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House NOW debating the rules for 117th Congress, offered by Rules Cmte Chair Jim McGovern (D-MA).



McGovern: "The package honors all gender identities by changing pronouns in House written rules so they gender neutral. We made this change for the sake of inclusion,not exclusion..I heard the Minority Leader say this rules package was canceling Mother's Day. Are you kidding me?"

McGovern on rules package :"It makes permanent the requirement all bills that come before Rules Cmte get a hearing & mark-up 1st. It preserves the Motion to Recommit while making reforms so it can no longer be used to highjack the legislative process for political gamesmanship."

McGovern on continuing House proxy voting: "We are also continuing temporary rules changes that have ensured we completed the people's work as safely as possible during the coronavirus pandemic."

McGovern on rules package:"It breaks new ground through transformative ethics reforms. It removes floor privileges from former Mbrs convicted of crimes related to their House service or their election. This will ensure we can do our work here w/o undue influence of lawbreakers."

McGovern: "We tasked the Ethics Committee to come up with a bipartisan plan to handle 'deepfakes' because we need to stop the spread, intentional or unintentional, of manipulated media that’s created to mislead the public."

House Rules Cmte Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-OK) on 117th Congress rules package: "These changes are some of the harshest and most cynical that I have experienced during my time in Congress."



Cole (R-OK): "Democratic leadership is suppressing minority rights and paving the way for the Green New Deal by intentionally removing budgetary checks that have been in place for over a decade."

Cole (R-OK):"The most egregious of these changes is the complete gutting of motion to recommit.The motion to recommit (MTR) is the minority’s right to propose a final amdt before moving to passage.This is a right that has been guaranteed to the minority for well over a century."

Cole (R-OK):"During the many yrs Republicans were in the majority,we never even thought to deny the minority this motion.And the only reason the Democrats are doing so today is out of embarrassment: they are embarrassed Republicans were able to pass 8 MTRs in the 116th Congress."

Cole:"Not content w/having investigated Pres Trump all throughout his presidency & subjected him to a pointless impeachment,now Democrats are including provisions allowing them to send subpoenas to former presidents, former vps & former WH staff long after their admin has ended."