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H. RES. 550

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit standing committees and subcommittees to designate members to question witnesses for periods not to exceed 30 minutes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS (for himself and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That (a) clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules
2 of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at
3 the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(n) In conducting a committee or subcommittee
5 hearing to perform its oversight duties under subpara-
6 graph (1) or (2) of clause 2(b) of rule X or under clause
7 3 of rule X, the chairman of a standing committee or of
8 any subcommittee thereof, after consultation with the

1 ranking minority member of that committee or sub-
2 committee, may make a motion naming 9 members or a
3 lesser number in the case of a subcommittee, including
4 the chairman (or his designee), 4 other majority members
5 designated by the chairman, the ranking minority member
6 (or his designee), and 3 other minority members des-
7 ignated by the ranking minority member to each interro-
8 gate witnesses for a period not to exceed 30 minutes as
9 set forth in that motion.”.

10 (b) Clause 2(j)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the
11 House of Representatives is amended by inserting “(A)”
12 after “(2)” and by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraph:

14 “(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), whenever a
15 standing committee or subcommittee thereof agrees to a
16 motion made pursuant to clause 2(n) of rule X, then any
17 designated member may interrogate any witness for a pe-
18 riod not to exceed 30 minutes as set forth in that mo-
19 tion.”.

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