

HRES 40

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Jan 14, 2009)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (43 total)

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Rep. Hill, Baron P. [D-IN-9]	D · IN		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]	D · WI		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [D-MD-1]	D · MD		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Marshall, Jim [D-GA-8]	D · GA		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jan 13, 2009
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Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Shuler, Heath [D-NC-11]	D · NC		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]	D · OH		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]	D · MS		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Wilson, Charles A. [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jan 13, 2009
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 14, 2009
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Rep. Minnick, Walter [D-ID-1]	D · ID		Jan 14, 2009
Rep. Mitchell, Harry E. [D-AZ-5]	D · AZ		Jan 14, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Congress

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 14, 2009)

Amends Rule XI (Procedures of Committees and Unfinished Business) of the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee or subcommittee to hold: (1) periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in government programs which that committee may authorize; (2) at least one hearing in any session to hear from federal agency representatives testimony on auditor disclaimers of audited agency financial statements; and (3) at least one hearing on issues raised by Comptroller General reports indicating that federal programs or operations that the committee may authorize are at high risk for waste, fraud, and mismanagement, known as the "high-risk list" or the "high-risk series."

Requires the oversight activities section of a committee's biennial report to the House on its legislative and oversight activities (required by Rule XI) also to delineate any such hearings held.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 14, 2009:** Mr. Cardoza moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H268-273)
- **Jan 14, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 40.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H281)
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 423 - 0 (Roll no. 18). (text: CR H268)
- **Jan 14, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 423 - 0 (Roll no. 18). (text: CR H268)
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Rules.