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H.R. 3309 - Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011

1. Structured rule.
2. Provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.
4. Provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.
5. Waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.
6. Makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.
7. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.
8. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
9. Provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period from March 29, 2012, through April 16, 2012, as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3309) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 2. The Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period from March 29, 2012, through April 16, 2012, as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

Sponsor	# Description	Debate Time
1. Crowley (NY)	#7 Would require, in the event that the FCC creates or amends a rule relating to baby monitors, the FCC to require the packaging of a new baby monitor to display a warning label so that families are informed that video and sounds captured by an analog baby monitor may be easily viewed or heard by potential intruders outside a consumer's home.	(10 minutes)
2. Stearns (FL)	#1 REVISED Would modify existing law so that each FCC Commissioner may hire an electrical engineer or computer scientist -- to provide in-depth technical consultation as well as interface with the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) and other Commission technical staff to help inform their decisions.	(10 minutes)
3. Waters (CA)	#5 Would strike the portion of Section 3 that would diminish the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) capacity to impose or accept voluntary public interest conditions or commitments from applicants to a media merger.	(10 minutes)
4. Waters (CA)	#6 Would prohibit FCC officials from accepting employment with a regulated entity within 1 year of the official's vote and/or action in a proceeding in which the employer was a party or applicant.	(10 minutes)
5. Eshoo (CA)	#2 Would require entities sponsoring political programming to disclose the identity of any donor that has contributed \$10,000 or more to such entity in an election reporting cycle.	(10 minutes)
6. Diaz-Balart, Mario (FL)	#10 LATE Would make the FCC's handling of FOIA requests more open and transparent.	(10 minutes)
7. Owens (NY)	#3 Would express that nothing in this Act shall impede the FCC from implementing rules to ensure broadband access in rural areas.	(10 minutes)
8. Green, Al (TX)	#8 REVISED Would clarify that the Act would not impede the FCC's ability to provide in times of an emergency, for effective and efficient communication systems to alert the public of dangerous weather conditions.	(10 minutes)
9. Speier (CA)	#9 Would prevent this Act from taking effect until the FCC provides a report on the impact of the changes of this Act on the FCC's mandate to promote competition and innovation.	(10 minutes)

10. Clarke (NY)

#11 LATE Would express that nothing in this Act shall (10 minutes) impede the FCC from providing efficient and effective communication systems for state and local first responders.