

RULES REFORM PROPOSALS

BREAK THE GRIDLOCK VOL.2

C O N G R E S S M A N V A N T A Y L O R

Building on the success the Problem Solvers Caucus achieved in advancing the “Break the Gridlock” package at the start of the 116th Congress, Congressman Van Taylor is proposing two additional changes to House Rules for the 117th Congress. These proposals focus on making the House a more effective and Member-driven legislative body.

290 CONSENSUS CALENDAR FOR SENATE BILLS

This proposed change to the House Rules enables Senate-passed measures to go onto the House Consensus Calendar. House members could formally support Senate measures with a cosponsorship tracked by the House Clerk and posted on Congress.gov. Importantly, under this proposal, measures passed by the Senate and referred to the House would go to the House Consensus Calendar upon reaching 290 supporters in the House.

FOUR-FIFTHS COMMITTEE, TWO-THIRDS FLOOR

This House Rule change proposal would require committees to markup legislation that has reached 4/5 cosponsorship of the members on their committee within 40 legislative days. Under this proposal, committees of non-primary referral could discharge such measure in lieu of a markup. Furthermore, upon favorable markup or discharge in all committees of referral, the bill would be expedited to the House floor for consideration under suspension of the rules, requiring a 2/3 vote within 60 calendar days.

For more information on these rule change proposals, please contact Jett Thompson in Congressman Van Taylor’s office by email at Jett.Thompson@mail.house.gov.

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