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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to extend the requirement for the submission of a constitutional authority statement with respect to bills and joint resolutions to conference reports and certain amendments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GARRETT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to extend the requirement for the submission of a constitutional authority statement with respect to bills and joint resolutions to conference reports and certain amendments, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING SPECIFIC CONSTITUTIONAL AU-**
2 **THORITY STATEMENT FOR BILLS, JOINT RES-**
3 **OLUTIONS, CONFERENCE REPORTS, AND**
4 **CERTAIN AMENDMENTS.**

5 Clause 7(c) of rule XII of the Rules of the House
6 of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

7 “(c)(1) A bill or joint resolution may not be intro-
8 duced unless the sponsor submits for printing in the Con-
9 gressional Record a statement citing the specific power or
10 powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact
11 the bill or joint resolution.

12 “(2) A Senate bill or joint resolution may not be con-
13 sidered unless the chair of a committee of jurisdiction sub-
14 mits the statement required under subparagraph (1) as
15 if the chair were the sponsor of the Senate bill or joint
16 resolution.

17 “(3) An amendment in the nature of a substitute and
18 any amendment to a Senate bill or joint resolution may
19 not be offered unless the sponsor submits the statement
20 required under subparagraph (1) as if the amendment
21 were a bill or joint resolution.

22 “(4) A conference report may not be considered un-
23 less the managers on the part of the House submit the
24 statement required under subparagraph (1) as if the con-
25 ference report were a bill or joint resolution.

1 “(5) At the time a bill, joint resolution, amendment,
2 or conference report to which this paragraph applies is
3 first considered in the House or in the Committee of the
4 Whole House on the State of the Union (as the case may
5 be), the Clerk shall read the statement submitted under
6 this paragraph with respect to the bill, joint resolution,
7 amendment, or conference report.

8 “(6) A statement submitted under this paragraph
9 shall not be considered to cite a specific power or powers
10 granted to Congress in the Constitution unless the state-
11 ment cites the specific article (including an article added
12 by amendment), section (if any), clause (if any), and sen-
13 tence (if any) in which the power is cited.

14 “(7) Each statement submitted under this paragraph
15 shall appear in a portion of the Record designated for that
16 purpose and be made publicly available in electronic form
17 by the Clerk.”.