

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Raising a question of the privileges of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WALDEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Raising a question of the privileges of the House.

Whereas the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. Walden submitted an amendment to the Committee on Rules to H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act;

Whereas the said gentleman's amendment would have protected the free speech rights of broadcasters and American citizens by prohibiting funds made available in the Act from being used to implement the Fairness Doctrine and certain broadcast localism regulations;

Whereas a similar amendment was adopted by the House in 2007 during consideration of H.R. 2829, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2008 by a vote of 309 yeas and 115 nays, and became

law, but the Democratic leadership allowed the provision to expire;

Whereas the gentleman's amendment complied with all applicable Rules of the House for amendments to appropriations measures and would have been in order under an open amendment process, but regrettably the House Democratic leadership has dramatically and historically reduced the opportunity for free speech on this Floor; and

Whereas the Speaker, Mrs. Pelosi, the Democratic leadership, and the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. Obey, prevented the House from voting on the amendment by excluding it from the list of amendments made in order under the rule for the bill: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That H. Res. 644, the rule to accompany
2 H.R. 3170, be amended to allow the gentleman from Or-
3 egon's amendment be considered and voted on in the
4 House.