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Offered by Chairman Thompson

(Page numbers refer to the copy of the Rules of the Committee from the 117th Congress at the Members' desks)

(1) In Rule VII(c) on page 12, add the following new paragraph (3):

“(3) The Regulations for the Use of Deposition Authority as issued by the Committee on Rules pursuant to H.Res.5 titled – Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and for other purposes – are incorporated by reference and shall be considered the rules of the Committee.”

(2) In Rule VIII(c) on page 14, strike “Except” and insert “(1) Except”.

(3) In Rule VIII(c) on page 14, insert a new paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) Remote Participation of Witnesses.— The Regulations for the remote participation of Committee witnesses as issued by the Committee on Rules pursuant to H.Res.5 titled – Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and for other purposes – are incorporated by reference and shall be considered the rules of the Committee.”

(4) In Rule X(a) on pages 25 through 26, strike subsection (a) and replace with the following new subsection:

“(a) Authorization and Oversight Plan.—

(1) Not later than March 1 of the first session of a Congress, the Committee shall, in consultation with the Ranking Member, in a meeting that is open to the public, adopt its authorization and oversight plan for that Congress. Such plan shall be submitted simultaneously to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on House Administration.

(2) Each such plan shall include, with respect to programs and agencies within the committee's jurisdiction, and to the maximum extent practicable—

(A) a list of such programs or agencies with lapsed authorizations that received funding in the prior fiscal year or, in the case of a program or agency with a permanent authorization, which has not been subject to a comprehensive review by the committee in the prior three Congresses;

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

(C) a description of each such program or agency to be authorized in the next Congress, if applicable;

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

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

(3) Each such plan may include, with respect to the programs and agencies within the Committee's jurisdiction—

(A) recommendations for the consolidation or termination of such programs or agencies that are duplicative, unnecessary, or inconsistent with the appropriate roles and responsibilities of the Federal Government;

(B) recommendations for changes to existing law related to Federal rules, regulations, statutes, and court decisions affecting such programs and agencies that are inconsistent with the authorities of the Congress under Article I of the Constitution; and

(C) a description of such other oversight activities as the committee may consider necessary.

(4) In the development of such plan, the Chairman shall coordinate with other committees of jurisdiction to ensure that programs and agencies are subject to routine, comprehensive authorization efforts.

(5) The Committee and its appropriate subcommittees shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the impact or probable impact of tax policies affecting subjects within its jurisdiction as provided in clause 2(c) of House Rule X.

(5) In Rule XI(c) on page 32, strike subsection (c) and replace with the following new subsection:

“(c) Jurisdiction.—Each Subcommittee shall have the following general jurisdiction and number of Members:

General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit (25 members, 14 majority and 11 minority)—Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodities including barley, cotton, cottonseed, corn, grain sorghum, honey, mohair, oats, other oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, rice, soybeans, sugar, wheat, and wool; the Commodity Credit Corporation; risk management policies and statutes, including Federal Crop Insurance; producer data and privacy issues; agricultural credit; and related oversight of such issues.

Forestry (9 members, 5 majority and 4 minority)—Policies and statutes relating to forestry and all forests under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture; regulatory issues impacting national forests; and related oversight of such issues.

Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology (13 members, 7 majority and 6 minority)—Policies and statutes related to resource conservation; pest and disease management, including pesticides; bioterrorism; adulteration and quarantine matters; research, education, and extension; biotechnology; and related oversight of such issues.

Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture (19 members, 10 majority and 9 minority)—Policies, statutes, and markets relating to horticulture, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and ornamentals; bees; organic agriculture; marketing and promotion orders; nutrition, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and domestic commodity distribution and consumer initiative; foreign agricultural assistance and trade promotion; and related oversight of such issues.

Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry (21 members, 11 majority and 10 minority)—Policies, statutes, and markets relating to all livestock, poultry, dairy, and seafood, including all products thereof; the inspection, marketing, and promotion of such commodities and products; aquaculture; animal welfare; grazing; and related oversight of such issues.

Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development (25 members, 13 majority and 12 minority)—Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodity exchanges; rural development; energy; rural electrification; and related oversight of such issues.”