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TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:20 p.m., in Room S-219, the Capitol, Hon. Bryan Steil, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Representatives Steil, Valadao, Carey, and Morelle.

Also Present: Senators McConnell, Fischer, Hyde-Smith, Padilla, and Klobuchar.

OPENING STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN STEIL, A UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

Chairman STEIL. All right. The Joint Committee of Congress on the Library will come to order. I note that a quorum is present.

I thank everyone for taking the time to meet for the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library for the 119th Congress. It is honor to serve as Chair of the Joint Committee. I thank my colleague, Senator Amy Klobuchar, for her previous leadership on this Committee.

Our jurisdiction on this Committee is to ensure proper oversight and management of the Library of Congress and conduct management of National Statuary Hall Collection, United States Botanic Garden, the work of fine art in the Capitol.

In the over 200 years since the Committee was established, the demands of the operation have grown and need to be addressed. By working with Vice Chair of this Committee, Senate Rules Committee Chairman McConnell, we have had a chance to modernize the Committee and its processes.

I would like to thank my colleagues from the House Committee on Administration, Ranking Member Joe Morelle, Representative David Valadao, Representative Mike Carey, and Representative Terri Sewell for serving on the Joint Committee. I would also like to acknowledge my colleagues from the Senate, Senator Padilla, Senator Fischer, Senator Hagerty, and Senator Merkley.

I have been noticed it is Senator Hyde-Smith. I apologize for that. Thank you.

The Committee will now entertain a motion on election of a Chair. I recognize Senator McConnell.

Senator MCCONNELL. I move to elect Representative Steil as the Chair of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library for the 119th Congress.

Chairman STEIL. The question now is on the motion.

All those in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman STEIL. All those opposed, no.

[No response.]

Chairman STEIL. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it and the motion is agreed to I now move to elect Senator McConnell as the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on the Library.

The question is now on the motion.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman STEIL. All opposed, no.

[No response.]

Chairman STEIL. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it and the motion is agreed to.

I now call up Committee Resolution 119-1, a resolution to adopt committee rules for the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library for the 119th Congress. Without objection, the reading of the resolution is dispensed with. The resolution is considered read and open for amendment at any point.

Does any Member wish to be heard on the resolution?

[No response.]

Chairman STEIL. The question is now on Committee Resolution 119-1.

All those in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman STEIL. Opposed, no.

[No response.]

Chairman STEIL. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it and the motion is agreed to.

Without objection, staff is authorized to make any necessary and technical conforming changes. Without objection, members will have five calendar days to revise or insert relevant materials into the hearing record.

If there is no further business, I want to thank the Members for their participation, and ask all of us to remain for a photo.

The Committee stands adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:22 p.m., the hearing was adjourned.]