

House resolution authorizing specified, time-limited remote operation of the House of Representatives and House committees

Offered by: **[TBD]**

Whereas, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular the anticipated impact of the highly-transmissible COVID-19 Omicron variant, poses a risk to the health and safety of House members, legislative staff, and members of the public, and the height of this risk is expected to last through the next two weeks, and

Whereas, the House Committee on Rules needs the flexibility to meet remotely as necessary in order to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the House of Representatives shall continue to operate remotely, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the House of Representatives authorizes a member of a House committee to debate and vote remotely in their committee if the member confirms with the member's committee chair that the member must be absent from committee due to symptomatic illness or direct COVID-19-related circumstances, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Committee on Rules is authorized to meet remotely as necessary to address COVID-19-related matters that may impact the operation of the House and its committees, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the remote authority set forth in this resolution shall remain in effect through Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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