

**Motion: That it be the determination of the Republican National Committee that the amendments to the RNC Rules presented to the 2012 Republican National Convention did not receive a proper vote of adoption and are therefore not recognized as adopted.**

**Effect: The RNC shall continue to operate under the Rules adopted by the 2008 Republican National Convention.**

**Rationale:**

1) When the Chair of the Convention announced that without objection the previous question on the Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business was ordered, multiple delegates objected but were not recognized. These delegates rose to a point of order and continued not to be recognized.

2) Following the ordering of the previous question, delegates rose to claim the time to speak in opposition to the Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business pursuant to Rule XIX(1)(a) of the United States House of Representatives, which states: "Whenever the previous question has been ordered on an otherwise debatable question on which there has been no debate, it shall be in order to debate that question for 40 minutes, equally divided and controlled by a proponent of the question and an opponent." These delegates were not recognized. These delegates rose to a point of order and continued not to be recognized.

3) After being denied the opportunity to speak in opposition, delegates rose to move that the Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business be referred back to the Committee, with instructions, and that that motion be debated for 10 minutes pursuant to Rule XIX(2)(a) of the United States House of Representatives, which states: "2(a) After the previous question has been ordered on passage or adoption of a measure, or pending a motion to that end, it shall be in order to move that the House recommit (or commit, as the case may be) the measure, with or without instructions, to a standing or select committee. For such a motion to recommit, the Speaker shall give preference in recognition to a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who is opposed to the measure. (b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a motion that the House recommit a bill or joint resolution on which the previous question has been ordered to passage shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent.... (c) On demand of the floor manager for the majority, it shall be in order to debate the motion for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent." These delegates were not recognized. These delegates rose to a point of order and continued not to be recognized.

Delegates continued to assert points of order seeking recognition for the above purposes through the presentation of the Report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business and continued to be denied recognition.

Allowing debate is a core principle of procedure that is recognized and protected under House Rules. The actions of the Chair in not allowing forty minutes of debate or a motion to recommit after ordering the previous question on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business violated the Rules of the House and the Rules of the RNC and did not allow the Report to receive a proper vote of adoption.