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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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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, deliberations,
9 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.