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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To modify the appointment process for the Librarian of Congress, the Comptroller General, and the Director of the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CASE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To modify the appointment process for the Librarian of Congress, the Comptroller General, and the Director of the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT.—The Librarian of Congress shall
5 be appointed by the adoption by Congress of a concurrent
6 resolution. The concurrent resolution shall provide for the

1 appointment of the individual selected by the commission
2 established under subsection (b).

3 (b) COMMISSION.—There is established a commission
4 for the purposes of recommending an individual to be ap-
5 pointed as Librarian of Congress under subsection (a).
6 The commission established under this subsection shall
7 consist of the following:

8 (1) The Speaker and minority leader of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 (2) The majority and minority leaders of the
11 Senate.

12 (3) One Republican and Democrat Member
13 each from the Joint Committee of Congress on the
14 Library.

15 (c) TERM OF SERVICE.—The Librarian of Congress
16 shall be appointed for a term of 10 years.

17 (d) REMOVAL.—The Librarian of Congress may be
18 removed from office at any time upon an affirmative vote
19 of three-fifths of the Members duly chosen or sworn in
20 the Senate and the House of Representatives.

21 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The Librarian of
22 Congress Succession Modernization Act of 2015 (2 U.S.C.
23 136 et seq.) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 703 of title 31, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (f)
5 as subsections (b) through (g), respectively;

6 (2) by inserting before subsection (b), as reded-
7 icated by paragraph (1), the following:

8 “(a) The Comptroller General shall be appointed by
9 the adoption by Congress of a concurrent resolution. The
10 concurrent resolution shall provide for the appointment of
11 the individual selected by the commission established
12 under subsection (b)(2).”.

13 (3) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Comp-
15 troller General and Deputy Comptroller General
16 are” and inserting “Deputy Comptroller Gen-
17 eral is”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), in the matter before
19 subparagraph (A), by striking “the President”
20 and inserting “the Congress or the President,
21 respectively,”; and

22 (C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
23 follows:

24 “(3) A commission established because of a va-
25 cancy in the office of the Comptroller General shall
26 recommend one individual. The Congress may ask

1 the commission to recommend additional individ-
2 uals.”; and

3 (4) in subsection (f)(1)(B), as so redesignated,
4 by striking “joint resolution of Congress” and in-
5 serting “with respect to the Comptroller General, by
6 concurrent resolution of Congress, and with respect
7 to the Deputy Comptroller General, by joint resolu-
8 tion of Congress”.

9 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
10 Section 772(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended
11 by striking “section 703(e)(1)” and inserting “section
12 703(f)(1)”.

13 **SEC. 3. DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-**
14 **FICE.**

15 Section 301 of title 44, United States Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 **“§ 301. Director of the Government Publishing Office:**
18 **appointment**

19 “(a) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-
20 fice shall be appointed by the adoption by Congress of a
21 concurrent resolution. The concurrent resolution shall pro-
22 vide for the appointment of the individual selected by the
23 commission established under subsection (b).

24 “(b) There is established a commission for the pur-
25 poses of recommending an individual to be appointed as

1 Director under subsection (a). The commission established
2 under this subsection shall consist of the following:

3 “(1) The Speaker and minority leader of the
4 House of Representatives.

5 “(2) The majority and minority leaders of the
6 Senate.

7 “(3) One Republican and Democrat Member
8 each from the Joint Committee of Congress on
9 Printing.

10 “(c) The Director may be removed from office at any
11 time upon an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Mem-
12 bers duly chosen or sworn in the Senate and the House
13 of Representatives.”.