

Amend **HR 4** (adopting the permanent rules of the house) by striking page 187, line 15 through page 188, line 1, and substituting the following:

Sec. 5A. RETURN OF NONGERMANE SENATE AMENDMENTS BY SPEAKER. When a house bill or joint resolution, other than the general appropriations bill, with senate amendments is returned to the house, the speaker, with the permission of the primary author of the bill or resolution, may return the bill or resolution to the senate if the speaker determines that the senate amendments are not germane to the house version of the bill or resolution. The speaker may act under this section without regard to whether the bill or resolution is eligible for consideration by the house. If the speaker returns a bill or resolution to the senate under this section, the speaker shall attach to the bill or resolution a statement of the speaker's action that includes an explanation of the speaker's determination, and shall enter the statement in the journal as soon as practicable.