

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. RES.** _____

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit the Delegate to the Congress from the District of Columbia to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. VOTING BY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DELEGATE**

3 **IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.**

4 (a) PERMITTING VOTES TO BE CAST.—Clause 3(a)

5 of rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives

6 is amended by inserting before the first sentence the fol-

7 lowing: “In a Committee of the Whole House on the state

1 of the Union, the Delegate from the District of Columbia
2 shall possess the same powers and privileges as a Member
3 of the House.”

4 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR.—The first sentence of
5 clause 1 of rule XVIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives is amended by striking “a Member” and in-
7 serting “a Member or the Delegate from the District of
8 Columbia”.

9 (c) REPEATING OF CERTAIN VOTES.—Clause 6 of
10 rule XVIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives
11 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
12 graph:

13 “(h) Whenever a recorded vote on any question has
14 been decided by a margin within which the vote cast by
15 the Delegate from the District of Columbia has been deci-
16 sive, the Committee of the Whole shall rise and the Speak-
17 er shall put such question de novo without intervening mo-
18 tion. Upon the announcement of the vote on that question,
19 the Committee of the Whole shall resume its sitting with-
20 out intervening motion.”.