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Congressional Voting Accountability Act (H. Res. ____)

The Issue

- Too often, bills and amendments pass the House by voice vote with only a handful of Members present in the chamber. Especially on fly-in days, little to no notice is given that a vote could be occurring, forcing Members to guard the floor to ensure their voting rights are preserved.
 - This method of rapidly passing legislation without putting Members on record deprives numerous constituencies from being represented on national questions.
- With the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions being lifted in the District, Members can and should return to the House chamber to vote in person.
- Legislation affecting the entire nation—including those placed on the suspension calendar—should not pass the House without a recorded vote.

The Solution

This resolution would:

1. **eliminate voice votes and make recorded votes the primary method of voting within the House**
2. **eliminate any type of remote voting by proxy or remote committee activity.**
3. **require members to vote either “yes” or “no” on questions before the House.** In other words, this resolution eliminates the ability of a member to vote “present” to avoid taking a position on difficult questions.