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Establishing the Task Force on the Legislative Process.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. KILMER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Establishing the Task Force on the Legislative Process.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to imple-
5 ment the 131st recommendation of the Select Committee
6 on the Modernization of Congress, passed by the Select
7 Committee during the 117th Congress, to create a Task
8 Force on the Legislative Process that analyzes the range
9 of legislative processes by which, if adopted by both
10 Houses, each House would provide expedited consideration

1 of legislation that was passed by the other House with
2 wide and bipartisan support.

3 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.—There is hereby es-
5 tablished the Task Force on the Legislative Process (here-
6 after referred to as the “Task Force”) whose purpose shall
7 be to analyze the range of options for bicameral legislation
8 expedition.

9 (b) DEFINITION.—In this concurrent resolution, the
10 term “bicameral legislation expedition” means any legisla-
11 tive process by which each House of Congress jointly pro-
12 vides for expedited consideration of legislation which was
13 passed by the other House by unanimous consent, by voice
14 vote, or with the approval of not fewer than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the
15 members voting.

16 **SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP.**

17 (a) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be com-
18 posed of 12 members appointed as follows:

19 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representa-
20 tives shall appoint 3 individuals who are Members of
21 the House of Representatives, of whom at least one
22 shall be a majority member of the Committee on
23 Rules of the House.

24 (2) The minority leader of the House shall ap-
25 point 3 individuals who are Members of the House

1 of Representatives, of whom at least one shall be a
2 minority member of the Committee on Rules of the
3 House.

4 (3) The majority leader of the Senate shall ap-
5 point 3 individuals who are Members of the Senate,
6 of whom at least one shall be a majority member of
7 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
8 Senate.

9 (4) The minority leader of the Senate shall ap-
10 point 3 individuals who are Members of the Senate,
11 of whom at least one shall be a minority member of
12 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
13 Senate.

14 (b) CO-CHAIRS.—The Speaker, minority leader of the
15 House, majority leader of the Senate, and minority leader
16 of the Senate shall jointly select 2 of the members of the
17 Task Force to serve as co-chairs of the Task Force.

18 (c) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the membership of the
19 Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the origi-
20 nal appointment.

21 (d) INCLUSION OF DELEGATES AND RESIDENT COM-
22 MISSIONER.—For purposes of this section, a “Member”
23 of the House of Representatives includes a Delegate or
24 Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

1 **SEC. 4. DUTIES.**

2 (a) PROCEDURES.—The Task Force shall establish a
3 process to solicit information, input, and legislative pro-
4 posals which are directly related to the purpose of the
5 Task Force under section 2.

6 (b) REPORT.—

7 (1) CONTENTS.—The Task Force shall issue a
8 report to the Speaker of the House, the minority
9 leader of the House, the majority leader of the Sen-
10 ate, the minority leader of the Senate, the Com-
11 mittee on Rules of the House of Representatives,
12 and the Committee on Rules and Administration of
13 the Senate, and shall include in the report—

14 (A) an analysis of the range of options for
15 bicameral legislation expedition; and

16 (B) any recommendations relating to bi-
17 cameral legislation expedition which are ap-
18 proved by not fewer than 9 of its members.

19 (2) DEADLINE.—The Task Force shall issue
20 the report required under paragraph (1) not later
21 than one year after the date of the adoption of this
22 concurrent resolution.

23 (c) USE OF STAFF.—The Task Force may use the
24 services of staff of the House and Senate to assist it in
25 carrying out its duties.

1 **SEC. 5. POSTING OF PROPOSALS BY COMMITTEES.**

2 Upon receiving the report issued by the Task Force
3 under section 4(b), the Committee on Rules of the House
4 of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Ad-
5 ministration of the Senate shall each publicly post the re-
6 port on a public page of its website.

7 **SEC. 6. TERMINATION.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Task Force shall terminate
9 upon issuing the report required under section 4(b).

10 (b) **DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**—Upon its termi-
11 nation, the records of the Task Force shall be transferred
12 to, and shall become part of, the records of the Committee
13 on Rules of the House of Representatives and the Com-
14 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

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