

## Amendment to House Conference Resolution

Offered by Rep. Perry

*Allows the Members of each Committee to elect their own Chair.*

### Rule 11(b)(11) to insert:

(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.

### Amend Rule 14 to read:

Rule 14---Nomination and Election of Committee Chairs

~~(a) Nominations by the Steering Committee.—~~

~~(1) The Republican Steering Committee shall nominate the Republican Members who shall serve as chairs, except as provided in rules 12 and 13. The Member nominated by the Steering Committee for this position need not be the Member with the longest consecutive service on the Committee, and such nominations shall be out of order except as recommended in the report of the Steering Committee.~~

~~(2) The Republican Steering Committee may also designate the Republican Members who shall serve as Vice Chair. The Member designated by the Steering Committee for this position need not be the Member with the longest consecutive service on the Committee.~~

~~(b) Voting Procedure.—The Conference shall vote on the recommendation of the House Republican Steering Committee for the position of Chair. The call of the Conference at which such voting will take place shall name and list the individuals recommended by the Committee. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to limit the ability of any member to request a secret ballot under Rule 8.~~

~~(c) Rejection and new nominations.—If the Republican Conference fails to approve a recommendation of the Steering Committee with respect to a nomination for the position of Chair, the matter shall be automatically recommitted without instructions to that Committee.~~

~~(d) Obligation of committee chairs.—~~

~~(1) The Republican Chair of each committee has an obligation to ensure that each measure on which the Republican Conference has taken a position is managed in accordance with such position on the Floor of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(2)(A) If the chair of a committee receives a written request from the sponsor of a measure requesting a hearing on that measure and the measure is—~~

~~(i) primarily referred to such committee;~~

~~(ii) cosponsored by a majority of the members of the Republican Conference; and~~

~~(iii) cosponsored by not fewer than 1/3 of the Republican members of such committee;~~

~~then the chair of such committee shall schedule a hearing on the measure within 15 legislative days and hold such hearing not later than 30 legislative days after receipt of such request or prior to the sine die adjournment of the congress in which such request is made, whichever occurs first.~~

~~(B) This provision shall not apply to a measure directing the Secretary of the Treasury to strike and issue a commemorative coin or strike a Congressional Gold Medal, or a measure naming a postal facility.~~

~~(e) Term limitation.—No individual shall serve more than three consecutive terms as chair or Ranking Member of a standing, select, joint, or ad hoc Committee or Subcommittee.~~

~~(f) Candidates for other offices.—If a Chair of a committee addressed by rule 14 or a subcommittee addressed by rule 19(b) publicly announces his or her intention to seek other elected office in Federal, State, or local government, that Member shall resign as chair of such committee or subcommittee and the next ranking Republican Member shall serve as acting chair until such time as the Committee on Steering nominates a replacement consistent with this rule. This paragraph may be waived by an affirmative vote of the Steering Committee.~~

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**Amend Rule 17 to insert after 17(b):**

(c) In the event of a vacancy in the position of committee chair, the most senior Republican shall call an election meeting prior to the organizing caucus and conduct an election under rule 14.