

H.R. 8

House Resolution relating to conducting a recount in the election for the House of Representatives for the Orange-1 District

Rep. Townsend of South Burlington moves that the resolution be amended as follows:

First: By striking the fourth, fifth, and sixth resolved clauses.

Second: In the third, seventh, eighth and ninth resolved clauses after the word "Recount", by striking "Committee" where it severally appears and inserting in lieu thereof "Panel"

Third: By inserting a new fourth resolved clause to read:

Resolved: That temporary House Rule 90b. is established as follows:

90b. Special Recount Panel. The Panel shall be composed of 23 members. The leader of the Progressive Party caucus shall appoint six members, one of whom shall be a current member of the Committee on Government Operations who belongs to the Progressive Party caucus. The leader of the Democratic Party caucus shall appoint five members, each of whom shall be a current member of the Committee on Government Operations who belongs to the Democratic caucus. The leader of the Republican Party caucus shall appoint 11 members, four of whom shall be a current member of the Committee on Government Operations who belongs to the Republican caucus. If the leader of the Progressive, Republican, or Democratic caucus fails to appoint sufficient members, the Speaker of the House shall do so. In addition to these 22 members, the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations shall serve on the Special Recount Panel as presiding officer, and shall have the special assistance of the Republican and Progressive Party caucus leaders.

The panel shall have the power to review and count ballots in the matter of the contested election in District Orange-1. The policies and procedures governing this Panel shall be adopted by the Committee on Government Operations. The Panel shall report its findings to the Committee on Government Operations. The Panel may conduct its business and members shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 10 and 27. Temporary Rule 90b shall be in effect until the Panel has completed its duties and this Rule shall be dissolved after the report of the Committee on Government Operations has been voted on by the House of Representatives.

Fourth: By striking the tenth resolved clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Resolved: That the Committee on Government Operations shall report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives as to whether it recommends Robert Frenier or Susan Hatch Davis should be the duly elected and qualified Representative for the Orange-1 District in the House of Representatives upon which the House of Representatives will take a final vote.