

## Amendment to House Conference Resolution

Offered by Rep. Perry

*Reform the Steering Committee to increase the number Regional Representatives, cut others from the body, and relieve it of the responsibility to recommend committee chairs.*

Amend Rule 11 to read as follows:

### Rule 11—Republican Steering Committee

(a) Establishment and Purpose.—

(1) There is hereby established a Republican Steering Committee which shall recommend to the Republican Conference—

(i) the membership of the standing committees; ~~and~~

~~(ii) the chairs of the standing committees.~~

~~(2) The Republican Steering Committee shall interview each Member seeking election as chair of a standing committee before making its recommendation, even if that Member served as chair of such standing committee in the prior congress.~~

(3) This subsection shall not apply to a standing committee listed in rule 12.

(b) Composition.—The Republican Steering Committee shall be comprised of—

(1) the Speaker, who shall serve as its chair;

(2) the Republican Leader;

(3) the Republican Whip;

~~(4) the Chief Deputy Whip;~~

(5) the Chair of the Republican Conference;

(6) the Chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee;

~~(7) the Chair of the Committee on Policy;~~

~~(8) the Vice Chair of the Republican Conference;~~

~~(9) the Secretary of the Republican Conference;~~

(10) the former Chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee; ~~as an ex-officio non-voting member;~~

(11) the chair of a standing committee when the Steering Committee is considering members for election to or removal from such standing committee;

~~(A) If the chair of a standing committee was not elected by the membership of that committee or the position is vacant, the membership of that committee shall elect one committee member to serve as a representative on their behalf.~~

~~(12) a Member designated by the Speaker;~~

(13) Members elected by geographic regions of the conference;

(14) a Member elected by the sophomore class;

(15) a Member elected by the freshman class; and

~~(16) the Dean of the House, when the Dean is a member of the House Republican Conference.~~

(c) Election of Regional and Class Representatives.—

(1)(A) Prior to the election of the Members elected pursuant to subsection (b)(13) of this rule, the Republican Conference shall adopt a resolution establishing the structure of such regions.

(B)(i) The Speaker shall appoint a task force of Members to recommend a regional plan.

(ii) If the task force is unable to recommend a regional plan to the Speaker, the Speaker shall recommend a regional plan to the Republican Conference.

~~(iii) The regional plan recommended to the Republican Conference shall not allow for any Regional Representative to represent more than seven Members.~~

(C) It shall not be in order to consider the regional plan until the third calendar day (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, unless the House is in session on such day) on which the regional plan has been available to Members.

(D) Any proposed amendments to the regional plan shall be submitted to the Republican Conference not later than the calendar day prior to consideration of the regional plan by the Republican Conference. The Chair of the Republican Conference shall make all such amendments available to the Members of the Republican Conference prior to consideration of any such amendment.

(2) It shall not be in order to elect regional and class representatives to the Republican Steering Committee until the second calendar day (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, unless the House is in session on such day) after adoption of the regional plan. Any such election shall be conducted by secret ballot.

(d) Voting Strength.—Each member of the Republican Steering Committee shall have a single vote, except the Speaker, who shall have 4, and the Republican Leader, who shall have 2. During any time that the Republican Party is not the majority party of the House of Representatives, the Republican Leader shall have 4 votes and the Republican Whip shall have 2 votes.

(e) Definition.— For purposes of this rule, the term “regional plan” shall mean a plan establishing geographic regions for purposes of electing representatives under subsection (b)(13) of this rule.