Helpful Resources for Temporary Remote Processes

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Dear Colleagues:

Last week, we passed H. Res. 965 ensuring Congress can continue legislating during COVID-19 while protecting public health. Pursuant to that resolution, the Sergeant-at-Arms – in consultation with the Attending Physician – has notified the Speaker of a public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus and the Speaker has designated a 45-day period, beginning today, during which the remote voting and committee procedures in the resolution may be used.

With temporary remote processes now in effect, we have created some helpful resources for members and staff. Please visit this <u>page</u> which includes a step-by-step guide on how Members can cast their votes remotely on the House floor; letter templates for the designation, alteration, and revocation of proxies; and regulations that were inserted in the Congressional Record for remote voting on the floor and for remote committee proceedings. Note that these are the same regulations that were posted publicly before the adoption of H. Res. 965.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my staff with any questions. Each of us, together with our committees, is doing important work during these challenging times.

Thank you, as always, for your advice and counsel,

James P. McGovern

Chairman

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