

Support for a Committee on the Organization of Congress



In recent years, Congress has had record high disapproval ratings and record low productivity levels. If it is to recover its vitality and esteem, it must change significantly. To do so, it should create a bipartisan Committee on the Congress of Tomorrow with the authority to propose revisions to the rules, procedures, and structures of the Congress.

A resilient Congress is essential to a functioning democracy. However, at this time, citizens, scholars, and even Members of Congress and staff are questioning whether Congress has the capacity to meet the expectations and aspirations of the American people. It is time for Congress to re-examine its structure, processes, and operations through a Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress.



The time for another Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress has come. Members and congressional observers are again clamoring for reforms to overcome dysfunction and restore Congress as the First Branch of government. Establishing a fourth Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress is a reasonable and historically proven mechanism to study, recommend and institute such reforms for the betterment of the institution.

It has been more than four decades since Congress reorganized itself and bolstered its resources to meet the evolving demands of the day. The 21st century is here, and our national legislature is lagging far behind. Congressional reform is desperately overdue.



With most Americans viewing Congress unfavorably, a Committee on the Organization of Congress is essential to rebuilding public trust by improving the legislative branch's functionality. The proposal to create this committee, which enjoys bipartisan support and is ripe for action, is vital for returning to 'regular order,' which is foundational to restoring Congress's capacity to solve problems.