



As members of the House begin the process of considering and debating a new Rules package for the 116th Congress, BPC Action urges the creation of a new Committee on the Organization on Congress. It is essential that Congress continue the good work of the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform by taking a broader look at committee processes, authorizations, congressional oversight, and relations between the chambers of Congress and the Executive and Legislative branches.

## *Committee on the Organization of Congress*

The Committee on the Organization of Congress is not a new concept: in fact, there have been three since 1945 with the last one in 1993. With most Americans viewing Congress unfavorably, the time is ripe for a new Committee on the Organization of Congress to help rebuild public trust and restore individual members' roles in the legislative-making process. Composed of an equal number from each party and chamber, it would examine Congress's rules and procedures and propose comprehensive reforms to make the institution more efficient, effective, and accountable to the American people.

Legislation supported by nearly 70 members of Congress has already been introduced to create this committee. BPC Action calls on Congress to include the creation of this committee in any rules reform for the 116th Congress.

### **What a Committee on the Organization of Congress Would Do:**

- Evaluate the legislative rules and procedures that control how Congress functions
- Empower members to participate in the legislative process, debate issues, compromise, introduce amendments, and get laws enacted
- Restore vital relationships between members of Congress and constituents, the House and the Senate, and the Legislative and Executive branches