

HR 5101

Democracy in Congress Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2004
Ethics Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2004
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 5, 2004
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Congress

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4971	Related bill	Dec 7, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2180)

Democracy in Congress Act of 2004 - Amends the Rules of the House of Representatives to address: (1) same-day consideration of Rules Committee reports; (2) maximum voting time; (3) late night voting; (4) restrictive rule limitations from the Committee on Rules; (5) two-thirds voting requirements for certain waivers and for the availability of certain measures on the Internet; (6) composition and subpoena authority of the Committee on House Administration; (7) control of the Committee on Government Reform; and (8) Conference Committee disclosure requirements.

Creates a bipartisan Commission to assess the extent to which the House has upheld its constitutional responsibility to oversee the executive branch and to suggest improvements to the oversight process.

Amends the Federal criminal code to extend certain post-employment lobbying restrictions on former Members of Congress.

Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require specified disclosures and the creation of a free and publicly accessible database on the Internet that includes information contained in registrations and reports filed under that Act.

Amends the Federal criminal code to reform the waiver process for acts affecting a personal financial interest.

Amends the Code of Official Conduct set forth in House Rules to require the public disclosure of negotiations for prospective employment by Members of Congress if a conflict of interest or the appearance of such a conflict may exist.

Actions Timeline

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