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H.R. No. 15

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 87th
2 Texas Legislature, That Sections 6 and 8 of Rule 5 of the permanent
3 rules of the House of Representatives of the 87th Legislature are
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 6. MOTIONS IN ORDER WHEN QUORUM NOT PRESENT. If a
6 registration or record vote reveals that a quorum is not present,
7 only a motion to adjourn or a motion for a call of the house and the
8 motions incidental thereto, including motions to impose penalties
9 on absent members, shall be in order.

10 Sec. 8. SECURING A QUORUM. (a) When a call of the house is
11 moved for one of the above purposes and seconded by 15 members (of
12 whom the speaker may be one) and ordered by a majority vote, the
13 main entrance to the hall and all other doors leading out of the
14 hall shall be locked and no member permitted to leave the house
15 without the written permission of the speaker. The names of members
16 present shall be recorded. All absentees for whom no sufficient
17 excuse is made may, by order of a majority of those present, be sent
18 for and arrested, wherever they may be found, by the
19 sergeant-at-arms or an officer appointed by the sergeant-at-arms
20 for that purpose, and their attendance shall be secured and
21 retained. The house shall determine on what conditions they shall
22 be discharged. Members who voluntarily appear shall, unless the
23 house otherwise directs, be immediately admitted to the hall of the
24 house and shall report their names to the clerk to be entered in the

1 journal as present.

2 (b) Until a quorum appears, should the roll call fail to
3 show one present, it shall not be in order to recess under a call of
4 the house and no business shall be transacted, except to adjourn,
5 compel the attendance of absent members, or, by a vote of a majority
6 of all members, impose the following penalties on absent members:

7 (1) removal of an absent member from any committee
8 chairmanship;

9 (2) removal of an absent member from any procedural
10 committee; and

11 (3) permanent removal of any privilege or advantage
12 regularly due to an absent member on the basis of seniority [~~to~~
13 adjourn. It shall not be in order to recess under a call of the
14 house].