

Van Orden Amendment

At the end, add the following:

Sec. 1. Motion to Vacate. Any Conference member who does any of the following shall be ineligible for and removed from all committees and subcommittees on which he or she sits for the remainder of the Congress:

- (a) Sponsors or cosponsors a MTV when that motion does not have, in writing, the support of a majority of the Conference;
- (b) On a vote on a Motion to Table a MTV, is absent or votes present with the intent, in the opinion of the Steering Committee, of producing an outcome contrary to the conference's position, or votes against a motion to table when the MTV does not have, in writing, the support of a majority of the Conference;
- (c) On a vote on a MTV, is absent or votes present with the intent, in the opinion of the Steering Committee, of producing an outcome contrary to the conference's position, or votes for the MTV that does not have, in writing, the support of a majority of the Conference; or
- (d) On a vote on a MTV, is absent or votes present with the intent, in the opinion of the Steering Committee, of the Office of the Speaker becoming vacant, and with the result being that the Office of the Speaker becomes vacant, when the MTV does not have, in writing, the support of a majority of the Conference.

Sec. 2. Responsibilities.

- (a) The Speaker shall, between one and seven legislative days of the offense described above, facilitate the removal and replacement of offending members from the committees over which the Speaker has nomination authority, in accordance with this rule. For the duration of the Congress, the Speaker shall not nominate an offending member to committees over which the Speaker has nomination authority.
- (b) The Speaker shall convene, on three legislative days notice, and within seven legislative days of the offending action described above, a meeting of the Steering Committee. The Speaker may convene said meeting by teleconference or videoconference, if the Speaker deems it necessary.
- (c) Steering Committee members shall make themselves available for a meeting of the Steering Committee as described above. For the duration of the Congress, Steering Committee members shall not nominate an offending member to the same committee(s) from which they were removed.
- (d) The Majority Leader shall, between three and ten legislative days of the first day the House rules permit, bring legislation to the floor effectuating the Steering Committee's new committee assignment recommendations.

Sec. 3. For purposes of this section, Rule 12 of House Republican Conference Rules shall not apply. Passage of this amendment shall deem as ratified by Conference any applicable accountability measures contained in this provision. Therefore, no additional vote or other action by the steering committee or Conference shall be necessary to implement such accountability.

Sec. 4. An offending Conference Member may, one time per Congress, challenge the above-mentioned accountability, by resolution, for which a vote by secret ballot shall be taken. A quorum being present, a simple majority of members may overturn the accountability.

Sec. 5. Members removed from committee(s) shall not accrue seniority on such committee(s) and shall not be reappointed to such committee(s) for the remainder of the Congress.

Sec. 6. Those members who are appointed to committees to replace offending members shall accrue seniority on the committee(s) from which they take a leave of absence.

Sec. 7. This amendment will only be in effect when the Republican Party holds the majority in the House of Representatives.

Sec. 8. Members' votes, actions or absences prior to the introduction of this resolution shall not be considered in its application.