7 entity designated by the Committee on House Ad-  
8 ministration without prior, concurrent, or subse-  
9 quent notice or approval; and

10 (2) not be binding and shall have no legal effect  
11 to the extent to which it requires prior, concurrent,  
12 or subsequent notice or approval from anyone on  
13 any matter with respect to communications from an  
14 employee or contractor to any of the committees, of-  
15 fices, or entities described in paragraph (1).

16 (u) MANDATORY ANTI-HARASSMENT AND ANTI-DIS-  
17 CRIMINATION POLICIES FOR HOUSE OFFICES.—

18 (1) REQUIRING OFFICES TO ADOPT POLICY.—  
19 Each employing office of the House of Representa-  
20 tives under the Congressional Accountability Act of  
21 1995 shall adopt an anti-harassment and anti-dis-  
22 crimination policy for the office's workplace.

23 (2) REGULATIONS.—Not later than April 1,  
24 2023, the Committee on House Administration shall  
25 promulgate regulations to carry out this subsection,

1 and shall ensure that such regulations are consistent  
2 with the requirements of the Congressional Account-  
3 ability Act of 1995, rule XXIII, and other relevant  
4 laws, rules, and regulations.

5 (v) DISPLAYING STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND PRO-  
6 TECTIONS PROVIDED TO HOUSE EMPLOYEES.—The Com-  
7 mittee on House Administration shall issue regulations to  
8 provide that each employing office of the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives shall post in a prominent location in the office  
10 (including, in the case of the office of a Member, Delegate,  
11 or the Resident Commissioner, a prominent location in  
12 each district office) a statement of the rights and protec-  
13 tions provided to employees of the House of Representa-  
14 tives under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995,  
15 including the procedures available to employees of the  
16 House under such Act for responding to and adjudicating  
17 allegations of violations of such rights and protections.

18 (w) REQUIRING MEMBERS TO PAY FOR DISCRIMINA-  
19 TION SETTLEMENTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a settlement  
21 of a complaint under the Congressional Account-  
22 ability Act of 1995 in connection with a claim alleg-  
23 ing a violation described in paragraph (2) which is  
24 committed personally by a Member, Delegate, or  
25 Resident Commissioner, if the Member, Delegate, or



1 Resident Commissioner is not required under law to  
2 reimburse the Treasury for the amount of the settle-  
3 ment, the chair and ranking minority member of the  
4 Committee on House Administration may not ap-  
5 prove the settlement pursuant to clause 4(d)(2) of  
6 rule X unless, under the terms and conditions of the  
7 settlement, the Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-  
8 missioner is required to reimburse the Treasury for  
9 the amount of the settlement.

10 (2) VIOLATIONS DESCRIBED.—A violation de-  
11 scribed in this paragraph is—

12 (A) a violation of section 201(a) or section  
13 206(a) of the Congressional Accountability Act  
14 of 1995; or

15 (B) a violation of section 208 of such Act  
16 which consists of intimidating, taking reprisal  
17 against, or otherwise discriminating against any  
18 covered employee under such Act because of a  
19 claim alleging a violation described in subpara-  
20 graph (A).

21 (x) CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATION  
22 TRANSPARENCY REFORM.—

23 (1) PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
24 THROUGH ACCOUNT OF ORGANIZATION.—A Member  
25 of the House of Representatives and an eligible Con-

1        gressional Member Organization may enter into an  
2        agreement under which—

3                (A) an employee of the Member’s office  
4                may carry out official and representational du-  
5                ties of the Member by assignment to the Orga-  
6                nization; and

7                (B) to the extent that the employee carries  
8                out such duties under the agreement, the Mem-  
9                ber shall transfer the portion of the Members’  
10               Representational Allowance (MRA) of the Mem-  
11               ber which would otherwise be used for the sal-  
12               ary and related expenses of the employee to a  
13               dedicated account in the House of Representa-  
14               tives which is administered by the Organization,  
15               in accordance with the regulations promulgated  
16               by the Committee on House Administration  
17               under paragraph (2).

18               (2) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House  
19               Administration (hereafter referred to in this sub-  
20               section as the “Committee”) shall promulgate regu-  
21               lations as follows:

22                (A) USE OF MRA.—Pursuant to the au-  
23                thority of section 101(d) of the House of Rep-  
24                resentatives Administrative Reform Technical  
25                Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 5341(d)), the Com-

1           mittee shall prescribe regulations to provide  
2           that an eligible Congressional Member Organi-  
3           zation may use the amounts transferred to the  
4           Organization’s dedicated account under para-  
5           graph (1)(B) for the same purposes for which  
6           a Member of the House of Representatives may  
7           use the Members’ Representational Allowance,  
8           except that the Organization may not use such  
9           amounts for franked mail, official travel, or  
10          leases of space or vehicles.

11                   (B) MAINTENANCE OF LIMITATIONS ON  
12           NUMBER OF SHARED EMPLOYEES.—Pursuant  
13           to the authority of section 104(d) of the House  
14           of Representatives Administrative Reform Tech-  
15           nical Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 5321(d)), the  
16           Committee shall prescribe regulations to provide  
17           that an employee of the office of a Member of  
18           the House of Representatives who is covered by  
19           an agreement entered into under paragraph (1)  
20           between the Member and an eligible Congres-  
21           sional Member Organization shall be considered  
22           a shared employee of the Member’s office and  
23           the Organization for purposes of such section,  
24           and shall include in such regulations appro-  
25           priate accounting standards to ensure that a

1 Member of the House of Representatives who  
2 enters into an agreement with such an Organi-  
3 zation under paragraph (1) does not employ  
4 more employees than the Member is authorized  
5 to employ under such section.

6 (C) PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT LOAN RE-  
7 PAYMENT PROGRAM.—Pursuant to the author-  
8 ity of section 105(b) of the Legislative Branch  
9 Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 4536(b)),  
10 relating to the student loan repayment program  
11 for employees of the House, the Committee  
12 shall promulgate regulations to provide that, in  
13 the case of an employee who is covered by an  
14 agreement entered into under paragraph (1) be-  
15 tween a Member of the House of Representa-  
16 tives and an eligible Congressional Member Or-  
17 ganization and who participates in such pro-  
18 gram while carrying out duties under the agree-  
19 ment—

20 (i) any funds made available for mak-  
21 ing payments under the program with re-  
22 spect to the employee shall be transferred  
23 to the Organization's dedicated account  
24 under paragraph (1)(B); and

1           (ii) the Organization shall use the  
2           funds to repay a student loan taken out by  
3           the employee, under the same terms and  
4           conditions which would apply under the  
5           program if the Organization were the em-  
6           ploying office of the employee.

7           (D) ACCESS TO HOUSE SERVICES.—The  
8           Committee shall prescribe regulations to ensure  
9           that an eligible Congressional Member Organi-  
10          zation has appropriate access to services of the  
11          House.

12          (E) OTHER REGULATIONS.—The Com-  
13          mittee shall promulgate such other regulations  
14          as may be appropriate to carry out this sub-  
15          section.

16          (3) ELIGIBLE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER ORGA-  
17          NIZATION DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term  
18          “eligible Congressional Member Organization”  
19          means, with respect to the One Hundred Eighteenth  
20          Congress, an organization meeting each of the fol-  
21          lowing requirements:

22                (A) The organization is registered as a  
23                Congressional Member Organization with the  
24                Committee on House Administration.

1           (B) The organization designates a single  
2 Member of the House of Representatives to be  
3 responsible for the administration of the organi-  
4 zation, including the administration of the ac-  
5 count administered under paragraph (1)(B),  
6 and includes the identification of such Member  
7 with the statement of organization that the or-  
8 ganization files and maintains with the Com-  
9 mittee on House Administration.

10           (C) At least 3 employees of the House are  
11 assigned to perform some work for the organi-  
12 zation.

13           (D) During the One Hundred Seventeenth  
14 Congress, at least 30 Members of the House of  
15 Representatives used a portion of the Members'  
16 Representational Allowance of the Member for  
17 the salary and related expenses of an employee  
18 who was a shared employee of the Member's of-  
19 fice and the organization.

20           (E) The organization files a statement  
21 with the Committee on House Administration  
22 and the Chief Administrative Officer of the  
23 House of Representatives certifying that it will  
24 administer an account in accordance with para-  
25 graph (1)(B).

1           (y) DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO PLACEMENT  
2 OF MEASURE ON CONSENSUS CALENDAR.—During the  
3 One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, not later than 2 legis-  
4 lative days after a measure is placed on the Consensus  
5 Calendar pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XV, the Majority  
6 Leader shall, in the case such measure is not in compli-  
7 ance with any legislative protocols of the Majority Leader,  
8 submit to the Congressional Record a determination with  
9 respect to such noncompliance.

10           (z) TRANSFER OF CERTAIN COMMITTEE RECORDS  
11 TO COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—

12           (1) Any committee designated by the Speaker  
13 pursuant to section 7(b)(1) of House Resolution  
14 503, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, is directed  
15 to transfer any records obtained pursuant to such  
16 designation to the Committee on House Administra-  
17 tion, not later than January 17, 2023.

18           (2) The Archivist is directed to transfer any  
19 noncurrent records of a committee designated by the  
20 Speaker pursuant to section 7(b)(1) of House Reso-  
21 lution 503, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, and  
22 related to the select committee established pursuant  
23 to such resolution which have been archived pursu-  
24 ant to rule VII to the Committee on House Adminis-  
25 tration not later than January 17, 2023.

1           (3) Any records transferred or withdrawn pur-  
2           suant to this subsection shall become the records of  
3           the Committee on House Administration.

4           (aa) PROCEDURES DURING DISTRICT WORK PERI-  
5           ODS.—

6           (1) On any legislative day of the One Hundred  
7           Eighteenth Congress occurring during a “district  
8           work period” as designated by the Speaker—

9                   (A) the Journal of the proceedings of the  
10                  previous day shall be considered as approved;  
11                  and

12                   (B) the Chair may at any time declare the  
13                  House adjourned to meet at a date and time,  
14                  within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article  
15                  I of the Constitution, to be announced by the  
16                  Chair in declaring the adjournment.

17           (2) The Speaker may appoint Members to per-  
18           form the duties of the Chair for the duration of a  
19           district work period described in paragraph (1) as  
20           though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

21           (3) Each day during a district work period de-  
22           scribed in paragraph (1) shall not constitute—

23                   (A) a calendar day for purposes of section  
24                  7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.  
25                  1546);



1 (B) a legislative day for purposes of clause  
2 7 of rule XIII;

3 (C) a calendar or legislative day for pur-  
4 poses of clause 7(e)(1) of rule XXII; or

5 (D) a legislative day for purposes of clause  
6 7 of rule XV.

7 (bb) REDUCTION OF UNAUTHORIZED SPENDING.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the first session of  
9 the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, it shall not  
10 be in order to report an appropriation in a general  
11 appropriation bill, for an expenditure not previously  
12 authorized by law, in excess of the most recent level  
13 at which an appropriation for such expenditure has  
14 been enacted into law.

15 (2) ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO REDUCE AP-  
16 PROPRIATION.—If a point of order under paragraph  
17 (1) is sustained, an amendment shall be considered  
18 to have been adopted in the House and in the Com-  
19 mittee of the Whole reducing the amount of such ap-  
20 propriation to the most recent level at which such  
21 appropriation has been enacted in law.

22 (3) REQUIREMENT TO ENTERTAIN POINT OF  
23 ORDER.—The Chair shall not entertain a point of  
24 order under paragraph (1) unless any levels de-

1 scribed in paragraph (2) have been submitted to the  
2 Chair.

3 (cc) NUMBERING OF BILLS.—In the One Hundred  
4 Eighteenth Congress, the first 10 numbers for bills (H.R.  
5 1 through H.R. 10) shall be reserved for assignment by  
6 the Speaker and the second 10 numbers for bills (H.R.  
7 11 through H.R. 20) shall be reserved for assignment by  
8 the Minority Leader.

9 **SEC. 4. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND HOUSE OFFICES.**

10 (a) SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS  
11 PANDEMIC.—

12 (1) ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.—

13 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby es-  
14 tablished for the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-  
15 gress a select investigative subcommittee of the  
16 Committee on Oversight and Accountability  
17 called the Select Subcommittee on the  
18 Coronavirus Pandemic (hereinafter referred to  
19 as the “select subcommittee”).

20 (B) COMPOSITION.—

21 (i) The select subcommittee shall be  
22 composed of not more than 12 Members,  
23 Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner  
24 appointed by the Speaker, of whom not  
25 more than 5 shall be appointed on the rec-

1 commendation of the minority leader. The  
2 Speaker shall designate one member of the  
3 select subcommittee as its chair. Any va-  
4 cancy in the select subcommittee shall be  
5 filled in the same manner as the original  
6 appointment.

7 (ii) The chair and ranking minority  
8 member of the Committee on Oversight  
9 and Accountability shall be ex officio mem-  
10 bers of the select subcommittee but shall  
11 have no vote in the select subcommittee  
12 and may not be counted for purposes of  
13 determining a quorum.

14 (iii) Each member appointed to the  
15 select subcommittee shall be treated as  
16 though a member of the Committee on  
17 Oversight and Accountability for purposes  
18 of the select subcommittee.

19 (2) INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS AND AUTHOR-  
20 ITY.—

21 (A) INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS.—The se-  
22 lect subcommittee is authorized and directed to  
23 conduct a full and complete investigation and  
24 study and, not later than January 2, 2025,  
25 issue a final report to the House of its findings

1 (and such interim reports as it may deem nec-  
2 essary) regarding—

3 (i) the origins of the Coronavirus pan-  
4 demic, including but not limited to the  
5 Federal Government's funding of gain-of-  
6 function research;

7 (ii) the efficiency, effectiveness, and  
8 transparency of the use of taxpayer funds  
9 and relief programs to address the  
10 coronavirus pandemic, including any re-  
11 ports of waste, fraud, or abuse;

12 (iii) the implementation or effective-  
13 ness of any Federal law or regulation ap-  
14 plied, enacted, or under consideration to  
15 address the coronavirus pandemic and pre-  
16 pare for future pandemics;

17 (iv) the development of vaccines and  
18 treatments, and the development and im-  
19 plementation of vaccination policies for  
20 Federal employees and members of the  
21 armed forces;

22 (v) the economic impact of the  
23 coronavirus pandemic and associated gov-  
24 ernment response on individuals, commu-  
25 nities, small businesses, health care pro-

1           viders, States, and local government enti-  
2           ties;

3                   (vi) the societal impact of decisions to  
4           close schools, how the decisions were made  
5           and whether there is evidence of wide-  
6           spread learning loss or other negative ef-  
7           fects as a result of these decisions;

8                   (vii) executive branch policies, delib-  
9           erations, decisions, activities, and internal  
10          and external communications related to the  
11          coronavirus pandemic;

12                   (viii) the protection of whistleblowers  
13          who provide information about waste,  
14          fraud, abuse, or other improper activities  
15          related to the coronavirus pandemic; and

16                   (ix) cooperation by the executive  
17          branch and others with Congress, the In-  
18          spectors General, the Government Account-  
19          ability Office, and others in connection  
20          with oversight of the preparedness for and  
21          response to the coronavirus pandemic.

22          (B) **AUTHORITY.**—

23                   (i) The select subcommittee may re-  
24          port to the House or any committee of the  
25          House from time to time the results of its

1 investigations and studies, together with  
2 such detailed findings and legislative rec-  
3 ommendations as it may deem advisable.

4 (ii) The select subcommittee may not  
5 hold a markup of legislation.

6 (3) PROCEDURE.—

7 (A) Rule XI and the rules of the Com-  
8 mittee on Oversight and Accountability shall  
9 apply to the select subcommittee in the same  
10 manner as a subcommittee except as follows:

11 (i) The chair of the select sub-  
12 committee may, after consultation with the  
13 ranking minority member, recognize—

14 (I) members of the select sub-  
15 committee to question a witness for  
16 periods longer than five minutes as  
17 though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(B)  
18 of such rule XI; and

19 (II) staff of the select sub-  
20 committee to question a witness as  
21 though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(C)  
22 of such rule XI.

23 (ii) The select subcommittee may not  
24 authorize and issue subpoenas, but the  
25 Committee on Oversight and Account-

1 ability (or the chair of the Committee on  
2 Oversight and Accountability, if acting in  
3 accordance with clause 2(m)(3)(A)(i) of  
4 rule XI) may authorize and issue sub-  
5 poenas to be returned at the select sub-  
6 committee.

7 (B) The provisions of this resolution shall  
8 govern the proceedings of the select sub-  
9 committee in the event of any conflict with the  
10 rules of the House or of the Committee on  
11 Oversight and Accountability.

12 (4) SERVICE.—Service on the select sub-  
13 committee shall not count against the limitations in  
14 clause 5(b)(2)(A) of rule X.

15 (5) SUCCESSOR.—The Committee on Oversight  
16 and Accountability is the “successor in interest” to  
17 the select subcommittee for purposes of clause 8(c)  
18 of rule II.

19 (6) SUNSET.—The select subcommittee shall  
20 cease to exist 30 days after filing the final report re-  
21 quired under paragraph (2).

22 (b) HOUSE DEMOCRACY PARTNERSHIP.—House Res-  
23 olution 24, One Hundred Tenth Congress, shall apply in  
24 the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress in the same man-  
25 ner as such resolution applied in the One Hundred Tenth

1 Congress, except that the commission concerned shall be  
2 known as the House Democracy Partnership.

3 (c) TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.—  
4 Sections 1 through 7 of House Resolution 1451, One Hun-  
5 dred Tenth Congress, shall apply in the One Hundred  
6 Eighteenth Congress in the same manner as such provi-  
7 sions applied in the One Hundred Tenth Congress, except  
8 that—

9 (1) the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission  
10 may, in addition to collaborating closely with other  
11 professional staff members of the Committee on  
12 Foreign Affairs, collaborate closely with professional  
13 staff members of other relevant committees;

14 (2) the resources of the Committee on Foreign  
15 Affairs which the Commission may use shall include  
16 all resources which the Committee is authorized to  
17 obtain from other offices of the House of Represent-  
18 atives; and

19 (3) any amounts authorized to provide full-time  
20 professional staff and resources to the Tom Lantos  
21 Human Rights Commission shall be in addition to  
22 and separate from the amounts authorized for sala-  
23 ries and expenses of the Committee on Foreign Af-  
24 fairs as provided by resolution of the House, shall be  
25 administered by the Committee on Foreign Affairs,



1 and shall be distributed equally between the co-  
2 chairs of the Commission.

3 (d) OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS.—Section 1  
4 of House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress,  
5 shall apply in the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress in  
6 the same manner as such provision applied in the One  
7 Hundred Tenth Congress, except that—

8 (1) the Office of Congressional Ethics shall be  
9 treated as a standing committee of the House for  
10 purposes of section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorga-  
11 nization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i));

12 (2) references to the Committee on Standards  
13 of Official Conduct shall be construed as references  
14 to the Committee on Ethics;

15 (3) any requirement for concurrence in section  
16 1(b)(1) shall be construed as a requirement for con-  
17 sultation;

18 (4) any individual who is the subject of a pre-  
19 liminary review or second-phase review by the board  
20 shall be informed of the right to be represented by  
21 counsel and invoking that right should not be held  
22 negatively against such individual;

23 (5) the Office may not take any action that  
24 would deny any person any right or protection pro-  
25 vided under the Constitution of the United States;

1           (6) any member of the board currently serving  
2           a term in excess of the limitations of section 1(b)(6)  
3           of such resolution shall be considered as removed  
4           from the board; and

5           (7) the provision regarding appointment and  
6           compensation of staff shall require an affirmative  
7           vote of at least 4 members of the board not later  
8           than 30 calendar days after the date of the adoption  
9           of this resolution.

10 **SEC. 5. ORDERS OF BUSINESS.**

11           (a) At any time after the adoption of this resolution  
12           the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII,  
13           declare the House resolved into the Committee of the  
14           Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration  
15           of the bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to provide for the development  
16           of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and  
17           gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the  
18           Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Sec-  
19           retary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in con-  
20           junction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the  
21           Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The first reading of the bill  
22           shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consid-  
23           eration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be con-  
24           fined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally di-  
25           vided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Mi-

1 nority Leader or their respective designees. After general  
2 debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under  
3 the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read.  
4 All points of order against provisions in the bill are  
5 waived. No amendment shall be in order except: (1) those  
6 amendments to the bill received for printing in the portion  
7 of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose  
8 in clause 8 of rule XVIII dated at least one day before  
9 the day of consideration of the amendment; and (2) up  
10 to 20 pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate,  
11 10 of which may be offered by the Majority Leader or  
12 a designee and 10 of which may be offered by the Minority  
13 Leader or a designee. Each amendment so received may  
14 be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed  
15 or a designee and shall be considered as read if printed.  
16 At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amend-  
17 ment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the  
18 House with such amendments as may have been adopted.  
19 The previous question shall be considered as ordered on  
20 the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without  
21 intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

22 (b) Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in  
23 order to consider in the House any bill specified in sub-  
24 section (c). All points of order against consideration of  
25 each such bill are waived. Each such bill shall be consid-

1 ered as read. All points of order against provisions in each  
2 such bill are waived. The previous question shall be consid-  
3 ered as ordered on each such bill and on any amendment  
4 thereto to final passage without intervening motion except:  
5 (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by  
6 the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their re-  
7 spective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

8 (c) The bills referred to in subsection (b) are as fol-  
9 lows:

10 (1) The bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to rescind certain  
11 balances made available to the Internal Revenue  
12 Service.

13 (2) The bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to authorize the  
14 Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend the  
15 entry of aliens, and for other purposes.

16 (3) The bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to prohibit the Sec-  
17 retary of Energy from sending petroleum products  
18 from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China, and  
19 for other purposes.

20 (4) The bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to amend the Omni-  
21 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act to direct  
22 district attorney and prosecutors offices to report to  
23 the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

24 (5) The bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to require the na-  
25 tional instant criminal background check system to

1 notify U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
2 and the relevant State and local law enforcement  
3 agencies whenever the information available to the  
4 system indicates that a person illegally or unlawfully  
5 in the United States may be attempting to receive  
6 a firearm.

7 (6) The bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to prohibit taxpayer  
8 funded abortions.

9 (7) The bill (H.R. \_\_\_\_\_) to amend title 18,  
10 United States Code, to prohibit a health care practi-  
11 tioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of  
12 care in the case of a child who survives an abortion  
13 or attempted abortion.

14 (d) Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in  
15 order without intervention of any point of order to con-  
16 sider in the House any resolution specified in subsection  
17 (e). Each such resolution shall be considered as read. The  
18 previous question shall be considered as ordered on each  
19 such resolution to adoption without intervening motion or  
20 demand for division of the question except one hour of  
21 debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority  
22 Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective des-  
23 ignees.

24 (e) The resolutions referred to in subsection (d) are  
25 as follows:

1           (1) The resolution (H. Res. \_\_\_\_ ) establishing  
2           the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition  
3           Between the United States and the Chinese Com-  
4           munist Party.

5           (2) The resolution (H. Res. \_\_\_\_ ) establishing  
6           a Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the  
7           Federal Government as a select investigative sub-  
8           committee of the Committee on the Judiciary.

9           (f) Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in  
10          order to consider in the House the concurrent resolution  
11          (H. Con. Res. \_\_\_\_ ) expressing support for the Nation's  
12          law enforcement agencies and condemning any efforts to  
13          defund or dismantle law enforcement agencies. All points  
14          of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution  
15          are waived. The concurrent resolution shall be considered  
16          as read. All points of order against provisions in the con-  
17          current resolution are waived. The previous question shall  
18          be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and  
19          preamble to adoption without intervening motion or de-  
20          mand for division of the question except one hour of de-  
21          bate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader  
22          and the Minority Leader or their respective designees.

23          (g) Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in  
24          order to consider in the House the concurrent resolution  
25          (H. Con. Res. \_\_\_\_ ) expressing the sense of Congress con-

1 demning the recent attacks on prolife facilities, groups,  
2 and churches. All points of order against consideration of  
3 the concurrent resolution are waived. The concurrent reso-  
4 lution shall be considered as read. All points of order  
5 against provisions in the concurrent resolution are waived.  
6 The previous question shall be considered as ordered on  
7 the concurrent resolution and preamble to adoption with-  
8 out intervening motion or demand for division of the ques-  
9 tion except one hour of debate equally divided and con-  
10 trolled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader  
11 or their respective designees.

12 (h) The Speaker may recognize a Member for the  
13 reading of the Constitution on any legislative day through  
14 February 28, 2023.