

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 800

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require the House to replace the Speaker on the first day of the second session of a Congress if the most recent fiscal year ended with a significant Federal budget deficit, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOPER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REPLACEMENT OF SPEAKER AT BEGINNING OF**

3 **SECOND SESSION IN CASE OF SIGNIFICANT**

4 **FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT.**

5 (a) REPLACEMENT.—Rule I of the Rules of the

6 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end

7 the following new clause:

1 **“Replacement of Speaker at beginning of second ses-**
2 **sion**

3 “13.(a) On the first day of the second session of a
4 Congress, the position of Speaker shall be declared vacant
5 and the individual who served as Speaker as of the last
6 day of the first session of the Congress shall not be eligible
7 to serve as Speaker in the second session if the most re-
8 cent fiscal year ended with a significant Federal budget
9 deficit.

10 “(b) For purposes of this clause, a fiscal year ended
11 with a significant Federal budget deficit if the total esti-
12 mated outlays of the Government for the fiscal year ex-
13 ceeded the total estimated receipts for that fiscal year by
14 an amount equal to or greater than 5 percent of the gross
15 domestic product for the United States for that fiscal year.

16 “(c) Paragraph (a) shall not apply if the House deter-
17 mines that the significant Federal budget deficit for a fis-
18 cal year was attributable to a national emergency or a re-
19 cession.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
21 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the One Hun-
22 dred Sixteenth Congress and each succeeding Congress.

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