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SENATE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the Senate of the 102nd General Assembly are amended by changing Rules 2-5, 3-4, 3-8, 3-11, 3-12, and 7-9 and by adding Rules 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8, and 11-9 as follows:

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(Senate Rule 2-5)

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2-5. Powers and Duties of the President.

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(a) The President shall have those powers conferred upon him or her by the Constitution, the laws of Illinois, and any motions or resolutions adopted by the Senate or jointly by the Senate and House.

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(b) Except as provided by law with respect to the Senate Operations Commission, the President is the chief administrative officer of the Senate and shall have those powers necessary to carry out that function. The President may delegate his or her administrative duties as he or she deems appropriate.

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(c) The powers and duties of the President shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1 (1) To preside at all sessions of the Senate, although
2 the President may call on any member to preside
3 temporarily.

4 (2) To open the session at the time at which the Senate
5 is to meet by taking the podium and calling the members to
6 order. The President may call on any member, or the
7 Secretary in case of perfunctory session, to open the
8 session.

9 (3) To announce the business before the Senate in the
10 order in which it is to be acted upon. At the beginning of
11 each legislative day, the President shall announce the
12 bills the Senate shall consider for final action on that
13 day and the order of their consideration. Once announced,
14 this order is not subject to change except by vote of
15 two-thirds of the members present. No bill not included on
16 the President's Daily Final Action Calendar shall be heard
17 on that day.

18 (4) To recognize those members entitled to the floor.

19 (5) To state and put to vote all questions that are
20 regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of
21 the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote.

1 (6) To preserve order and decorum.

2 (7) To decide all points of order, subject to appeal,
3 and to speak thereon in preference to other members.

4 (8) To inform the Senate when necessary, or when any
5 question is raised, on any point of order or practice
6 pertinent to the pending business.

7 (9) To sign or authenticate all acts, proceedings, or
8 orders of the Senate. All writs, warrants, and subpoenas
9 issued by order of the Senate or one of its committees
10 shall be signed by the President and attested by the
11 Secretary.

12 (10) To sign all bills passed by both chambers of the
13 General Assembly in order to certify that the procedural
14 requirements for passage have been met.

15 (11) To have general supervision, including the duty
16 to protect the security and safety, of the Senate chamber,
17 galleries, and adjoining and connecting hallways and
18 passages, including the power to clear them when
19 necessary.

20 (12) To have general supervision of the Secretary and

1 his or her assistants, the Sergeant-at-Arms and his or her
2 assistants, the majority caucus staff, and all employees
3 of the Senate except the minority caucus staff.

4 (13) To determine the number of majority caucus
5 members and minority caucus members to be appointed to all
6 committees, except the Committee on Assignments created by
7 Rule 3-5.

8 (14) To appoint or replace all majority caucus members
9 of committees and to designate all Chairpersons,
10 Co-Chairpersons, and Vice-Chairpersons of committees,
11 except as the Senate otherwise orders in accordance with
12 these Senate Rules.

13 (15) To enforce all constitutional provisions,
14 statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the Senate.

15 (16) To guide and direct the proceedings of the Senate
16 subject to the control and will of the members as provided
17 in these Senate Rules.

18 (17) To direct the Secretary during regular session,
19 veto session, special session, or perfunctory session to
20 read into the Senate record legislative measures and other
21 papers.

1 (18) To direct the Secretary to correct
2 non-substantive errors in the Journal.

3 (19) To assign meeting places and meeting times to
4 committees.

5 (20) To decide, subject to the control and will of the
6 members in accordance with these Senate Rules, all
7 questions relating to the priority of business.

8 (21) To appoint a parliamentarian to serve at the
9 pleasure of the President.

10 (22) To promulgate forms for nominees subject to the
11 advice and consent of the Senate, for temporary
12 appointment messages, and for messages designating acting
13 appointees.

14 (23) To promulgate forms for members of the Senate to
15 disclose conflicts under the Illinois Governmental Ethics
16 Act.

17 (d) This Rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of
18 the members elected.

19 (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)

1 (Senate Rule 3-4)

2 3-4. Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the
3 Senate are as follows:

4 The Committee on AGRICULTURE shall consider and report
5 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to animals,
6 animal disease, pest control, agriculture, food production,
7 and soil and water.

8 The Committee on APPROPRIATIONS I shall consider and
9 report upon all bills and matters referred to it relating to
10 general appropriations and disbursement of public money.

11 The Committee on APPROPRIATIONS II shall consider and
12 report upon all bills and matters referred to it relating to
13 general appropriations and disbursement of public money.

14 The Committee on COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT shall
15 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
16 relating to business regulation, consumer protection,
17 commerce, and economic development.

18 The Committee on CRIMINAL LAW shall consider and report
19 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to criminal
20 laws, probate, and corrections.

1 The Committee on EDUCATION shall consider and report upon
2 bills and matters referred to it relating to kindergarten,
3 elementary, secondary, and vocational education and schools.

4 The Committee on ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES shall
5 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
6 relating to energy, energy policy planning and regulation, and
7 public utilities.

8 The Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION shall
9 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
10 relating to the air, water and other natural resources of the
11 state, conservation, recreation, pollution control, fisheries
12 and game, state parks and forests, and water resources and
13 flood and erosion control.

14 The Committee on GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND ETHICS
15 shall consider and report upon bills and matters referred to
16 it relating to ethics, good government, and government
17 accountability.

18 The EXECUTIVE Committee shall consider and report upon
19 bills and matters referred to it relating to elections,
20 constitutional amendments, gaming, cannabis, and liquor.

1 The Committee on EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS shall consider and
2 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
3 nominations, appointments by the Governor and all other
4 appointments requiring confirmation.

5 The Committee on FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS shall consider and
6 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to banks
7 and banking, savings and loan associations, stocks, bonds, and
8 other securities, securities dealers, partnerships and
9 corporations, and home mortgage financing.

10 The Committee on HUMAN SERVICES shall consider and report
11 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to public
12 assistance, youth services, day care programs, foster care,
13 homelessness, and the promotion and general well-being of
14 youth, families, and the elderly.

15 The Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION shall consider and
16 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
17 public and independent institutions of higher education,
18 private occupational schools, and post-secondary education.

19 The Committee on INSURANCE shall consider and report upon
20 bills and matters referred to it relating to insurance.

21 The Committee on JUDICIARY shall consider matters

1 pertaining to state and local courts, court clerks and
2 stenographers and other employees of the courts, civil
3 procedures, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy, escheat, law
4 libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of
5 land records and other public documents, and other issues
6 directly related to the judicial system.

7 The Committee on LABOR shall consider and report upon
8 bills and matters referred to it relating to labor-management
9 relations, industrial safety, unemployment compensation, and
10 workers' compensation.

11 The Committee on LICENSED ACTIVITIES shall consider and
12 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
13 licensed professions and industries.

14 The Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT shall consider and
15 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to local
16 governments.

17 The Committee on PENSIONS shall consider and report upon
18 bills and matters referred to it relating to the regulation
19 and administration of public pensions.

20 The Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH shall consider and report
21 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to public

1 health, emergency medical services, nursing homes,
2 vaccinations, and like issues.

3 The Committee on REVENUE shall consider and report upon
4 bills and matters referred to it relating to levying,
5 increasing, reducing, collecting, enforcing, and
6 administrating taxes and other revenue-producing measures.

7 The Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT shall consider and
8 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to state
9 government and state agencies, except where the subject matter
10 relates more appropriately to another committee, state
11 procurement, statutory revisions, and the management of state
12 facilities and property.

13 The Committee on TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION
14 TECHNOLOGY shall consider and report upon bills and matters
15 referred to it relating to technology, telecommunications, and
16 the regulatory and privacy issues involved with technology and
17 telecommunications.

18 The Committee on TRANSPORTATION shall consider and report
19 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to motor
20 vehicles; traffic regulation, highways, railways, airports,
21 air transportation, common carriers or other forms of
22 transportation, and ports, harbors, and docks.

1 The Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS shall consider and
2 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
3 military affairs, the National Guard, Reserve and veterans.

4 ~~AGRICULTURE~~

5 ~~APPROPRIATIONS~~

6 ~~BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH~~

7 ~~COMMERCE~~

8 ~~CRIMINAL LAW~~

9 ~~EDUCATION~~

10 ~~ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES~~

11 ~~ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION~~

12 ~~ETHICS~~

13 ~~EXECUTIVE~~

14 ~~EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS~~

1 ~~FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS~~

2 ~~HEALTH~~

3 ~~HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY~~

4 ~~HUMAN RIGHTS~~

5 ~~HIGHER EDUCATION~~

6 ~~INSURANCE~~

7 ~~JUDICIARY~~

8 ~~LABOR~~

9 ~~LICENSED ACTIVITIES~~

10 ~~LOCAL GOVERNMENT~~

11 ~~PENSIONS~~

12 ~~PUBLIC SAFETY~~

13 ~~REDISTRICTING~~

1 ~~REVENUE~~

2 ~~STATE GOVERNMENT~~

3 ~~TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY~~

4 ~~TRANSPORTATION~~

5 ~~VETERANS AFFAIRS~~

6 (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)

7 (Senate Rule 3-8)

8 3-8. Referrals to Committees.

9 (a) All Senate Bills and House Bills shall, after having
10 been initially read by the Secretary, be automatically
11 referred to the Committee on Assignments, which, at its next
12 meeting, shall ~~may~~ thereafter refer any bill before it to the
13 appropriate ~~a~~ committee. The Committee on Assignments shall
14 ~~may~~ refer any resolution before it to the appropriate ~~a~~
15 committee or approve the resolution for consideration. The
16 Committee on Assignments shall assign all Senate Bills and
17 House Bills to the appropriate subject-matter committee. A
18 committee's subject-matter jurisdiction extends to all matters
19 reasonably comprehended in the name of the committee and
20 pursuant to Rule 3-4. No bill or resolution may be referred to

1 a committee except pursuant to this Rule or Rule 7-17. A
2 standing or special committee may refer a matter pending in
3 that committee to a subcommittee of that committee. When the
4 Committee on Assignments is of the opinion that a legislative
5 measure should be considered by more than one committee, at
6 the time of referring it, the Committee may direct that when
7 the committee to which it is referred completes its
8 consideration thereof and makes a recommendation with respect
9 thereto, the committee's report shall also recommend that it
10 be referred to the additional committee or committees as
11 directed by the Committee on Assignments. When a legislative
12 measure is so reported, it shall automatically be referred as
13 directed. Except for subcommittees created under Rule
14 3-3(a-5), the Committee on Assignments may not refer a
15 legislative measure to any subcommittee of a standing or
16 special committee.

17 (b) All floor amendments, joint action motions for final
18 action, and conference committee reports shall, upon filing
19 with the Secretary, be automatically referred to the Committee
20 on Assignments. No such amendment, joint action motion, or
21 conference committee report may be considered by the Senate
22 unless approved for consideration by the Committee on
23 Assignments. The Committee on Assignments may approve for
24 consideration to the Senate any floor amendment, joint action
25 motion for final action, or conference committee report that:

1 (i) consists of language that has previously been favorably
2 reported to the Senate by a committee; (ii) consists of
3 technical or clarifying language; or (iii) consists of
4 language deemed by the Committee on Assignments to be of an
5 emergency nature, of substantial importance to the operation
6 of government, or in the best interests of Illinois. The
7 Committee on Assignments may refer any floor amendment, joint
8 action motion for final action, or conference committee report
9 to a committee for its review and consideration (in those
10 instances, and notwithstanding any other provision of these
11 Senate Rules, the committee may hold a hearing on and consider
12 those legislative measures pursuant to twenty-four hours
13 ~~one-hour~~ advance notice, with the exception of amendments to
14 appropriations bills which require seventy-two hour advance
15 notice). Any floor amendment, joint action motion for final
16 action, or conference committee report that is not approved
17 for consideration or referred by the Committee on Assignments,
18 and is attempted to be acted upon by a committee shall be out
19 of order, except as provided for under Rule 8-4.

20 (b-1) A floor amendment filed by the chief sponsor of a
21 bill shall be automatically referred to the standing committee
22 from which the bill was reported (or to another standing
23 committee as the Committee on Assignments may determine) upon
24 adjournment of the Senate on the third regular session day
25 following the day on which the floor amendment was filed,

1 unless (i) the Committee on Assignments referred the floor
2 amendment to a standing committee or acted on the floor
3 amendment in the first instance and referred it to the Senate
4 for consideration; (ii) the bill is no longer pending before
5 the Senate; (iii) the floor amendment deals with the subject
6 of appropriations or State revenue; or (iv) the Committee on
7 Assignments has determined by a majority vote that the floor
8 amendment substantively alters the nature and scope of the
9 underlying bill. If the Committee on Assignments makes a
10 determination under item (iv) of this subsection, then the
11 Committee on Assignments shall ~~may, in its discretion, (A)~~
12 refer the floor amendment to the appropriate ~~any~~ standing
13 committee ~~or (B) not refer the floor amendment to any other~~
14 ~~committee.~~

15 (c) All committee amendments shall, upon filing with the
16 Secretary, be automatically referred to the Committee on
17 Assignments. No committee amendment may be considered by a
18 committee unless the committee amendment is referred to the
19 committee by the Committee on Assignments and the committee
20 amendment has first been made available electronically or
21 otherwise for not less than twenty-four hours, with the
22 exception of amendments to appropriations bills which require
23 seventy-two hour advance notice ~~one hour~~. Any committee
24 amendment referred by the Committee on Assignments shall be
25 referred to the committee before which the underlying bill or

1 resolution is pending. Any committee amendment that is not
2 referred by the Committee on Assignments to a committee, and
3 is attempted to be acted upon by a committee shall be out of
4 order.

5 (c-1) A committee amendment filed by the chief sponsor of
6 a bill shall be automatically referred to the standing
7 committee to which the bill was assigned upon adjournment of
8 the Senate on the third regular session day following the day
9 on which the committee amendment was filed, unless (i) the
10 Committee on Assignments referred the committee amendment to
11 the standing committee to which the bill was assigned; (ii)
12 the bill is no longer pending before the committee; (iii) the
13 committee amendment deals with the subject of appropriations
14 or State revenue; or (iv) the Committee on Assignments has
15 determined by a majority vote that the committee amendment
16 substantively alters the nature and scope of the underlying
17 bill. If the Committee on Assignments makes a determination
18 under item (iv) of this subsection, then the Committee on
19 Assignments shall ~~may, in its discretion, (A)~~ refer both the
20 bill and the committee amendment to the appropriate ~~any~~
21 standing committee ~~or (B) not refer the committee amendment to~~
22 ~~any other committee.~~

23 (d) The Committee on Assignments may at any time re-refer
24 a legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the

1 Whole or to any other appropriate committee. However, the
2 Committee on Assignments may not re-refer a bill from a
3 committee to a Committee of the Whole or any other committee
4 unless the Chair of the committee to which the bill was
5 originally referred consents in writing to the re-referral.

6 ~~(d 5) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Senate~~
7 ~~Rules, any bill pending before the Committee on Assignments~~
8 ~~shall be immediately referred to the indicated standing~~
9 ~~committee if the chief sponsor of the bill files a discharge~~
10 ~~motion for that bill that is signed by no less than~~
11 ~~three-fifths of the members of both the majority and minority~~
12 ~~caucus, and each of the members signing the discharge motion~~
13 ~~is a sponsor of the bill. This subsection does not apply to~~
14 ~~bills dealing with the subject of appropriations or State~~
15 ~~revenue.~~

16 (e) This Rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of
17 the members elected.

18 (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)

19 (Senate Rule 3-11)

20 3-11. Committee Procedure.

21 (a) A committee may consider any legislative measure
22 referred to it and may make with respect to that legislative
23 measure one of the following reports to the Senate or to the

1 parent committee, as appropriate:

2 (1) that the bill "do pass";

3 (2) that the bill "do not pass";

4 (3) that the bill "do pass as amended";

5 (4) that the bill "do not pass as amended";

6 (5) that the resolution "be adopted";

7 (6) that the resolution "be not adopted";

8 (7) that the resolution "be adopted as amended";

9 (8) that the resolution "be not adopted as amended";

10 (9) that the floor amendment, joint action motion, or
11 conference committee report "recommend do adopt";

12 (10) that the floor amendment, joint action motion, or
13 conference committee report "recommend do not adopt";

14 (11) "without recommendation";

1 (12) that the legislative measure "be re-referred to
2 the Committee on Assignments";

3 (13) that the Appointment Message be reported "do
4 recommend consent"; or

5 (14) that the Appointment Message be reported "do not
6 recommend consent".

7 No second shall be required to any motion presented in
8 committee. Any of the foregoing reports may only be made upon
9 the concurrence of a majority of those appointed. All
10 legislative measures reported "do pass", "do pass as amended",
11 "be adopted", "be adopted as amended", or "be approved for
12 consideration" shall be deemed favorably reported to the
13 Senate. All Appointment Messages reported "do recommend
14 consent", "do not recommend consent", or "without
15 recommendation" shall be deemed reported to the Senate. Except
16 as otherwise provided by these Senate Rules, any legislative
17 measure referred to a committee and not reported pursuant to
18 this Rule shall remain in that committee. Pursuant to Rules
19 3-11(g) and 7-10, a committee may report a legislative measure
20 as tabled.

21 (b) No bill that provides for an appropriation or
22 expenditure of money from the State Treasury may be considered

1 for passage by the Senate unless it has first been reported to
2 the Senate by an Appropriations Committee, unless:

3 (1) the bill was discharged from an Appropriations
4 Committee in accordance with Rule 7-9;

5 (2) the bill was exempted from this requirement by a
6 majority of those appointed to the Committee on
7 Assignments; or

8 (3) this Rule was suspended in accordance with Rule
9 7-17.

10 (c) The Chair of each committee shall keep, or cause to be
11 kept, a record in which there shall be entered:

12 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the
13 committee.

14 (2) The attendance of committee members at each
15 meeting.

16 (3) The votes cast by the committee members on all
17 legislative measures acted upon by the committee.

18 (4) All witness slips that may have been presented to

1 the committee.

2 (5) Such additional information as may be requested by
3 the Secretary.

4 (d) The committee Chair shall file with the Secretary,
5 along with every bill or resolution reported upon, a sheet
6 containing such information as is required by the Secretary.
7 The Secretary may adopt forms, policies, and procedures with
8 respect to the preparation, filing, and maintenance of these
9 reports.

10 (e) Except as provided in Rule 3-5 or 3-8 or unless this
11 Rule is suspended pursuant to Rule 7-17, no committee may
12 consider or conduct a hearing with respect to a legislative
13 measure absent notice first being given as follows:

14 (1) The Chair of the committee shall, no later than
15 six days before any proposed hearing, post a notice on the
16 Senate bulletin board, or electronically make the notice
17 available, identifying each legislative measure that may
18 be considered during that hearing. The notice shall
19 contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing.

20 (2) Meetings of the Committee on Assignments may be
21 called pursuant to Rule 3-5; meetings of committees to

1 consider floor amendments, joint action motions, and
2 conference committee reports may be called pursuant to
3 Rule 3-8.

4 (3) The Chair shall, in advance of a committee
5 hearing, notify all principal sponsors of legislative
6 measures posted for hearing of the date, time, and place
7 of hearing. When practicable, the Secretary shall include
8 a notice of all scheduled hearings, together with all
9 posted bills and resolutions, in the Daily Calendar of the
10 Senate.

11 Irrespective of whether a legislative measure has been posted
12 for hearing, it shall be in order for a committee during any of
13 its meetings to refer that legislative measure pending before
14 it to a subcommittee of that committee.

15 (f) Other than the Committee on Assignments and properly
16 convened committees as permitted by Rule 4-1(c), no committee
17 may meet during any session of the Senate, and no commission
18 created by Illinois law that has legislative membership may
19 meet during any session of the Senate. A perfunctory session
20 is not deemed to be a session for the purposes of this
21 provision.

22 (g) Regardless of whether notice has been previously

1 given, it is always in order for a committee to order any
2 legislative measure pending before it to lie on the table when
3 the principal sponsor so requests. When reported to the
4 Senate, such committee action shall stand as the action of the
5 Senate.

6 (h) When a committee fails to report a legislative measure
7 pending before it to the Senate, or when a committee fails to
8 hold a public hearing on a legislative measure pending before
9 it, a majority of the committee, by written petition, may
10 require the Chair to schedule a committee hearing to hear the
11 bill or resolution and related subject-matter testimony ~~the~~
12 ~~exclusive means of bringing that legislative measure directly~~
13 ~~before the Senate for its consideration is pursuant to Rule~~
14 ~~7-9.~~

15 (i) No legislative measure may be called for a vote in
16 committee in the absence of the principal sponsor, except
17 that, with the approval of the principal sponsor and the
18 consent of the committee, a legislative measure may be called
19 for a vote in committee by a chief cosponsor of the legislative
20 measure or by a member of the committee who is a member of the
21 same caucus as the principal sponsor.

22 (j) A committee may conduct a legislative investigation
23 with regard to legislative measures pending before the

1 committee.

2 (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)

3 (Senate Rule 3-12)

4 3-12. Committee Reports.

5 (a) All bills favorably reported to the Senate from a
6 committee or directed committees, or with respect to which a
7 committee has been discharged, shall stand on the order of
8 Second Reading unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, and may
9 be amended only on Second Reading. Bills reported to the
10 Senate from committee "do not pass", "do not pass as amended",
11 or "without recommendation" shall lie on the table.

12 (b) All floor amendments, joint action motions, and
13 conference committee reports favorably reported to the Senate
14 from a committee shall be before the Senate and eligible for
15 consideration by the Senate when it is on an appropriate order
16 of business (floor amendments may be considered by the Senate
17 only when the bill to be amended is on Second Reading). All
18 floor amendments, joint action motions, and conference
19 committee reports that are reported to the Senate from
20 committee "recommend do not adopt" or "without recommendation"
21 shall lie on the table.

22 (c) All resolutions favorably reported to the Senate from
23 a committee, or with respect to which a committee has been

1 discharged, shall stand on the order of Resolutions. All
2 resolutions that are reported to the Senate from committee "be
3 not adopted", "be not adopted as amended", or "without
4 recommendation" shall lie on the table. Floor amendments to
5 resolutions shall be subject to the same procedure applicable
6 to floor amendments to bills.

7 (d) All Appointment Messages reported to the Senate from a
8 committee or directed committees, or with respect to which a
9 committee has been discharged, shall stand on the order of
10 Executive Appointments.

11 (e) The minority of a committee may make a report in
12 writing, signed by at least two members of the committee,
13 setting forth succinctly the reasons for their dissent. The
14 names of those members of the committee who concur with the
15 minority report may be included in the report. Notice of a
16 minority report must be given when the majority report is read
17 and shall be recorded in the Journal of the Senate. A minority
18 report must be filed with the Secretary of the Senate before
19 the Third Reading and consideration of the bill or resolution
20 dissented to and shall also become a part of the official
21 archives of the Senate.

22 (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)

23 (Senate Rule 7-9)

1 7-9. Discharge of Committee.

2 (a) A committee may be discharged from further
3 consideration of a legislative measure by a vote of a majority
4 ~~three-fifths~~ of the members elected. ~~Upon concurrence of a~~
5 ~~majority of those appointed, the Committee on Assignments may~~
6 ~~advance any legislative measure pending before it to the~~
7 ~~Senate without referral to another committee; however, the~~
8 ~~Committee on Assignments shall not so report any bill that has~~
9 ~~never been before a standing committee of the Senate.~~

10 (b) This Rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of
11 the members elected.

12 (Source: S.R. 2, 102nd G.A.)

13 (Senate Rule 11-3 new)

14 11-3. Special Investigating Committee.

15 (a) Disciplinary proceedings may be commenced by filing
16 with the President and the Minority Leader a petition, signed
17 by 3 or more members of the Senate, for a special investigating
18 committee. The petition shall contain the alleged charge or
19 charges that, if true, may subject the member named in the
20 petition to disciplinary action by the Senate and may include
21 any other factual information that supports the charge or
22 charges.

23 (b) Upon filing the petition, a special investigating

1 committee consisting of 6 members shall be created. The
2 President shall appoint 3 members from the majority caucus and
3 the Minority Leader shall appoint 3 members from the minority
4 caucus. The President shall appoint the Chairperson from among
5 the 6 members. Members signing the petition may not be
6 appointed to the special investigating committee. If the
7 President is the subject of inquiry of the Special
8 Investigating Committee, the President shall not appoint any
9 members and instead the majority caucus shall appoint 3
10 members to the committee. If the Minority Leader is the
11 subject of inquiry of the Special Investigating Committee, the
12 Minority Leader shall not appoint any members and instead the
13 minority caucus shall appoint 3 members to the committee. The
14 contents of a petition for a special investigating committee
15 shall be confidential until the appointment of all members
16 except as to the member named, the members signing it, the
17 President, the Minority Leader, and the members of a special
18 investigating committee.

19 (c) The Chairperson shall give reasonable notice of all
20 meetings to the member named in the petition and to the public.
21 All meetings of the special investigating committee shall be
22 open to the public, unless, pursuant to Article IV, Section
23 5(c) of the Illinois Constitution, the Senate votes by the
24 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members to hold
25 proceedings in executive session. The Secretary shall keep an

1 audio recording and transcript of all meetings.

2 (d) The member named in the petition has the right to
3 counsel during all meetings of the special investigating
4 committee.

5 (e) The Chairperson may establish procedural rules
6 (subject to the approval of the President). The Committee may,
7 in the discretion of the Chairperson, administer oaths and
8 compel by subpoena (subject to Rule 2-5(c)(9)) any person to
9 appear and give testimony as a witness or produce papers,
10 documents, or other materials relevant to the charge or
11 charges.

12 (Senate Rule 11-4 new)

13 11-4. Investigation.

14 (a) At the initial meeting of the special investigating
15 committee, the Chairperson shall enter the petition into the
16 record.

17 (b) The special investigating committee shall conduct a
18 thorough investigation of all charges alleged in the petition.
19 The special investigating committee shall meet as often as
20 necessary and consider any information or testimony it deems
21 relevant to the charges alleged in the petition, regardless of
22 whether such information was contained in the petition or is

1 discovered through subsequent investigation.

2 (c) The special investigating committee shall give the
3 member named in the petition an opportunity to be present at
4 all meetings and to testify or otherwise present any relevant
5 information.

6 (d) The special investigating committee shall determine if
7 reasonable grounds exist to authorize charges against the
8 member named in the petition that may result in disciplinary
9 action by the Senate. The special investigating committee
10 shall vote on each charge alleged in the petition by record
11 vote. A motion to authorize a charge requires the affirmative
12 vote of a majority of those appointed.

13 (Senate Rule 11-5 new)

14 11-5. Report of the Special Investigating Committee.

15 (a) The special investigating committee shall file with
16 the Secretary a written report that includes, at a minimum, a
17 summary of each charge alleged in the petition, the vote on
18 each charge alleged in the petition, and the reasons the
19 committee did or did not authorize each charge against the
20 member. Any member of the special investigating committee may
21 include a supplemental statement in the report, either
22 concurring with or dissenting from all or part of the report,
23 or explaining a reason for his or her vote on a charge. The

1 report shall be signed by all of the members of the special
2 investigating committee, regardless of their original vote in
3 the committee proceedings on whether to authorize charges.

4 (b) If a majority of those appointed determines that
5 reasonable grounds exist to authorize a charge or charges,
6 then for each authorized charge the report shall include a
7 statement of the authorized charge and any factual information
8 supporting that charge. Within the report, the special
9 investigating committee shall appoint 2 members of the Senate,
10 one from the majority caucus and one from the minority caucus,
11 who are not members of the special investigating committee and
12 did not sign the petition, to be managers for the Senate at the
13 hearing on the authorized charge or charges.

14 (Senate Rule 11-6 new)

15 11-6. Select Committee on Discipline.

16 (a) If a special investigating committee authorizes
17 charges against any member of the Senate, the President and
18 the Minority Leader shall appoint a select committee on
19 discipline to hear and determine those charges. The select
20 committee shall consist of 12 members of the Senate, 6 of whom
21 shall be appointed by the President from the majority caucus
22 and 6 of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader from
23 the minority caucus. The President shall appoint a Chairperson
24 from among the 12 members. No member who signed the petition or

1 served on the special investigating committee may be appointed
2 to the select committee.

3 (b) All appointments to a select committee shall be
4 completed and the select committee shall convene within 30
5 days after the filing of a report issued by the special
6 investigating committee.

7 (c) The Chairperson shall give reasonable notice of all
8 meetings to the member named in the petition and to the public.
9 All meetings of the select committee shall be open to the
10 public, unless, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(c) of the
11 Illinois Constitution, the Senate votes by the affirmative
12 vote of two-thirds of the members to hold proceedings in
13 executive session. The Secretary shall keep an audio recording
14 and transcript of all meetings.

15 (d) The Chairperson may establish procedural rules
16 (subject to the approval of the President). The select
17 committee may, at the discretion of the Chairperson,
18 administer oaths and compel by subpoena (subject to Rule
19 2-5(c)(9)) any person to appear and give testimony as a
20 witness or produce papers, documents, or other materials
21 relevant to the charge or charges.

22 (Senate Rule 11-7 new)

1 11-7. Hearings on Disciplinary Charges.

2 (a) Proceedings before the select committee shall be
3 adversarial in form, with the managers for the Senate
4 presenting the case for disciplinary action. The member
5 subject to charges has the right to counsel during all
6 hearings of the select committee.

7 (b) Stipulations of fact shall be encouraged by the select
8 committee.

9 (Senate Rule 11-8 new)

10 11-8. Report of the Select Committee on Discipline.

11 (a) The select committee shall vote on each charge by
12 record vote. For each charge the select committee shall vote
13 on the question, "Is the Member at fault on this charge?" If a
14 majority of those appointed vote in the affirmative, the
15 member shall be found at fault on that charge. If less than a
16 majority of those appointed vote in the affirmative, it shall
17 be reported that there is insufficient evidence to find the
18 member at fault on that charge.

19 (b) If the select committee finds the member at fault on
20 any charge, the committee shall adopt a recommendation for
21 disciplinary action. The committee may recommend a reprimand,
22 a censure, expulsion from the Senate, or that no penalty be
23 invoked. The recommendation on disciplinary action requires an

1 affirmative vote of the majority of those appointed. If a
2 majority of those appointed cannot, by record vote, agree on a
3 penalty, it shall report a recommendation that no penalty be
4 invoked.

5 (c) The select committee shall file a report of its
6 findings on each charge. The report shall include, at a
7 minimum, the vote of the committee on each charge, the reasons
8 for each conclusion, and any recommendation as to a penalty
9 for a finding of fault on a charge. Any member of the select
10 committee may include a supplemental statement in the report,
11 either concurring with or dissenting from all or part of the
12 report, or explaining a reason for his or her vote on a charge.

13 (d) If the select committee finds the member at fault on
14 any charge, the select committee shall file a resolution that
15 includes its findings, the charge, and the recommended penalty
16 for that charge. Separate resolutions must be filed for each
17 charge.

18 (Senate Rule 11-9 new)

19 11-9. Senate Action on the Report of the Select Committee
20 on Discipline.

21 (a) The report of a select committee and any accompanying
22 resolution shall be filed with the Secretary and reproduced
23 and distributed as provided in Rule 5-4. The report and any

1 accompanying resolutions shall be placed on the calendar under
2 the heading "Report and Resolutions of Select Committee on
3 Discipline". The report and resolutions shall be carried on
4 the Daily Calendar for 2 legislative days before any action by
5 the Senate.

6 (b) The Senate shall take action by a record vote on each
7 resolution. The Senate may amend a resolution for disciplinary
8 action to decrease the recommended penalty by a record vote of
9 a majority of the members elected.

10 (c) A resolution finding a member at fault regarding a
11 charge may be adopted only by the affirmative vote of
12 three-fifths of the members elected, except that a resolution
13 the effect of which is to expel a member may be adopted only by
14 the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected.