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H. RES. 865

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide a process for Members to call for an end to certain district work periods, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TONKO, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. CASE, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. KENNEDY of New York) 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 “Opening the
4 People’s House Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO DISTRICT WORK**
2 **PERIODS.**

3 Clause 13 of rule I of the Rules of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following
5 new paragraph:

6 “(d)(1) On any day during a district work period de-
7 scribed in paragraph (a), any Member may submit to the
8 Clerk a letter calling for an end to such district work pe-
9 riod. The Clerk shall make any such letter submitted a
10 matter of public record, causing the names of the Mem-
11 bers who have submitted such a letter during a district
12 work period to be published in a portion of the Congres-
13 sional Record designated for that purpose and making cu-
14 mulative lists of such names available each day for public
15 inspection in an appropriate office of the House. The
16 Clerk shall devise a means for making such lists available
17 to offices of the House and to the public in electronic form.

18 “(2) If, with respect to a district work period
19 described in paragraph (a), a majority of the mem-
20 bership of the House, duly chosen and sworn, submit
21 a letter described in subparagraph (1)—

22 “(A) it shall be entered on the Journal and
23 published in the Record;

24 “(B) such district work period shall terminate
25 within 2 days; and

1 “(C) the Speaker may not designate another
2 district work period under paragraph (a) during the
3 period that begins on the date the House next recon-
4 venes and ends on the date that is 3 weeks after
5 such reconvening.”.

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