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Resolution Concerning Subcommittee Votes in the House of Delegates in the Virginia General Assembly

Whereas the League of Women Voters of Virginia works to achieve transparency in government, for the benefit of voters, and

Whereas the League of Women Voters of Virginia strives to increase accountability of elected officials to voters, and

Whereas members of the House of Delegates of Virginia acted in 2006 to change the rules for its method of deliberating on proposed legislation, and

Whereas the new rules of the House of Delegates allow subcommittees to take final action on bills (rather than making recommendations to full committee), and

Whereas House subcommittees meet at hours which are inconvenient for citizen attendance and participation, and

Whereas the votes of subcommittees are not currently reported on the Legislative Information System of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

Whereas citizens are unable to know how individual legislators voted on proposed legislation if they cannot attend subcommittee meetings, and the votes go unrecorded,

Therefore, be it resolved that the League of Women Voters of Virginia will appeal to the Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates to restore the previous rules of the House, and

Be it also resolved that the League of Women Voters of Virginia will seek legislative sponsors for a bill requiring that

- All votes in Subcommittees of the House be recorded by the clerk
- All votes in Subcommittees of the House be posted on the Legislative Information System with the same timeliness that applies to votes of full committees

And be it further resolved that the League of Women Voters of Virginia will work for passage of this bill in the 2007 Session, so that voters may learn the full voting record of each Delegate, allowing greater influence on legislation to be restored to our citizens.

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