

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 736

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit Members from voting “present” on any question on which a record vote is taken.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Stand For
4 Something Resolution”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING MEMBERS FROM VOTING “PRESENT”**

6 **ON QUESTIONS ON WHICH A RECORD VOTE IS**
7 **TAKEN.**

8 Rule XX of the Rules of the House of Representatives
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

1 **“Requiring voting in affirmative or negative**

2 “12. On any question on which a record vote is taken
3 in the House, including the Committee of the Whole
4 House on the state of the Union, or in any committee of
5 the House, a Member may vote only in the affirmative or
6 the negative and may not vote ‘present’.”.

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