

## HRES 6

Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2019

**Current Status:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Latest Action:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Jan 9, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/6>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

*No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.*

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Congress

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HRES 5	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 HRES 14	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

This resolution adopts the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 116th Congress. The resolution adopts the rules of the 115th Congress with amendments that include

- allowing Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to vote in the Committee of the Whole;
- revising annual ethics training requirements;
- providing mandatory anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies for House offices;
- prohibiting Members, officers, and employees of the House from serving as an officer or director of a public company;
- requiring Members to pay for any discrimination settlements against them;
- requiring indicted Members to step down from any committee and leadership positions until disposition of the criminal case;
- reinstating certain provisions of Pay-As-You-Go rules;
- providing for automatic suspension of the debt limit if the House adopts a budget resolution (Gephardt rule);
- requiring committee hearings and markups on bills and joint resolutions before floor consideration;
- revising the rule prohibiting a floor vote on a measure before the third day text is available to require text to be available for 72 hours before a floor vote;
- excluding measures addressing the War Powers Resolution from "motions to table";
- renaming, establishing, or reauthorizing specified congressional committees, commissions, and offices;
- creating a Consensus Calendar, which provides an alternative path to a floor vote for measures with 290 or more cosponsors;
- permitting religious headwear in the Hall of the House;
- authorizing the Speaker to intervene in litigation involving the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
- directing the Office of General Counsel to explore legal options for responding to certain rulemaking by the Department of Agriculture regarding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents;
- prohibiting nondisclosure agreements from requiring notice or approval for employees to communicate with certain offices or entities, including the Committee on Ethics and the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; and
- requiring each House office to prominently display a statement of the rights and protections provided to House employees.

The resolution also bans (1) discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and (2) sexual relationships between Members and committee staff.

For more detailed information, see [Congressional Research Service Report R45787, House Rules Changes Affecting Floor Proceedings in the 116th Congress \(2019-2020\)](#), [Congressional Research Service Report R45731, House Rules Changes Affecting Committee Procedure in the 116th Congress \(2019-2020\)](#), and [Congressional Research Service Report R45552, Changes to House Rules Affecting the Congressional Budget Process Included in H.Res. 6 \(116th Congress\)](#).

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 9, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H338-346)
- **Jan 9, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 5, the House proceeded with one hour of debate on Title III of H. Res. 6.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** The previous question on the motion On agreeing to Title III of the resolution was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** On agreeing to Title III of the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 235 - 192 (Roll no. 19).
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H220-224)
- **Jan 4, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 5, the House proceeded with one hour of debate on Title II of H. Res. 6.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** The previous question was ordered on Title II pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on Title II of H. Res. 6, the Chair put the question on agreeing to Title II of the resolution and by voice vote announced that ayes had prevailed. Mr. Cole demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further consideration on the question until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H224-225)
- **Jan 4, 2019:** On agreeing to Title II of the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 418 - 12 (Roll no. 12).
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 5, the Chair announced that further proceedings on H. Res. 6 would be postponed.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 5. (consideration: CR H17-32)
- **Jan 3, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 5, the House proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on Title I of H. Res. 6.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** The previous question was ordered on Title I pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** On agreeing to Title I of the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 234 - 197 (Roll no. 7).
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 5, the Chair announced that further proceedings on H. Res. 6 would be postponed.