

and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.—Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. Boswell, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Davis of Tennessee, Mr. Chandler.

(2) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—Mr. Kind.

(3) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM.—Ms. Norton.

(4) COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES.—Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Markey, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Inslee, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Cardoza, Ms. Herseth.

(5) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE.—Ms. Hooley of Oregon (to rank immediately after Ms. Woolsey), Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas, Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Baird, Mr. Matheson, Mr. Costa, Mr. Al Green of Texas, Mr. Melancon.

(6) COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS.—Mr. Faleomavaega, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Case, Ms. Bordallo, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Michaud, Ms. Linda T. Sánchez of California, Mr. Barrow, Ms. Bean.

(7) COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS.—Mr. Strickland, Ms. Hooley of Oregon, Mr. Reyes, Ms. Berkley, Mr. Udall of New Mexico.

Mr. MENENDEZ (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

§ 7. Reason for Resignation

Election to Leadership

§ 7.1 Upon his election as Speaker, a Member resigned from various committees on which he had served while Majority Leader.

On Jan. 10, 1962,⁽¹⁾ after his election as Speaker, John W. McCormick, of Massachusetts, resigned from various committees of the House on which he had served while Majority Leader.

RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that he is herewith submitting his resignation as a member of the Committee on Government Operations; the Committee on Science and Astronautics; and also as a member of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorial Commission.

Without objection the resignations will be accepted.

There was no objection.

§ 7.2 Upon his selection as Majority Leader, a Member resigned from a standing committee.

On Feb. 7, 2006,⁽¹⁾ the House, by unanimous consent, accepted

1. 108 CONG. REC. 8, 87th Cong. 2d Sess.

1. 152 CONG. REC. 988, 989, 109th Cong. 2d Sess.

the resignation of a Member as chairman of a standing committee.

RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore⁽²⁾ laid before the House the following resignation as chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, February 6, 2006. Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As a result of my election Thursday as Majority Leader, this letter is to inform you that I resign as Chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and from further service on that Committee. During my five years of service as Chairman on the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee has overseen and enacted 131 public laws designed to improve the lives of all Americans.

I also resign from the Committee on Agriculture on which I have served since being elected to Congress. I would ask that Conference Rule 2 be invoked with respect to my status on both Committees. I am humbled by my peers' decision to elect me as our Majority Leader and I look forward to working with you in that capacity.

Sincerely, JOHN A. BOEHNER, Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

2. John Campbell (CA).

There was no objection.

On Jan. 18, 1962,⁽³⁾ Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, resigned from the Committee on Agriculture after his selection as Majority Leader.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP, Washington, D.C., January 18, 1962.

The Honorable the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

Sir: I herewith submit my resignation as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Very truly yours, CARL ALBERT.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

Election as Committee Chair

§ 7.3 A newly elected chairman of a committee resigned as a member of another committee.

On Sept. 21, 1961,⁽¹⁾ the House agreed to a resolution electing a new chairman of the Committee on Science and Astronautics (a vacancy having been created by the death of the former chairman, Overton Brooks, of Louisiana). Thereupon, the newly elected

3. 108 CONG. REC. 470, 87th Cong. 2d Sess.

1. 107 CONG. REC. 20549, 87th Cong. 1st Sess.

chairman, George P. Miller, of California, resigned as a member of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, which resignation was laid before the House and accepted.

ELECTION OF GEORGE P. MILLER TO COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS

Mr. [Wilbur D.] MILLS [of Arkansas]. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 474) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That GEORGE P. MILLER, of California, be, and he is hereby, elected chairman of the standing committee of the House of Representatives on Science and Astronautics.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore⁽²⁾ laid before the House the following communication which was read by the Clerk:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., September 21, 1961.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

2. John W. McCormack (MA).

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE P. MILLER.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

Election to Committee

§ 7.4 A Member resigned from certain committee assignments pending his election to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On July 30, 1968,⁽¹⁾ the chairman⁽²⁾ of the Committee on House Administration, who also was a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, resigned from those positions pending his election to the Committee on Ways and Means.⁽³⁾ His resignation was laid before the House by the Speaker:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., July 30, 1968.

Hon. JOHN W. McCORMACK,
Speaker of the House, the Capitol,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept my resignation from the Committee on House Administration, the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library.

1. 114 CONG. REC. 24215, 90th Cong. 2d Sess.
2. Omar T. Burleson (TX).
3. See 114 CONG. REC. 24220, 90th Cong. 2d Sess., July 30, 1968 (H. Res. 1276).

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With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

OMAR BURLESON.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from a committee:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., July 30, 1968.

Hon. JOHN W. McCORMACK,
*Speaker of the House, the Capitol,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept my resignation from the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

OMAR BURLESON.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

§ 7.5 The House, by unanimous consent, accepted the resignation of a Member from three standing committees.

On Sept. 29, 2004,⁽¹⁾ Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, of Illinois, laid before the House the following resignation, which cited the Member's appointment to the Committee on Rules:

1. 150 CONG. REC. 19888, 108th Cong. 2d Sess.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Government Reform, and the Committee on Budget:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 28, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER, I hereby resign from the House Agriculture, Government Reform and Budget Committees due to my appointment to the House Committee on Rules.

Sincerely,

ADAM H. PUTNAM,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignations are accepted.

There was no objection.

On Jan. 21, 2004,⁽²⁾ Speaker pro tempore John Culberson, of Texas, laid down the following resignation:

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Financial Services,

2. 150 CONG. REC. 140, 141, 108th Cong. 2d Sess.

the Select Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 20, 2004.
Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective January 20, 2004, I hereby resign from the Committee on Financial Services, the Select Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Small Business due to my pending appointment to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Sincerely,
CHARLES A. GONZALEZ,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

Statement of Reasons for Resignation

§ 7.6 A Member's letter of resignation from a committee, addressed to the Speaker, may state the reasons impelling the Member to resign.

On Apr. 26, 2001,⁽¹⁾ Speaker pro tempore Paul Ryan, of Wisconsin, laid before the House a communication from Rep. Collin C. Peterson, of Minnesota, resigning his seat on a standing committee in light of his recent appointment to

1. 147 CONG. REC. 6299, 107th Cong. 1st Sess.

a permanent select committee and a rule of his party's caucus restricting the number of committee assignments.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 24, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House,
The Capitol, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for appointing me to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

In keeping with the Democratic Caucus rules and Rules of the House that limit me to serving on no more than two full committees I am resigning from my seat on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Please notify me as to the disposition of this request. . . .

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
COLLIN C. PETERSON,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

On Sept. 17, 1980,⁽²⁾ Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., of Massachusetts, laid before the House a communication from Rep. Michael O. Myers, of Pennsylvania, resigning his membership on a conference committee in light of a felony conviction.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
September 17, 1980.

2. 126 CONG. REC. 25886, 96th Cong. 2d Sess.

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Hon. CARL PERKINS,
Education and Labor Committee,
Rayburn Building.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In compliance with House Rule XLIII, I must refrain from participation in the business of the committees of which I am a member.

Consequently, I am unable to act as a conferee on the Child Nutrition legislation and would ask that you excuse me from this duty and appoint another member to the conference committee.

Sincerely yours,
MICHAEL O. MYERS,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

On Sept. 24, 1974,⁽³⁾ Speaker Carl Albert, of Oklahoma, laid before the House a communication from Rep. Frank J. Brasco, of New York, resigning his membership on a conference committee in light of a felony conviction.

WASHINGTON, D.C.,
September 19, 1974.

Hon. CARL ALBERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In view of my present circumstances, and because of the provisions of House Resolution 128, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the conference committee on S. 386 and H.R. 11221.

3. 120 CONG. REC. 32420, 93d Cong. 2d Sess.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,
FRANK J. BRASCO.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

On Feb. 7, 1966,⁽⁴⁾ a letter of resignation of a Member from a committee was laid before the House and accepted. The letter noted certain restrictions against dual committee assignments.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., February 7, 1966.

Hon. JOHN W. McCORMACK,
Speaker of the House,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I herewith tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Agriculture.

Having thoroughly enjoyed my work on this committee, I wish to advise the House that this resignation is being submitted in accordance with a decision of our committee on committees that members of the Committee on Rules should not have dual committee assignments.

Sincerely yours,
DELBERT L. LATTA,
Representative to Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

On Jan. 13, 1966,⁽⁵⁾ a Member's letter of resignation as the chairman and member of a committee

4. 112 CONG. REC. 2383, 2384, 89th Cong. 2d Sess.

5. *Id.* at p. 170.

was laid before the House by the Speaker and accepted. The letter made reference to the Member's appointment as a Federal district court judge.

JANUARY 13, 1966.

Hon. JOHN W. McCORMACK,
The Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In view of my imminent departure from the House of Representatives to assume a new role for me as U.S. district judge for the eastern and western districts of Arkansas, I hereby tender to you my resignation as chairman and a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

I leave this important assignment with affection and deep appreciation for the members of the committee with whom I have served over the years.

With genuine respect and high esteem, I am,

Sincerely yours,

OREN HARRIS
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation of the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas, who has rendered outstanding service as a legislator and as chairman of the important Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, is—and I pause—accepted.

There was no objection.

On Feb. 3, 1965,⁽⁶⁾ a member of the Committee on the Judiciary,

6. 111 CONG. REC. 1870, 89th Cong. 1st Sess.

having ceased to serve on the subcommittee dealing with immigration matters, submitted his resignation from the Joint Committee on Immigration and Nationality Policy.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., February 3, 1965.

Hon. JOHN W. McCORMACK,
Speaker of the House,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Having transferred this year from subcommittee No. 1 of the Committee on the Judiciary, which has special jurisdiction over immigration legislation, it would be inappropriate for me to serve on the Joint Committee on Immigration and Nationality Policy to which I was reappointed on February 1, 1965.

In accordance with custom, I hereby respectfully submit my resignation from the Joint Committee on Immigration and Nationality Policy.

Sincerely,

RICHARD H. POFF.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

Similarly, on Jan. 25, 1943,⁽⁷⁾ the resignation of a Member from the five committees to which he had been assigned at the opening of the Congress was laid before

7. 89 CONG. REC. 356, 78th Cong. 1st Sess.

the House. In the letter, the Member, James H. Morrison, of Louisiana, set forth his reasons for resigning all the committees on which he had been placed.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
January 23, 1943.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
United States Congress,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I herewith tender my resignation as a member of each of the following five committees:

Coinage, Weights, and Measures; Invalid Pensions; Public Lands; War Claims; Mines and Mining.

I want to make it plain that in taking this action I am not attempting to shirk my share of work. It is a fact, however, that the work of these committees is of no interest to people in my part of the country. Nor does the work of these committees have to do with the war, or national policy. Hence, if I tied myself down to committees of this type I would be serving interests which are of no concern to my people.

My district is predominantly agricultural. My whole personal background is agricultural. I have been intimately associated with farmers and farm organizations. I know little, if anything, of (1) mines and mining, (2) coinage, weights, and measures, (3) pensions, (4) war claims, and (5) there are no public lands worth mentioning in all my territory.

I requested an assignment to the Committee on Appropriations, where I

hoped that I might serve in connection with agricultural appropriations, or to the Committee on Agriculture. I know that they are important committees, and that it is not ordinarily considered that a new Congressman has a right to demand them. I did not ask for them because of any personal interest or virtue of my own. I asked them in the name of my people, who form one of the largest and most important agricultural communities in the country. I felt that if I did not get some such assignment, then I could be more useful by leaving myself free to devote whatever talents and energy I possess to the war, to national affairs, and to things in which my people are directly concerned. I certainly should feel that I was not representing my people if I permitted myself to be tied down with the details of five such committees as these.

I assure you, Mr. Speaker, that in taking this action I hold no resentment against anybody. I have been told that it is an unusual action for a new Congressman to take. If so, my answer is (1) that these are unusual times; and (2) that it ought not to be unusual for any Congressman to insist on devoting his time and energy to the purposes for which he is elected.

I assure you that in all matters which appear to me to be in the interest of the war effort, the welfare of my people, and the national good, you shall have my support.

Yours very truly,
JAMES H. MORRISON,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

On Jan. 14, 1937,⁽⁸⁾ the following letter of resignation of Rep. Usher L. Burdick, of North Dakota, from certain committees was laid before the House and read by the Clerk. The letter emphasized Mr. Burdick's dissatisfaction with the committees to which he had been assigned:

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Republican minority having filed its resolution on committee appointments, and the same having been duly adopted by the House, I hereby tender my resignation from all committees to which I was named by the Republican minority for the following reasons, to wit—

Mr. [Bertrand H.] SNELL [of New York]. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, is it proper to give the reasons for resigning from committees?

The SPEAKER.⁽⁹⁾ It has been done before. The Clerk will proceed.

The Clerk continued reading:

First. I received no committee assignments from the minority in the Seventy-fourth Congress, save three minor committees. I endeavored to serve on these to the best of my ability, believing that in the Seventy-fifth Congress I might be advanced.

Second. Instead of being advanced I was left on the same committees and actually demoted in rank to the tail-end kite of a discredited political party. I was fully advised of the pun-

ishment in store for me if I did not support Mr. SNELL for the speakership. I refused to support him for the good of the Republican Party, and this action has been the result.

Third. I am not in sympathy with the present leadership of the Republican Party in this House and will not accept this demonstration of party punishment.

USHER L. BURDISK.

The resignation was accepted.

Change of Party Affiliation

§ 7.7 A resignation from a committee based on a change in a Member's political party affiliation was, in the earlier practice, subject to acceptance by the House.

On Mar. 27, 1972,⁽¹⁾ the Speaker laid before the House a letter from a Member by which the Member, having changed his political party affiliation, submitted his resignation as a member of two committees of the House.

WASHINGTON, D.C.,
March 23, 1972.

Hon. CARL ALBERT,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Having changed my registration yesterday from Republican to Democrat, I hereby resign from the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on Government Operations, as a Republican member.

8. 81 CONG. REC. 245, 75th Cong. 1st Sess.

9. William B. Bankhead (AL).

1. 118 CONG. REC. 10198, 92d Cong. 2d Sess.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

OGDEN R. REID.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

On Jan. 20, 1958,⁽²⁾ a Member, having submitted his resignation from a House committee, took the floor immediately before the Clerk read his resignation letter to explain that he had changed his party affiliation. He enunciated the steps he had taken to ensure that records and proceedings of the House would properly portray his changed affiliation.

The Speaker then laid Mr. Dellay's resignation from the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries before the House.

Mr. [Vincent J.] DELLAY [of New Jersey]. Mr. Speaker, on October 27, 1957, I notified the people of my constituency that henceforth I considered myself a member of the Democratic Party and would support the candidate of that party and its policies and program. Inasmuch as I had been elected to the 85th Congress as a Republican, I did, on November 1, 1957, notify the Republican leader in the House of Representatives, the Honorable JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR., that thereafter I would consider myself an affiliate of the Democratic Party and would, if permitted to do so, attend and become a

2. 104 CONG. REC. 673, 674, 85th Cong. 2d Sess.

member of the Democratic caucus of the House of Representatives. I was invited to attend such a caucus on January 14, 1958. I make this statement at this time, Mr. Speaker, so that the records and proceedings of this House will properly portray my present party affiliation. I insert at this point a copy of the letter I addressed to the Honorable JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR., on November 1, 1957.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., November 1, 1957.

Hon. JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.,
*Minority Leader of the United States
House of Representatives, United
States Capitol, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. MARTIN: This is to ask that my name be withdrawn from the rolls of the House as a Republican Congressman. After I vote for the Democrat gubernatorial candidate as well as the entire Democrat ticket for Hudson County, N. J., in the general election on November 5, 1957, I will officially become a member of the Democrat Party.

I have notified the Democrat State committeeman and the Democrat State committeewoman to list me as a member of the Democrat State organization and to notify the chairman of the National Democrat Committee, the Speaker of the House, and the majority leader of the House that I will sit on the Democrat side of the House when the next session of Congress convenes.

Thanking you for your many past courtesies and with every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

VINCENT J. DELLAY.

RESIGNATION FROM
COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from committee.

The Clerk read as follows:

January 16, 1958.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
*The Speaker, United States House of
Representatives, United States
Capitol, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Having changed my politics from Republican to Democratic during the gubernatorial campaign in New Jersey last year, this is my official resignation from the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee as a Republican member.

Sincerely,
VINCENT J. DELLAY.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the resignation will be accepted.

There was no objection.

Parliamentarian's Note: After Mr. Dellay's resignation from the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries as a Republican, and after the Clerk listed Mr. Dellay as a member of his new party, Mr. Dellay was, on Jan. 27, 1958, elected as a Democratic member to two committees.⁽³⁾

Committee Membership Dependent on Continued Caucus or Conference Affiliation

§ 7.8 A Member's membership on a standing committee is

3. See H. Res. 452. *Id.* at p. 1073.

contingent on the Member's continuing membership in the nominating party caucus or conference.

On Sept. 7, 2004,⁽¹⁾ the Speaker pro tempore⁽²⁾ laid before the House communications reflecting the operation of clause 5(b) of Rule X.⁽³⁾ Under clause 5(b) of Rule X, membership on a standing committee is contingent on continuing membership in the party caucus or conference that nominated the Member for election thereto. When a Member ceases to be a member of a party caucus or conference, pursuant to clause 5(b) of Rule X, the chairman of the caucus or conference notifies the Speaker, and the Speaker notifies the chairman of each standing committee to which the Member was elected on the nomination of that caucus or conference that the Member's election to the committee is automatically vacated.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC
CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ROBERT

1. 150 CONG. REC. 17535, 17536, 108th Cong. 2d Sess.
2. Mike Pence (IN).
3. *House Rules and Manual* §760 (2007).

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MENENDEZ, Chairman, Democratic
Caucus:

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 9, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
*Speaker of the House, House of Rep-
resentatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to
clause 5(b)(1) of Rule X, I am writing
to inform you that Rep. Rodney Alex-
ander has ceased to be a member of
the House Democratic Caucus.

Sincerely,
ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid be-
fore the House the following commu-
nication from the Speaker:

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 16, 2004.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,
*Chairman, Committee on Agri-
culture, House of Representa-
tives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is to ad-
vise you that Representative Rodney
Alexander's election to the Committee
on Agriculture has been automatically
vacated pursuant to clause 5(b)(1) of
rule X effective August 9, 2004.

Sincerely,
J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid be-
fore the House the following commu-
nication from the Speaker:

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 16, 2004.

Hon. DUNCAN HUNTER,
*Chairman, Committee on Armed
Services, House of Representa-
tives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is to ad-
vise you that Representative Rodney
Alexander's election to the Committee
on Armed Services has been automati-
cally vacated pursuant to clause 5(b)(1)
of rule X effective August 9, 2004.

Sincerely,
J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House.

On Sept. 13, 2000,⁽⁴⁾ Speaker
pro tempore Michael K. Simpson,
of Idaho, laid before the House
correspondence reflecting a
change of party affiliation by Rep.
Matthew G. Martinez, of Cali-
fornia.⁽⁵⁾

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 27, 2000.

4. 146 CONG. REC. 17832, 17833, 106th
Cong. 2d Sess.
5. For other recent examples see: 150
CONG. REC. p. 17536, 108th Cong. 2d
Sess., Sept. 7, 2004 (Rodney Alex-
ander [LA]); 150 CONG. REC. 65,
108th Cong. 2d Sess., Jan. 20, 2004
(Ralph M. Hall [TX]); 146 CONG.
REC. 401, 106th Cong. 2d Sess., Feb.
1, 2000 (Virgil Goode [VA]); 145
CONG. REC. 16586, 106th Cong. 1st

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
*Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives,
 H-154, Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL: Effective July 26, 2000, please change my party designation on your official records and databases to "REPUBLICAN."

Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,
 MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ,
Member of Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
 HONORABLE MARTIN FROST,
 CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC
 CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MARTIN FROST, Chairman of the Democratic Caucus:

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS,
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
September 13, 2000.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,

Sess. July 19, 1999 (Michael P. Forbes [NY]); James A. Hayes (LA), Dec. 12, 1995, 141 CONG. REC. 36172, 36173, 104th Cong. 1st Sess., Dec. 12, 1995 (James A. Hayes [LA]); 141 CONG. REC. 32627, 104th Cong. 1st Sess., Nov. 15, 1995 (Michael Parker [MS]); 141 CONG. REC. 24717, 104th Cong. 1st Sess., Sept. 12, 1995 (W.J. [Billy] Tauzin [LA]); 141 CONG. REC. 18252, 18253, 104th Cong. 1st Sess., July 10, 1995 (Gregory H. Laughlin [TX]); and 141 CONG. REC. 12396, 18397, 104th Cong. 1st Sess., May 10, 1995 (J. Nathan Deal [GA]).

Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you that the Honorable Matthew Martinez of California has resigned as a Member of the Democratic Caucus.

Sincerely,
 MARTIN FROST,
Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
 SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER,
 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 13, 2000.

Hon. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN,
Chairman, Committee on International Relations, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is to advise you that Representative Matthew G. Martinez's election to the Committee on International Relations has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Sincerely,
 J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE
 SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the foregoing communications, the party affiliation of Representative MARTINEZ has been switched for informational voting record purposes and

his committee memberships have been vacated.

Had the foregoing communication of July 27, 2000, from Representative MARTINEZ to the Clerk been laid before the House at that time, the party affiliation for voting informational purposes would have been changed or, as has been the case in the past, the process would have been timely noticed in writing to the chairman of the Democratic Caucus who, in turn, would notify the Speaker by letter pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X.

Allegations of Improprieties

§ 7.9 The chairman of a special investigating committee, having been accused of accepting fees for appearing before a government agency, tendered his resignation from such committee after taking the floor in defense of his position.

On Sept. 30, 1943,⁽¹⁾ Speaker Sam Rayburn, of Texas, recognized Mr. Edward E. Cox, of Georgia, to offer his resignation as chairman of a special committee to investigate the Federal Communications Commission after he was charged with accepting a fee for appearing before a government agency.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. COX].

1. 89 CONG. REC. 7936, 7937, 78th Cong. 1st Sess.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I never gave my heart and my hand to another in friendship but that they were his forever, and nothing has delighted me more than hazarding injury by going to his aid in time of stress. This sweet manner of receiving me with such gracious applause evidences to me that the Members of the House have this same devotion to this highest of human relationships.

Mr. Speaker, for more than a year, now, I have been the object of bitter and scurrilous attacks.

Day after day the poisoned shafts of slander have been driven through my heart. Every effort to tear down and to destroy a reputation I have spent a lifetime in building has been put forth. All this is something that I have been compelled to endure in silence. My hands have been tied—tied by the chairmanship of the select committee of this House to investigate the F.C.C.

This chairmanship has compelled me to maintain a judicial attitude which cannot longer be done in the face of the insults and the slander being hurled at me from day to day.

Mr. Speaker, that which is being dealt out to me is a sorry wage for a service I have tried to render in the interests of my fellow men. . . .

Mr. Speaker, moved by these considerations, and fortified by the concurrence of friends in this House in whose friendship and judgment I have the utmost confidence, I tender you my resignation as chairman of the Select Committee to Investigate the Federal Communications Commission. Its work thus far has been well done. Its membership is excellent. Its staff is composed of men and women who are able,

conscientious, and skilled in the work they have undertaken. This committee must continue its work under a new chairman, freed of any possible embarrassment of my personal problems or controversies. I thank you for the honor of having named me chairman of the committee, and for your expressed confidence in my administration of its affairs. I urge the House to support, to continue and to stand solidly back of the work of the committee under its new chairman, whoever he may be.

So far as I am personally concerned, my love and admiration for this House, my devotion to its ideals, make it a matter of pride with me that I, as one of its Members, efface myself so that the work of one of its committees may go forward. Let no man mistake me. I shall continue to make the fight where I find it. I leave the well of this House today with my head unbowed and with my devotion to my duties undimmed.

The SPEAKER. The resignation of the gentleman from Georgia is accepted.

§ 7.10 Form of final speech by the former Majority Leader engineered via debate on the question of resignation from committee that was accepted by unanimous consent.

On June 8, 2006,⁽¹⁾ the following letter of resignation was laid before the House:

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resigna-

1. 152 CONG. REC. 10498, 10500, 109th Cong. 2d Sess.

tion as a member of the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 8, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept my resignation, effective immediately, from the House Committee on Appropriations.

It has been my great pleasure to serve on the committee under the fine leadership of Chairman Jerry Lewis and Chairman Bill Young.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

TOM DELAY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore.⁽²⁾ The question is, Shall the resignation be accepted?

The gentleman from Texas is recognized.

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Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, political careers tend to end in one of three ways: defeat, death, or retirement. And despite the fervent and mostly noble exertions of my adversaries over the years, I rise today to bid farewell to this House under the happiest of the available options. . . .

I say good-bye today, Mr. Speaker, with few regrets, no doubt. And so with love and gratitude for friends and foe alike, patriots all, I yield back the floor of our beloved House. And I exit as always, stage right.

2. Michael K. Simpson (ID).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

§ 8. Resignations From Delegations and Commissions

§ 8.1 A Member's letter of resignation as a delegate to an international conference is laid before the House.

On Jan. 3, 1961,⁽¹⁾ Speaker Sam Rayburn, of Texas, laid before the House two letters of resignation of Members as delegates to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference:

NOVEMBER 14, 1960.

The SPEAKER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

SIR: Because of the extreme press of business at the present time it is impossible for me to attend the NATO Parliamentarians Conference to be held in Paris this week. Therefore, I hereby submit my resignation from the House contingent.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you my gratitude for your confidence in me in appointing me. If I may be of service to you in any way I am yours to command.

Most cordially yours,
MERWIN COAD,
Representative in Congress.

1. 107 CONG. REC. 26, 87th Cong. 1st Sess.

RESIGNATION AS A DELEGATE TO THE NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS CONFERENCE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication, which was read:

NOVEMBER 14, 1960.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I sincerely regret that I must tender my resignation as a delegate to the NATO Parliamentarians Conference for the year 1960.

I appreciate very much your having appointed me.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT J. CORBETT,
Member of Congress.

The Speaker then announced to the House that pursuant to an order of the House authorizing him to accept resignations and make certain appointments, he had appointed two Members to replace the two Members who had resigned.

Resignations from Commissions

§ 8.2 The Chair laid before the House a communication from a Member resigning from the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards.