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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for certain changes in the bipartisan administrative oversight of House functions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHEL (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. THOMAS of California, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BOEHNER, and Ms. DUNN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Rules and House Administration

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “House Adminis-
4 tration Reform Resolution of 1994”.

5 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF**
6 **NON-LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERV-**
7 **ICES.**

8 (a) Not later than the thirtieth day beginning after
9 the date of adoption of this resolution, the following func-

1 tions and entities shall be transferred to the Director of
2 Non-Legislative and Financial Services: Office of Em-
3 ployee Assistance, Finance Office, pay and mileage of
4 Members, House Information Systems, Office Furnish-
5 ings, Office Supply Service, Office Systems Management,
6 Placement Office, Special Services Office, Telecommuni-
7 cations, Barber Shop, Beauty Shop, House Restaurant
8 System, Office of Photography, House Postal Operations,
9 Child Care Center, Printing Services, Recording Studio,
10 and Records and Registration.

11 (b) Not later than the sixtieth day beginning after
12 the date of adoption of this resolution, the following func-
13 tions and entities shall be transferred to the Director of
14 Non-Legislative and Financial Services: House Parking
15 Facilities, Publication Distribution Services, and House
16 Document Room.

17 **SEC. 3. HOUSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS.**

18 Upon transfer of House Information Systems to the
19 Director of Non-Legislative and Financial Services, House
20 Information Systems shall be responsible for video tele-
21 conferencing, INTERNET access, and related technology
22 services in the House.

23 **SEC. 4. MAJORITY AND MINORITY PRINTERS.**

24 The Committee on House Administration shall, not
25 later than the thirtieth day beginning after the date of

1 adoption of this resolution, provide for implementation of
2 the recommendations contained in the report of the mem-
3 bers of the House Task Force on Printing dated January
4 22, 1992 (regarding review of the majority and minority
5 print facilities), except that these operations shall be used
6 only for official purposes and shall be eliminated as soon
7 as practicable or as otherwise directed by the Subcommit-
8 tee on Administrative Oversight of the Committee on
9 House Administration. Not later than the thirtieth day be-
10 ginning after the earlier of:

11 (1) the date of compliance with the foregoing
12 provision, or

13 (2) the thirtieth day after the date of adoption
14 of this resolution, the Offices of the Majority and
15 Minority Printers shall be transferred by the Sub-
16 committee on Administrative Oversight to the Direc-
17 tor of Non-Legislative and Financial Services, to be
18 operated as structured on the date of transfer until
19 further notice by the subcommittee.

20 The subcommittee shall direct that these operations be
21 eliminated no later than January 22, 1997.

22 **SEC. 5. OPERATION OF THE CLOAKROOMS.**

23 Upon adoption of this resolution, responsibility for
24 operation of the Democratic and Republican cloakrooms

1 shall be transferred to the Speaker and the Republican
2 leader, respectively.

3 **SEC. 6. AMENDMENTS TO RULE VI RELATING TO THE RE-**
4 **SPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR.**

5 In House Rule VI, clause 1, strike paragraph (c) and
6 insert in lieu thereof the following new paragraph:

7 “(c) The Director shall have operational and financial
8 responsibility for functions assigned by resolution of the
9 House, or by the Subcommittee on Administrative Over-
10 sight. The Director shall report to the subcommittee on
11 all matters, and shall be responsible for simultaneous bi-
12 partisan notification of the Members of the subcommittee
13 on all matters. The Director may also notify, or respond
14 to inquiries from, the Speaker, the majority leader, and
15 the minority leader on any matter.”.

16 In House Rule VI, clause 1(d), strike paragraph (d)
17 and insert in lieu thereof the following new paragraph:

18 “(d) The Director shall develop employment stand-
19 ards that provide that all employment decisions for func-
20 tions under the Director’s supervision be made in accord-
21 ance with the duties commensurate with pay provision of
22 clause 8 of rule XLIII, and with the nondiscrimination
23 provisions of clause 9 of rule XLIII and rule LI, without
24 regard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis of
25 fitness to perform the duties involved. The Director shall

1 review and study, on a continuing basis, the application
2 and implementation of such standards and shall imme-
3 diately report any violation, or potential violation, to the
4 Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight.”.

5 **SEC. 7. AMENDMENT TO RULE VI RELATING TO EMPLOY-**
6 **MENT DECISIONS BY THE DIRECTOR.**

7 In House Rule VI, clause 1, add the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(f) Employment decisions and other administrative
10 decisions made by the Director shall be final unless other-
11 wise directed by a majority of the members of the Sub-
12 committee on Administrative Oversight. The Speaker, the
13 majority leader, and the minority leader shall be informed
14 by the chairman of the subcommittee of any such action
15 by the subcommittee and the explanation or rationale
16 therefore no later than seven days after the date of such
17 action.”.

18 **SEC. 8. AMENDMENT TO RULE VI RELATING TO POLICY**
19 **RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DIRECTOR.**

20 In House Rule VI, clause 1, add the following new
21 paragraph:

22 “(g) Policy recommendations made by the Director
23 pertaining to the operation of the functions assigned to
24 the Director shall become effective no later than the thirti-
25 eth day after the receipt of notification by the Subcommit-

1 tee on Administrative Oversight unless otherwise directed
2 by majority vote of the subcommittee.”.

3 **SEC. 9. AMENDMENT TO RULE VI RELATING TO SEMI-**
4 **ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR.**

5 In House Rule VI, clause 1, add the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(h) In addition to any other reports required by the
8 Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight, the Director
9 shall, commencing with the semiannual period beginning
10 on January 1, 1994, and ending on June 30, 1994, and
11 for each semiannual period thereafter, report not later
12 than thirty days following the close of the semiannual pe-
13 riod to the subcommittee on the financial and operational
14 status of each function assigned to the Director. Such re-
15 ports shall include financial statements, a description or
16 explanation of current operations and the implementation
17 of policies adopted by the subcommittee or by the Director
18 under subparagraph (g), and future goals or plans for
19 each function.”.

20 **SEC. 10. AMENDMENTS TO RULE X RELATING TO THE RE-**
21 **SPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON**
22 **HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.**

23 In House Rule X, clause 4(d)(3), strike: “providing
24 for transfers of functions and entities with respect to the
25 Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, and,” and insert in

1 lieu thereof the following: “recommending to the Sub-
2 committee on Administrative Oversight additional trans-
3 fers of functions and entities to the.”.

4 In House Rule X, clause 4(d), strike subparagraph
5 (4) in its entirety.

6 **SEC. 11. REGULATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE**
7 **ADMINISTRATION.**

8 (a) The Committee on House Administration shall es-
9 tablish a process for bipartisan involvement by members
10 of the Committee in the formulation, promulgation, and
11 review of implementation of regulations of the Committee,
12 and for making available to the public any exceptions to
13 the regulations of the Committee which may be granted
14 thereafter.

15 (b) The Committee on House Administration shall,
16 prior to adjournment sine die of the current Congress,
17 conduct a comprehensive, bipartisan review of the regula-
18 tions of the Committee and eliminate, to the extent pos-
19 sible, ambiguities and obsolete provisions therein.

20 **SEC. 12. AMENDMENTS TO RULE X RELATING TO ROTAT-**
21 **ING CHAIRMEN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON**
22 **ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT.**

23 In House Rule X, clause 3(j)(1), strike “by the chair-
24 man of the Committee on House Administration.” and in-
25 sert in lieu thereof the following: “alternately in each suc-

1 ceeding year by the Chairman or the ranking minority
2 party member of the Committee on House Administration
3 beginning in the year after the year in which this rule is
4 adopted.”.

5 **SEC. 13. AMENDMENTS TO RULE X RELATING TO THE RE-**
6 **SPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON**
7 **ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT.**

8 In House Rule X, clause 3(j), strike subparagraph
9 (3) and insert in lieu thereof the following new subpara-
10 graphs:

11 “(3) The subcommittee shall review and study,
12 on a continuing basis, the application, administra-
13 tion, execution, and effectiveness of policies within
14 its jurisdiction to determine whether such policies
15 and the programs thereunder are being implemented
16 and carried out in accordance with the intent of the
17 subcommittee.

18 “(4) Any matter pertaining to the functions
19 and entities within the jurisdiction of the Sub-
20 committee on Administrative Oversight shall be re-
21 ferred only to that subcommittee for consideration,
22 subsequent referral for policy direction, or final dis-
23 position. In no case may any matter pertaining to
24 the functions and entities within the jurisdiction of
25 the subcommittee be acted upon by the full commit-

1 tee, or referred to any other subcommittee, without
2 the affirmative concurrence of a majority of the
3 members of the subcommittee.

4 “(5) The Subcommittee on Administrative
5 Oversight shall provide for transfers of functions
6 and entities to the Director of Non-legislative and
7 Financial Services as may be necessary for the im-
8 provement of non-legislative and financial services in
9 the House. Upon failure of the subcommittee, by
10 reason of a tie vote, to adopt such a motion to trans-
11 fer the Speaker, the majority leader and the minor-
12 ity leader acting jointly may direct the transfer.

13 “(6) Except in the case of a proposal to report
14 to the House, any action taken by the Subcommittee
15 on Administrative Oversight with regard to any mat-
16 ter pertaining to the functions and entities within
17 the jurisdiction of the subcommittee shall be deemed
18 to be taken on behalf of the full committee.

19 “(7) The regular meeting date of the Sub-
20 committee on Administrative Oversight shall be the
21 first Thursday on which the House is in session in
22 each calendar quarter unless otherwise agreed to by
23 a majority of the members of the subcommittee.

24 “(8) The Speaker, the majority leader, the mi-
25 nority leader, and the chairman and ranking minor-

1 ity party member of the Committee on House Ad-
2 ministration shall be informed by the chairman of
3 the subcommittee of any matter that, by reason of
4 a tie vote, cannot be resolved by the subcommittee.
5 Such notification shall occur no later than seven
6 days after the date of the tie vote.”.

7 **SEC. 14. SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

8 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that
9 the changes in public law necessary to delineate the au-
10 thorities affected by this resolution should be enacted as
11 soon as possible.

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