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.