

CONGRESS RESOLUTION NO. 08-11-20

Sponsor(s): IUSA Rules, Membership, and Internal Affairs Committee (Skylar Edwards-Chair)

Co-Sponsor(s):

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RESOLUTION TO ENACT ATTENDANCE RULES FOR CONGRESSIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1 **WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 6 of the IUSA Constitution states that Congress will “establish a system
2 of standing committees, each charged with a specific area of legislation or parliamentary authority;” and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, “The Speaker will appoint members to each committee from the membership of Congress
5 such that each member serves on one committee;” and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 7 of the IUSA Constitution states that “A member of Congress may be
8 impeached and removed from office for just cause... upon missing three regularly scheduled Congress
9 meetings without a proxy present for two of the meetings or four regularly scheduled Congress meetings
10 with a proxy present;” and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, These Standing Committees serve to provide a venue for more effective discussion of
13 current initiatives, student concerns, and legislative action than is possible in full Congress meetings; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, A committee must meet quorum in order to consider legislation, conduct business, and meet
16 the objectives of the student body;
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18 **THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, That all Standing Committees meet at 8 pm on the Tuesday
19 prior to a full Congress meeting, unless the Chairperson designates another day or time to meet, either
20 regularly or on a case-to-case basis; and,
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22 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a majority of the members of a Standing Committee may
23 vote to change the meeting day and time of a Standing Committee to better fit their schedules. If members
24 have a consistent scheduling conflict with a meeting time, they may contact the Speaker to be assigned a
25 different Standing Committee; and,
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27 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, That regularly-scheduled Committee meetings are “Congress
28 meetings” as used in Article II, Section 7 of the IUSA Constitution; and,
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30 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a member of Congress, upon finding that he will be unable
31 to attend his Committee meeting, must contact the Committee Chairperson except in the case of
32 emergency. If a member fails to contact the Committee Chairperson before roll is called and does not
33 attend the Committee meeting, that absence shall count toward the member’s total impeachment absences,
34 as outlined in Article II, Section 7 of the IUSA Constitution.
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