

## HRES 965

Authorizing remote voting by proxy in the House of Representatives and providing for official remote committee proceedings during a public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

**Introduced:** May 13, 2020

**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. (May 15, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/965>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules Committee	House	Reported By	May 15, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Congress

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HRES 967	Related bill	May 15, 2020: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### Summary (as of May 15, 2020)

This resolution authorizes and otherwise sets forth procedures for remote voting by proxy in the House of Representatives and provides for official remote committee proceedings during a public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus (e.g., the virus that causes COVID-19) for a 45-day period. Based on the status of the public health emergency, the 45-day period may be extended for an additional 45 days or terminated earlier.

The chair of the Committee on House Administration shall study the feasibility of using technology to conduct remote voting and certify to the House that operable and secure technology exists to conduct such activity.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 15, 2020:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 967. (consideration: CR H2019-2042)
- **May 15, 2020:** Rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 965 and H.R. 6800. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. Rule provides for one hour of debate on H. Res. 965 and two hours of debate on H.R. 6800.
- **May 15, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H. Res. 965.
- **May 15, 2020:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 15, 2020:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H. Res. 965, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the resolution and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Cole demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the resolution until a time to be announced.
- **May 15, 2020:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2253-2254)
- **May 15, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 189 (Roll No. 107). (text: CR H2019-2021)
- **May 15, 2020:** On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 189 (Roll No. 107). (text: CR H2019-2021)
- **May 15, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Rules. H. Rept. 116-420.
- **May 14, 2020:** Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 78.
- **May 14, 2020:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 967 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 965 and H.R. 6800. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. Rule provides for one hour of debate on H. Res. 965 and two hours of debate on H.R. 6800.
- **May 13, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Rules.