
DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes specific provisions for a Select Committee on Technology and generally provides that the speaker may establish select committees for specific studies, investigations, or other purposes and provides that each select committee has the same powers, duties, and authorities and shall be subject to the same rules as standing committees, specifically subpoena authority.

Present House Rule (House Rule 6.1(B)) specifically provides that the speaker may establish a Select Committee on Technology and provides relative thereto.

Proposed House Rule removes specific provisions relative to the Select Committee on Technology and generally provides that the speaker may establish select committees for specific studies, investigations, or other purposes. Provides that the speaker shall appoint the members of each select committee and designate its chairman and vice chairman. Specifies that a select committee shall have the same powers, duties, and authorities and is subject to the same rules as standing committees, and expressly the power and authority to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books and records, and to do all things necessary to accomplish the purpose assigned to it by the speaker, in the same manner provided in present House Rule (House Rule 14.51) for standing committees and joint committees and subcommittees thereof.

Present House Rule authorizes such a committee to issue a subpoena or require production of books and records only with the approval of the Speaker after a request of the chairman of the committee or of a majority of the members of the committee. Authorizes a committee to punish for contempt and provide for prosecution if a subpoena or demand for books and records is not honored.

(Amends House Rule 6.1(B))