

Amendment 1

Amendment offered by Mark Takano of California

Rule 3, Subsection (c)(7)(A) is amended as follows:

Following “remotely;” insert a new subparagraph “(1) Pursuant to section 3(j) of House Resolution 5, 118th Congress, and the regulations submitted for publication in the *Congressional Record* by the chair of the Committee on Rules (169 Cong. Rec. H147 (daily ed. Jan. 10, 2023)), and upon request of the Ranking Minority Member, the Chair shall—

- (a) affirmatively determine that upon a submission by the Ranking Minority Member that extreme hardship or other exceptional circumstances, including:
 - (1) the witness is limited from traveling due to any of the following: financial hardship, distance, disability, employment commitments, caregiver responsibilities, or medical condition, or;
 - (2) participation of the witness is necessary to elevate historically disenfranchised, unrepresented, or underrepresented veteran voices;necessitate that a witness testifying in a non-governmental capacity appear remotely;
- (b) affirmatively seek the Majority Leader’s written approval;
- (c) permit the witness’s remote participation following the Majority Leader’s approval; and,
- (d) provide a written explanation regarding the denial of any and all requests for remote witness participation, to be included in the hearing record.