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TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:14 p.m., in Room S-219, the Capitol, Hon. Mitch McConnell, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators McConnell, Fischer, Hagerty, and Padilla.

Also Present: Representatives Steil, Miller, and Morelle.

OPENING STATEMENT OF HONORABLE MITCH MCCONNELL, CHAIRMAN, A UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF KENTUCKY

Chairman MCCONNELL. Okay. A quorum being present, the Joint Committee on Printing will come to order. I thank my colleagues in the Senate and the House for gathering together. The Joint Committee on Printing oversees the operations of the Government Publishing Office, whose role in congressional printing is essential to the legislative process of the Congress. I want to thank Representative Steil for his service as Chair in the 118th Congress and look forward to serving all of you this Congress.

Representative Steil, I recognize you for any comments you want to make or any motions you would like to offer.

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

Representative STEIL. Thank you very much, Senator McConnell and Members of the Committee. The Joint Committee was created in 1846, with the intent of ensuring Congress's activity was printed and distributed across the country and beyond. In the years since, the world and the way we communicate has evolved. It has been a goal of ours on the Committee on House Administration to modernize Congress, and I believe we have an opportunity to do that here. I thank you colleagues from the House and the Senate, and I look forward to working with you.

I now move to elect you, Senator Mitch McConnell, as Chair of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Chairman MCCONNELL. All opposed, say aye.

Senator FISCHER. Opposed or in favor?

Chairman MCCONNELL. All opposed say no, in other words. Sorry about that.

[Laughter.]

Chairman McCONNELL. Okay. I now move to elect Representative Steil as the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Printing for the 119th Congress.

All those in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman McCONNELL. All opposed, nay.

[No response.]

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

The Committee will now proceed to consideration of the committee rules for this Congress, which have only minor technical changes. A copy of the rules can be found in your folders.

Is there any discussion?

[No response.]

Chairman McCONNELL. Seeing none and hearing none, I move to adopt the rules for the Joint Committee on Printing for the 119th Congress.

All in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman McCONNELL. Opposed, no.

[No response.]

Chairman McCONNELL. The ayes have it.

Any other Members seeking recognition?

[No response.]

Chairman McCONNELL. Thank you all very much. The Committee stands adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:17 p.m., the hearing was adjourned.]