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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 98th General
5 Assembly are amended by changing Rules 4, 9, 15, 16, 18, 19,
6 21, 22, 28, 31, 37, 37.5, 40, 43, 44, 45, 51, 52, 75, and 102
7 and by adding Rules 42.1 and 76.5 as follows:

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(House Rule 4)

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4. The Speaker.

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(a) The Speaker has those powers conferred upon him or her
11 by the Constitution, the laws of Illinois, and any motions or
12 resolutions adopted by the House or jointly by the House and
13 Senate.

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(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Speaker is the
15 chief administrative officer of the House and has those powers
16 necessary to carry out those functions. The Speaker may
17 delegate administrative duties as he or she deems appropriate.

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(c) The duties of the Speaker include the following:

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(1) To preside at all sessions of the House, although
20 the Speaker may call on any member to preside temporarily
21 as Presiding Officer.

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(2) To open the session at the time at which the House
23 is to meet by taking the chair and calling the members to
24 order. The Speaker may call on any member to open the

1 session as Presiding Officer.

2 (3) To announce the business before the House in the
3 order upon which it is to be acted, except as limited by
4 these House Rules. The Presiding Officer shall perform this
5 duty during the period that he or she is presiding.

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

7 (5) To state and put to a vote all questions that are
8 regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of
9 the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote.

10 (6) To preserve order and decorum.

11 (7) To decide all points of order, subject to appeal,
12 and to speak on these points in preference to other
13 members.

14 (8) To inform the House when necessary, or when any
15 question is raised, on any point of order or practice
16 pertinent to the pending business.

17 (9) To sign or authenticate all acts, proceedings, or
18 orders of the House. All writs, warrants, and subpoenae
19 issued by order of the House, or any of its committees,
20 shall be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.

21 (10) To sign all bills passed by both chambers of the
22 General Assembly to certify that the procedural
23 requirements for passage have been met.

24 (11) To have general supervision of the House Chamber,
25 House galleries, House committee rooms and chapel, and
26 adjoining and connecting hallways and passages, including

1 the duty to protect their security and safety and the power
2 to clear them when necessary. The House Chamber shall not
3 be used without permission of the Speaker.

4 (12) To have general supervision of the Clerk and his
5 or her assistants, the Doorkeeper and his or her
6 assistants, the majority caucus staff, the
7 parliamentarians, and all employees of the House except the
8 minority caucus staff.

9 (13) To determine the number of majority caucus members
10 and minority caucus members to be appointed to all
11 committees, except the Rules Committee created by Rule 15
12 and those committees that may be created under Article XII
13 of these Rules.

14 (14) To appoint all Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, and
15 Vice-Chairpersons of committees (from either the majority
16 or minority caucus), and to appoint all majority caucus
17 members of committees.

18 (15) To enforce all constitutional provisions,
19 statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the House.

20 (16) To guide and direct the proceedings of the House
21 subject to the control and will of the members.

22 (17) To direct the Clerk to correct non-substantive
23 errors in the Journal.

24 (18) To assign meeting places and meeting times to
25 committees and subcommittees.

26 (19) To perform any other duties assigned to the

1 Speaker by these House Rules or jointly by the House and
2 Senate.

3 (20) To decide, subject to these House Rules and the
4 control and will of the members, all questions relating to
5 the priority of business.

6 (21) To issue, in cooperation with the Comptroller and
7 after clearance with the United States Internal Revenue
8 Service, written regulations covering administration of
9 contingent expense allowances of members of the House.

10 (22) To appoint one or more parliamentarians to serve
11 at the pleasure of the Speaker.

12 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
13 of 71 members elected.

14 (House Rule 9)

15 9. Schedule.

16 (a) The Speaker shall periodically establish a schedule of
17 days on which the House shall convene in regular, perfunctory,
18 and veto session, with that schedule subject to revision at the
19 discretion of the Speaker.

20 (b) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule deadlines at his
21 or her discretion for any action on any category of legislative
22 measure as the Speaker deems appropriate, including deadlines
23 for the following legislative actions:

24 (1) Final day to request bills from the Legislative
25 Reference Bureau.

1 (2) Final day for introduction of bills.

2 (3) Final day for standing committees of the House to
3 report House bills, except House appropriation bills.

4 (4) Final day for standing committees of the House to
5 report House appropriation bills.

6 (5) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House
7 bills, except House appropriation bills.

8 (6) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House
9 appropriation bills.

10 (7) Final day for standing committees of the House to
11 report Senate appropriation bills.

12 (8) Final day for standing committees of the House to
13 report Senate bills, except appropriation bills.

14 (9) Final day for special committees to report to the
15 House.

16 (10) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate
17 appropriation bills.

18 (11) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate
19 bills, except appropriation bills.

20 (12) Final day for consideration of joint action
21 motions and conference committee reports.

22 Deadlines do not apply to legislative measures on the
23 Petition Calendar.

24 (c) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule any necessary
25 deadlines for legislative action during any special session of
26 the House. The Speaker may establish a Weekly Order of Business

1 or a Daily Order of Business setting forth the date and
2 approximate time at which specific legislative measures may be
3 considered by the House. The Weekly Order of Business or Daily
4 Order of Business is effective upon being filed by the Speaker
5 with the Clerk and takes the place of the standing order of
6 business for the amount of time necessary for its completion.
7 Nothing in this Rule, ~~however,~~ limits the Speaker's or
8 Presiding Officer's powers under Rule 4(c)(3) or Rule 43(a);
9 however, this Rule is subject to the limitations of Rule 31.

10 (d) The foregoing deadlines, or any revisions to those
11 deadlines, are effective upon being filed by the Speaker with
12 the Clerk. The Clerk shall journalize those deadlines.

13 (e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
14 of 71 members elected.

15 (House Rule 15)

16 15. Rules Committee.

17 (a) The Rules Committee is created as a permanent
18 committee. The Rules Committee shall consist of 5 members, 3
19 appointed by the Speaker and 2 appointed by the Minority
20 Leader. The Speaker and the Minority Leader are each eligible
21 to be appointed to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee may
22 conduct business when a majority of the total number of its
23 members has been appointed.

24 (b) The majority caucus members of the Rules Committee
25 shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker, and the minority

1 caucus members shall serve at the pleasure of the Minority
2 Leader. Appointments shall be by notice filed with the Clerk,
3 and shall be effective for the balance of the term or until a
4 replacement appointment is made, whichever first occurs.
5 Appointments take effect upon filing with the Clerk, regardless
6 of whether the House is in session. Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of these Rules, any Representative who is replaced on
8 the Rules Committee may be re-appointed to the Rules Committee
9 without concurrence of the House.

10 (c) The Rules Committee shall not consider or conduct a
11 hearing with respect to a subject matter or a legislative
12 measure absent notice first being given as follows:

13 (1) One hour advance notice for the consideration of
14 any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
15 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
16 amendment.

17 (2) Seventy-two hours advance notice to consider the
18 referral of bills to committees of the House or joint
19 committees of the House and Senate.

20 (3) Twenty-four hours advance notice for hearings held
21 for purposes not specified in items (1) and (2) of this
22 subsection (c).

23 (c-1) The Chairperson of the Rules Committee shall post the
24 notice required under subsection (c) on the House bulletin
25 board identifying each subject matter and each legislative
26 measure that may be considered during the hearing. The notice

1 shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. This
2 subsection may not be suspended.

3 (c-2) The posting requirements of items (2) and (3) of
4 subsection (c) of this Rule may be reduced to a one-hour
5 advance notice upon the adoption of a motion by 71 members
6 elected. The posting requirement of item (1) of subsection (c)
7 of this Rule may not be suspended. Notice requirements for
8 hearings may be suspended only as authorized by this
9 subsection, and no hearing shall be conducted with less than a
10 one-hour advance notice. This subsection may not be suspended.

11 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, the Rules~~
12 ~~Committee may meet upon reasonable public notice that includes~~
13 ~~a statement of the subjects to be considered. All legislative~~
14 ~~measures pending before the Rules Committee are eligible for~~
15 ~~consideration at any of its meetings, and all of those~~
16 ~~legislative measures are deemed posted for hearing by the Rules~~
17 ~~Committee for all of its meetings.~~

18 (d) Upon concurrence of a majority of those appointed, the
19 Rules Committee may advance any legislative measure pending
20 before it to the House, without referral to another committee;
21 except that (i) the Rules Committee, ~~however,~~ shall not so
22 report any bill that has never been favorably reported by or
23 discharged from a standing committee or a special committee of
24 the House or recommended for action by a joint committee of the
25 House and Senate and (ii) a two-thirds vote of those appointed
26 to the Rules Committee shall be required to refer to the House

1 any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
2 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
3 amendment. A bill advanced to the House shall be placed on the
4 Daily Calendar on the order on which it appeared before it was
5 re-referred to the Rules Committee. Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of these Rules, a floor amendment, joint action
7 motion for final action, or conference committee report
8 advanced to the House by the Rules Committee may be considered
9 for adoption no sooner than one hour after the Clerk announces
10 the report of the Rules Committee referring such a legislative
11 measure to the House.

12 (e) Except for those provisions that cannot be suspended,
13 this ~~This~~ Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of
14 71 members elected.

15 (House Rule 16)

16 16. Referrals of Resolutions and Reorganization Orders.

17 (a) All resolutions, except adjournment resolutions and
18 resolutions considered under subsection (b) or (c) of this
19 Rule, after being initially read by the Clerk, shall be ordered
20 reproduced and automatically referred to the Rules Committee,
21 which may thereafter refer any resolution before it to the
22 House or to a standing committee or special committee. No
23 resolution, except adjournment resolutions and resolutions
24 considered under subsection (b) or (c) of this Rule or Rule
25 42.1, may be considered by the House unless (i) referred to the

1 House by the Rules Committee under Rule 18, (ii) favorably
2 reported by a standing committee or special committee, (iii)
3 authorized under Article XII, or (iv) discharged from committee
4 pursuant to Rule 18(g) or Rule 58. An adjournment resolution is
5 subject to Rule 66.

6 (b) Any member may file a congratulatory or death
7 resolution for consideration by the House. The Principal
8 Sponsor of each congratulatory or death resolution shall pay a
9 reasonable fee, determined by the Clerk with the approval of
10 the Speaker, to offset the actual cost of producing the
11 congratulatory or death resolution. The fee may be paid from
12 the office allowance provided by Section 4 of the General
13 Assembly Compensation Act, or from any other funds available to
14 the member. Upon agreement of the Speaker and the Minority
15 Leader, congratulatory or death resolutions may be immediately
16 considered and adopted by the House without referral to the
17 Rules Committee, unless a member removes a resolution from
18 consideration under this subsection (b) by filing an objection
19 with the Clerk before the vote of the House. Any resolution
20 that is removed under this subsection (b) shall be
21 automatically referred to the Rules Committee and shall be
22 eligible for consideration under subsection (a). The remaining
23 ~~These~~ resolutions, not removed from consideration under this
24 subsection (b), may be adopted as a group by a single motion.
25 Congratulatory and death resolutions shall be entered on the
26 Journal only by number, sponsorship, and subject. The

1 provisions of this subsection requiring the Principal Sponsor
2 to pay a reasonable fee may not be suspended.

3 (c) Death resolutions in memory of former members of the
4 General Assembly and former constitutional officers, upon
5 introduction, may be immediately considered by the House
6 without referral to the Rules Committee. Those resolutions
7 shall be entered on the Journal in full.

8 (d) Executive reorganization orders of the Governor issued
9 under Article V, Sec. 11 of the Constitution, upon being read
10 into the record by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the
11 Rules Committee for its referral to a standing committee or a
12 special committee, which may issue a recommendation to the
13 House with respect to the Executive Order. The House may
14 disapprove of an Executive Order only by resolution adopted by
15 a majority of those elected; no such resolution is in order
16 until a standing committee or a special committee has reported
17 to the House on the executive reorganization, or until the
18 Executive Order has been discharged under Rule 58.

19 (House Rule 18)

20 18. Referrals to Committees.

21 (a) All House Bills and Senate Bills, after being initially
22 read by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the Rules
23 Committee.

24 (b) During odd-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall
25 thereafter refer any such bill before it to a standing

1 committee or a special committee within 3 legislative days,
2 provided that referral shall not be required for a House bill
3 that is introduced after the introduction deadline for House
4 bills or a Senate bill that is referred to the Rules Committee
5 after the deadline for House committee consideration of Senate
6 bills. During even-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall
7 refer to a standing committee or a special committee only
8 appropriation bills implementing the budget and bills deemed by
9 the Rules Committee, by the affirmative vote of a majority
10 appointed, to be of an emergency nature or to be of substantial
11 importance to the operation of government. This subsection (b)
12 applies equally to House Bills and Senate Bills introduced into
13 or received by the House.

14 (b-5) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Rules Committee
15 may refer bills to a joint committee of the House and Senate
16 created by joint resolution. That joint committee shall report
17 back to the Rules Committee any recommendation for action made
18 by that joint committee. The Rules committee may, at any time,
19 however, refer the bill to a standing or special committee of
20 the House.

21 (c) A standing committee or a special committee may refer a
22 subject matter or a legislative measure pending in that
23 committee to a subcommittee of that committee.

24 (d) All legislative measures favorably reported by a
25 standing committee or a special committee, or discharged from a
26 standing committee or a special committee under Rule 58, shall

1 be referred to the House and placed on the appropriate order of
2 business, which shall appear on the daily calendar. All
3 legislative measures, except bills or resolutions on the
4 Consent Calendar, bills or resolutions assigned short debate
5 status by a standing committee or special committee, and floor
6 amendments, so referred are automatically assigned standard
7 debate status, subject to Rule 52.

8 (e) All ~~committee amendments,~~ floor amendments, joint
9 action motions for final action, conference committee reports,
10 and motions to table committee amendments, upon filing with the
11 Clerk, are automatically referred to the Rules Committee. ~~The~~
12 ~~Rules Committee may refer any committee amendment to the~~
13 ~~standing committee or the special committee to which the bill~~
14 ~~or resolution it amends has been referred for its review and~~
15 ~~consideration, provided the committee amendment is filed no~~
16 ~~later than 3:00 p.m. the business day before a meeting at which~~
17 ~~that bill or resolution may be considered. "Business day" does~~
18 ~~not include Saturday, Sunday, or State or federal holidays~~
19 ~~unless the House is in session or the Clerk's office is~~
20 ~~otherwise open to the public on that day.~~ The Rules Committee
21 may refer any floor amendment, joint action motion for final
22 action, conference committee report, or motion to table a
23 committee amendment to the House or to a standing committee or
24 a special committee for its review and consideration (in those
25 instances, and notwithstanding any other provision of these
26 Rules, the standing committee or special committee may hold a

1 hearing on and consider those legislative measures pursuant to
2 a ~~two-hour~~ advance notice given no later than the calendar day
3 before the date of the hearing, and referrals to the House
4 shall be subject to the notice requirements of Rule 15(d)). Any
5 ~~committee amendment~~, floor amendment, joint action motion for
6 final action, conference committee report, or motion to table a
7 committee amendment that is not referred to the House by, or
8 discharged from, the Rules Committee is out of order, except
9 that any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
10 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
11 amendment favorably reported by, or discharged from, a standing
12 committee or a special committee is deemed referred to the
13 House by the Rules Committee for purposes of this Rule. All
14 joint action motions for final action, conference committee
15 reports and motions to table committee amendments so referred
16 are automatically assigned standard debate status, subject to
17 Rule 52. Floor amendments referred to the House under this Rule
18 are automatically assigned amendment debate status.

19 (f) The Rules Committee may at any time refer or re-refer
20 any a legislative measure, except a committee amendment, from a
21 committee to a Committee of the Whole or to any other
22 committee. When a bill or resolution is re-referred to a
23 committee pursuant to this Rule, any committee amendment for
24 the bill or resolution pending in committee with the bill or
25 resolution shall be automatically re-referred with the bill or
26 resolution.

1 (g) Legislative measures may be discharged from the Rules
2 Committee upon the affirmative vote of 71 members elected. Any
3 bill or resolution discharged from the Rules Committee shall be
4 placed on the appropriate order of business of the Petition
5 Calendar as provided in Rule 42.1. ~~Notwithstanding any other~~
6 ~~provision of these Rules, any bill pending before the Rules~~
7 ~~Committee shall be immediately discharged and referred to a~~
8 ~~standing committee, special committee, or order of the Daily~~
9 ~~Calendar, as provided in this Rule, if the Principal Sponsor of~~
10 ~~the bill files a motion that is signed by no less than~~
11 ~~three-fifths of the members of both the majority and minority~~
12 ~~caucuses, provided each member signing the motion is a sponsor~~
13 ~~of the underlying bill subject to the motion and the motion~~
14 ~~specifies the appropriate standing committee, special~~
15 ~~committee, or order on the Daily Calendar to which the bill~~
16 ~~shall be referred. Such a motion shall be filed, in writing,~~
17 ~~with the Clerk. All other legislative measures may be~~
18 ~~discharged from the Rules Committee only by unanimous consent~~
19 ~~of the House. A bill or resolution discharged from the Rules~~
20 ~~Committee shall be referred as follows: (i) a bill or~~
21 ~~resolution that was not previously referred shall be referred~~
22 ~~to the standing committee or special committee designated on~~
23 ~~the motion, subject to the notice requirement of Rule 21; (ii)~~
24 ~~a bill or resolution re-referred to the Rules Committee from a~~
25 ~~standing committee or special committee shall be re-referred to~~
26 ~~that committee, subject to the notice requirement of Rule 21;~~

1 ~~and (iii) a bill or resolution re-referred to the Rules~~
2 ~~Committee from Second Reading or Third Reading shall be~~
3 ~~re-referred to the proper order of business on the Daily~~
4 ~~Calendar, provided the bill or resolution shall be carried on~~
5 ~~the Daily Calendar for at least one legislative day prior to~~
6 ~~consideration by the House. Legislative measures, other than~~
7 ~~bills or resolutions, that are discharged from the Rules~~
8 ~~Committee shall be referred as follows: (i) an amendment, joint~~
9 ~~action motion for final action, or conference committee report~~
10 ~~shall be referred to the committee that considered the~~
11 ~~underlying bill or resolution and (ii) any other legislative~~
12 ~~measure shall be referred to the proper order of business on~~
13 ~~the Daily Calendar, provided the legislative measure shall be~~
14 ~~carried on the Daily Calendar for at least one legislative day~~
15 ~~prior to consideration by the House. Rulings of the Presiding~~
16 ~~Officer related to this subsection (g) may not be appealed.~~
17 ~~This subsection may not be suspended.~~

18 (h) Except for those provisions that may not be suspended,
19 this Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of 71
20 members elected.

21 (House Rule 19)

22 19. Re-Referrals to the Rules Committee.

23 (a) All legislative measures that fail to meet the
24 applicable deadline established under Rule 9 for reporting to
25 the House by a standing committee or a special committee, for

1 Third Reading and passage, or for consideration of joint action
2 motions and conference committee reports are automatically
3 re-referred to the Rules Committee unless: (i) the deadline has
4 been suspended or revised by the Speaker, with re-referral to
5 the Rules Committee to occur if the bill has not been reported
6 to the House in accordance with a revised deadline; ~~or~~ (ii) the
7 Rules Committee has issued a written exception to the Clerk
8 with respect to a particular bill before the reporting
9 deadline, with re-referral to occur, if at all, in accordance
10 with the written exception; or (iii) the bill or resolution is
11 pending before the House on the Petition Calendar. When a bill
12 is re-referred to the Rules Committee after failure to meet the
13 Third Reading deadline, any floor amendment to the bill
14 remaining in a standing or special committee shall also be
15 re-referred to the Rules Committee.

16 (b) All legislative measures pending before the House or
17 any of its committees are automatically re-referred to the
18 Rules Committee on the 31st consecutive day that the House has
19 not convened for session unless: (i) any deadline applicable to
20 the bill or resolution that has been designated by the Speaker
21 under Rule 9 exceeds 31 days, with re-referral to occur, if at
22 all, in accordance with that deadline; (ii) this Rule is
23 suspended under Rule 67; ~~or~~ (iii) the Rules Committee, by the
24 affirmative vote of a majority appointed, issues a written
25 exception to the Clerk before that 31st day; or (iv) the bill
26 or resolution is pending before the House on the Petition

1 Calendar.

2 (House Rule 21)

3 21. Notice.

4 (a) Except as provided in Rule 18(e) or unless this Rule is
5 suspended under Rule 67 or unless the Rules Committee by
6 majority vote waives the notice requirement for a subject
7 matter hearing of any committee, standing committees, special
8 committees, committees created under Article X of these Rules,
9 and subcommittees of those committees shall not consider or
10 conduct a hearing with respect to a subject matter or a
11 legislative measure absent notice first being given as follows:

12 (1) The Chairperson of the committee, or the
13 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus of a standing or
14 special committee, shall, no later than 6 days before any
15 proposed hearing, post a notice on the House bulletin board
16 identifying each subject matter and each legislative
17 ~~measure, other than a committee amendment upon initial~~
18 ~~consideration under Rule 40,~~ that may be considered during
19 that hearing. Committee amendments filed no later than the
20 deadline established in Rule 40 may be considered pursuant
21 to two hours advance notice. The notice shall contain the
22 day, hour, and place of the hearing. Legislative measures
23 and subject matters posted for hearing as provided in this
24 item (1) may also be considered at any committee hearing
25 re-convened following a recess of the committee for which

1 notice was posted, but only if the House has met or was
2 scheduled to meet in regular, veto, or special session on
3 each calendar day from the time of the original committee
4 hearing to the re-convened committee hearing.

5 (2) Meetings of the Rules Committee may be called under
6 Rule 15; meetings of the standing committees and special
7 committees to consider floor amendments, joint action
8 motions for final action ~~consideration~~, conference
9 committee reports, and motions to table committee
10 amendments may be called under Rule 18.

11 (3) The Chairperson, or Co-Chairperson from the
12 majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall,
13 in advance of a committee hearing, notify all Principal
14 Sponsors of legislative measures posted for that hearing of
15 the date, time, and place of hearing. When practical, the
16 Clerk shall include a notice of all scheduled hearings,
17 together with all posted bills and resolutions, in the
18 Daily Calendar of the House. Regardless of whether a
19 particular legislative measure or subject matter has been
20 posted for hearing, it is in order for a committee during
21 any of its meetings to refer a subject matter or
22 legislative measure pending before it to a subcommittee of
23 that committee.

24 (b) Other than the Rules Committee, no committee may meet
25 during any session of the House, and no commission created by
26 Illinois law that has legislative membership may meet during

1 any session of the House.

2 (c) Each standing appropriations committee shall meet at
3 least once during each month of the calendar year. When the
4 House is not in session, each standing appropriations committee
5 shall hold each month at least one hearing in Illinois at a
6 location other than the City of Springfield or the City of
7 Chicago.

8 (d) ~~(e)~~ Regardless of whether notice has been previously
9 given, it is always in order for a committee to table any
10 legislative measure pending before it when the Principal
11 Sponsor so requests, subject to Rule 60.

12 (e) ~~(d)~~ This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative
13 vote of 71 members elected, subject to Rule 25.

14 (House Rule 22)

15 22. Committee Procedure.

16 (a) A committee may consider any legislative measure
17 referred to it, except as provided in subsection (b), and may
18 make with respect to that legislative measure one of the
19 following reports to the House or to the parent committee, as
20 appropriate:

- 21 (1) that the bill "do pass";
22 (2) that the bill "do not pass";
23 (3) that the bill "do pass as amended";
24 (4) that the bill "do not pass as amended";
25 (5) that the resolution "be adopted";

- 1 (6) that the resolution "be not adopted";
- 2 (7) that the resolution "be adopted as amended";
- 3 (8) that the resolution "be not adopted as amended";
- 4 (9) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,
- 5 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
- 6 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be adopted";
- 7 (10) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,
- 8 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
- 9 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be not adopted";
- 10 (11) "without recommendation"; or
- 11 (12) "tabled".

12 Any of the foregoing reports may be made only upon the

13 concurrence of a majority of those appointed. All legislative

14 measures reported "do pass", "do pass as amended", "be

15 adopted", or "be adopted as amended" are favorably reported to

16 the House. Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, any

17 legislative measure referred or re-referred to a committee and

18 not reported under this Rule shall remain in that committee.

19 (b) No bill or committee amendment that provides for an

20 appropriation of money from the State Treasury may be

21 considered by an Appropriations Committee unless the bill or

22 committee amendment is limited to appropriations to a single

23 department, office, or institution; this provision does not

24 apply to floor amendments, joint action motions, or conference

25 committee reports.

26 No bill that provides for an appropriation of money from

1 the State Treasury may be considered for passage by the House
2 unless it has first been favorably reported by an
3 Appropriations Committee or:

4 (1) the bill was discharged from an Appropriations
5 Committee under Rule 58;

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

8 (3) this Rule was suspended under Rule 67.

9 Standing appropriations committees shall conduct hearings
10 for the purpose of reviewing (i) performance data compiled by
11 departments of State government pursuant to Section 50-15 of
12 the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
13 Illinois and (ii) other performance data that is requested by
14 the committees from departments of State government and other
15 recipients of State appropriations.

16 (c) The Chairperson of each committee, or Co-Chairperson
17 from the majority caucus of a standing or special committee,
18 shall keep, or cause to be kept by the Clerk's Office, a record
19 in which there shall be entered:

20 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the
21 committee.

22 (2) The attendance of committee members at each
23 meeting.

24 (3) The votes cast by the committee members on all
25 legislative measures acted on by the committee.

26 (4) The "Record of Committee Witness" forms executed by

1 each person appearing or registering in each committee
2 meeting, which shall include identification of the
3 witness, the person, group, or firm represented by
4 appearance and the capacity in which the representation is
5 made (if the person is representing someone other than
6 himself or herself), his or her position on the legislation
7 under consideration, and the nature of his or her desired
8 testimony.

9 (5) An audio recording of the proceedings.

10 (6) Such additional information as may be requested by
11 the Clerk.

12 (d) The committee Chairperson, or the Co-Chairperson from
13 the majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall
14 file with the Clerk, along with every legislative measure
15 reported upon, a written report containing such information as
16 required by the Clerk. The Clerk may adopt forms, policies, and
17 procedures with respect to the preparation, filing, and
18 maintenance of the reports.

19 (e) When a committee fails to report a legislative measure
20 pending before it to the House, or when a committee fails to
21 hold a public hearing on a legislative measure pending before
22 it, the exclusive means to bring that legislative measure
23 directly before the House for its consideration is as provided
24 in Rule 18 or Rule 58.

25 (f) No legislative measure may be called for a vote in a
26 standing committee or special committee in the absence of the

1 Principal Sponsor. The committee Chairperson, the committee
2 Minority Spokesperson, or a chief co-sponsor may present a bill
3 or resolution in committee with the approval of the Principal
4 Sponsor when the committee consents. In the case of standing or
5 special committees with Co-Chairpersons from different
6 political parties, the "Chairperson" means the Co-Chairperson
7 from the majority caucus, and the "Minority Spokesperson" means
8 the Co-Chairperson from the minority caucus. This subsection
9 may not be suspended.

10 (g) Motions for committee approval of bills and resolutions
11 are renewable, provided that no bill or resolution may be voted
12 on more than twice in any committee on motions to report the
13 bill or resolution favorably, or to reconsider the vote by
14 which the committee adopted a motion to report the bill or
15 resolution unfavorably. A bill or resolution having failed to
16 receive a favorable recommendation after 2 such record votes
17 shall be automatically reported with the appropriate
18 unfavorable recommendation.

19 (h) A bill or resolution shall be given short debate status
20 by report of the committee if the bill or resolution was
21 favorably reported by a three-fifths vote of the members
22 present and voting, including those voting "present". Bills and
23 resolutions receiving favorable reports may be placed upon the
24 Consent Calendar as provided in Rule 42.

25 (i) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
26 of 71 members elected.

1 (House Rule 28)

2 28. Sessions of the House.

3 (a) The House is in session whenever it convenes in
4 perfunctory session, regular session, veto session, special
5 session, or joint session with the Senate. Members are entitled
6 to per diem expense reimbursements authorized by law only on
7 those regular, veto, special session, and joint session days
8 that they are in attendance at the House and either (i) are
9 recorded as present on the quorum roll call or (ii) personally
10 appear before the Clerk or the Clerk's designee after the
11 quorum roll call but prior to the close of the Clerk's Office
12 for the day. Attendance by members is not required or recorded
13 on perfunctory session days.

14 (b) Regular and veto session days shall be scheduled with
15 notice by the Speaker under Rule 9. Special session days shall
16 be scheduled in accordance with the Constitution and laws of
17 Illinois. The Speaker may convene the House when deemed
18 necessary, regardless of whether a different date or time has
19 been established.

20 (c) The Speaker may schedule perfunctory session days
21 during which the Clerk may read into the House record any
22 legislative measure, except that no bill shall be read for a
23 second time during perfunctory session. Committees may meet and
24 may consider and act upon legislative measures during a
25 perfunctory session day, and the Clerk may receive and read

1 committee reports into the House record during a perfunctory
2 day. Except for automatic referral under these Rules, no
3 further action may be taken by the House with respect to a
4 legislative measure during a perfunctory session day.

5 (House Rule 31)

6 31. Standing Order of Business. The ~~Unless otherwise~~
7 ~~determined by the Presiding Officer, the~~ standing daily order
8 of business of the House is as follows:

9 (1) Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance,
10 and Roll Call.

11 (2) Petition Calendar.

12 (3) ~~(2)~~ Approval of the Journal.

13 (4) ~~(3)~~ Reading of House Bills a first time.

14 (5) ~~(4)~~ Reports from committees, with reports from the
15 Rules Committee ordinarily made at any time.

16 (6) ~~(5)~~ Presentation of Resolutions, Petitions, and
17 Messages.

18 (7) ~~(6)~~ Introduction of House Bills.

19 (8) ~~(7)~~ Messages from the Senate, not including reading
20 Senate Bills a first time.

21 (9) ~~(8)~~ Reading of House Bills a second time.

22 (10) ~~(9)~~ Reading of House Bills a third time.

23 (11) ~~(10)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a third time.

24 (12) ~~(11)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a second time.

25 (13) ~~(12)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a first time.

- 1 (14) ~~(13)~~ House Bills on the Order of Concurrence.
2 (15) ~~(14)~~ Senate Bills on the Order of Non-Concurrence.
3 (16) ~~(15)~~ Conference Committee Reports.
4 (17) ~~(16)~~ Motions in Writing.
5 (18) ~~(17)~~ Constitutional Amendment Resolutions.
6 (19) ~~(18)~~ Motions with respect to Vetoes.
7 (20) ~~(19)~~ Consideration of Resolutions.
8 (21) ~~(20)~~ Motions to Discharge Committee.
9 (22) ~~(21)~~ Motions to Take from the Table.
10 (23) ~~(22)~~ Motions to Suspend the Rules.
11 (24) ~~(23)~~ Consideration of Bills on the Order of
12 Postponed Consideration.

13 The Presiding Officer may vary the daily order of business
14 of the House, but only with respect to items (3) through (24);
15 items (1) and (2) must always be the first and second orders of
16 business. The House may also return to the order of business
17 under item (2) at the direction of the Presiding Officer or
18 upon the adoption of a motion to change the order of business.

19 This rule may not be suspended.

20 (House Rule 37)

21 37. Bills.

22 (a) A bill may be introduced in the House by sponsorship of
23 one or more members of the House, whose names shall be on the
24 reproduced copies of the bills, in the House Journal, and in
25 the Legislative Digest. The Principal Sponsor shall be the

1 first name to appear on the bill and may be joined by no more
2 than 4 chief co-sponsors with the approval of the Principal
3 Sponsor; other co-sponsors shall be separated from the
4 Principal Sponsor and any chief co-sponsors by a comma. The
5 Principal Sponsor may change the sponsorship of a bill to that
6 of one or more other Representatives, or to that of the
7 standing committee or special committee to which the bill was
8 referred or from which the bill was reported. Such change may
9 be made at any time the bill is pending before the House or any
10 of its committees by filing a notice with the Clerk, provided
11 that the addition of any member as a Principal Sponsor, chief
12 co-sponsor, or co-sponsor must be with that member's consent.
13 This subsection may not be suspended.

14 (b) The Principal Sponsor of a bill controls that bill. A
15 committee-sponsored bill is controlled by the Chairperson, or
16 if Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the Co-Chairperson
17 from the majority caucus, who for purposes of these Rules is
18 deemed the Principal Sponsor. Committee-sponsored bills may
19 not have individual co-sponsors.

20 (c) The Senate sponsor of a bill originating in the Senate
21 may request substitute House sponsorship of that bill by filing
22 a notice with the Clerk. Such notice is automatically referred
23 to the Rules Committee. The notice shall include the bill
24 number, signature of the Senate sponsor, signature of the
25 substitute House sponsor, and a statement that the original
26 House sponsor was provided with notice of intent to request a

1 substitute House sponsor. A notice that satisfies the
2 requirements of this subsection shall be approved by the Rules
3 Committee. If the Rules Committee does not act on a notice that
4 satisfies the requirements of this subsection within 3
5 legislative days after its referral, then the notice is deemed
6 approved and the Clerk shall substitute sponsorship. This
7 subsection shall be in effect if, and only for so long as, the
8 Rules of the Senate include a reciprocal privilege for House
9 sponsors and the Senate complies with the rule. This subsection
10 may not be suspended.

11 (d) All bills introduced in the House shall be read by
12 title a first time, ordered reproduced, and automatically
13 referred to the Rules Committee in accordance with Rule 18.
14 After a Senate Bill is received and a House member has
15 submitted notification to the Clerk of sponsorship of that
16 bill, it shall be read by title, ordered reproduced, and
17 automatically referred to the Rules Committee in accordance
18 with Rule 18.

19 (e) All bills introduced into the House shall be
20 accompanied by 6 copies. Any bill that amends a statute shall
21 indicate the particular changes in the following manner:

22 (1) All new matter shall be underscored.

23 (2) All matter that is to be omitted or superseded
24 shall be shown crossed with a line.

25 (e-5) Appropriation bills for the operation of State
26 government shall make appropriations pursuant to the

1 standardized line items identified as items (1) through (18) of
2 Section 13 of the State Finance Act with specific appropriation
3 amounts for each item. Appropriations for other purposes may be
4 included in an appropriation bill only if required by law or if
5 it has been a custom and practice as documented by
6 appropriations enacted for state fiscal year 2009.

7 This subsection (e-5) may be suspended only by the
8 affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

9 (f) No bill shall be passed by the House except on a record
10 vote of a majority of those elected, subject to Rule 69. A bill
11 that has lost on third reading and has not been reconsidered
12 may not thereafter be revived. If a motion for the adoption of
13 a first conference committee report fails and the motion is not
14 reconsidered, then a second conference committee may be
15 appointed as provided in Rule 76(c). If a motion for the
16 adoption of a second conference committee report fails and is
17 not reconsidered, then the bill may not thereafter be revived.

18 (g) An appropriation bill that is amended in the House may
19 not be considered on Third Reading until the third calendar day
20 following the adoption or tabling of any House Committee or
21 House floor amendments to the bill.

22 This subsection (g) may be suspended only by the
23 affirmative vote of 71 members elected

24 (House Rule 37.5)

25 37.5. Amendments to Taxpayer Accountability and Budget

1 Stabilization Act.

2 (a) From the commencement of the 97th General Assembly
3 until June 30, 2015, no bill that amends or refers to Section
4 201.5 of the Illinois Income Tax Act, or that seeks to
5 appropriate or transfer money pursuant to a declaration of a
6 fiscal emergency under Section 201.5 of that Act, may be moved
7 from the order of Second Reading to the order of Third Reading
8 unless a motion to approve such measure for consideration has
9 been adopted by a record vote of 71 members, provided that a
10 bill that amends or refers to Section 201.5 of the Illinois
11 Income Tax Act and decreases a rate of taxation shall not be
12 subject to this subsection (a). If such a bill is on the order
13 of concurrence or in the form of a conference committee report,
14 no motion to concur or to adopt that conference committee
15 report is in order unless a motion to approve such measure for
16 consideration has been adopted by a record vote of 71 members.
17 Nothing in this House Rule shall be deemed to alter the vote
18 requirement for final passage of a legislative measure required
19 by the Illinois Constitution.

20 (b) Any motion made pursuant to subsection (a) to approve a
21 legislative measure for consideration must be in writing. Upon
22 receipt of the written motion, the Clerk shall immediately
23 notify the Speaker and the Minority Leader. The motion shall
24 not be referred to a committee. The motion must be carried on
25 the calendar before it may be taken up by the House and may
26 then be immediately considered and adopted by the House. The

1 motion is renewable and may be reconsidered, provided that once
2 that motion is adopted, it shall not be reconsidered.

3 (c) This Rule may not be suspended except by unanimous
4 consent.

5 (House Rule 40)

6 40. Amendments.

7 (a) An amendment to a bill may be adopted by a standing
8 committee or special committee when the bill is before that
9 committee. An amendment to a bill may be adopted by the House
10 when a bill is on the order of Second Reading if: (i) the Rules
11 Committee has referred the floor amendment to the House for
12 consideration under Rule 18; (ii) a standing committee or
13 special committee has referred the floor amendment to the
14 House; or (iii) the floor amendment has been discharged from
15 committee pursuant to Rule 18(g) or Rule 58. All amendments
16 must be in writing. All committee amendments for which advance
17 notice was given pursuant to Rule 21 ~~that have been referred to~~
18 ~~a standing committee or special committee by the Rules~~
19 ~~Committee~~ shall be considered by the committee or a
20 subcommittee of that committee prior to consideration by the
21 committee of the bill to which the amendment relates. All
22 committee amendments not adopted to a bill prior to the
23 favorable reporting of the bill by a standing committee or
24 special committee or its re-referral to the Rules Committee are
25 automatically tabled. All floor amendments not adopted to a

1 bill and that are still pending in a committee or before the
2 House upon the passage or defeat of a bill on Third Reading are
3 automatically tabled, provided that any floor amendment tabled
4 pursuant to this Rule shall automatically be taken from the
5 table upon the adoption of a motion to reconsider the vote for
6 the passage or defeat of the bill on Third Reading.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, committee
8 amendments (i) may be offered only by the Principal Sponsor or
9 a member of the committee while the affected bill is before
10 that committee, (ii) shall be automatically referred to such
11 committee, and (iii) shall be adopted by a majority of those
12 appointed. Floor amendments may be offered for adoption only by
13 a Representative while the bill is on the order of Second
14 Reading, subject to Rule 18, and shall be adopted by a majority
15 vote of the House. The sponsor of a committee or floor
16 amendment may change the sponsorship of the amendment to that
17 of another member, with that other member's consent. Such
18 change may be made at any time the amendment is pending before
19 the House or any of its committees by filing notice with the
20 Clerk. A committee amendment may be the subject of a motion to
21 "do adopt" or "do not adopt". A committee amendment may be
22 adopted only by a successful motion to "do adopt". The
23 Chairperson of a committee may refer any committee amendment to
24 a subcommittee of that committee.

25 (c) Committee amendments shall be filed with the Clerk no
26 later than 3:00 p.m. the business day before a meeting at which

1 the bill or resolution it amends may be considered. "Business
2 day" does not include Saturday, Sunday, or State or federal
3 holidays unless the House is in session or the Clerk's office
4 is otherwise open to the public on that day. Floor amendments
5 shall be filed with the Clerk only while the bill is on the
6 order of Second Reading or Third Reading. Amendments are in
7 order only when 6 copies have been filed. The Clerk shall
8 number amendments sequentially in the order submitted, and all
9 amendments that are in order shall be considered in ascending
10 numerical order.

11 (d) When an amendment is filed with the Clerk it shall be
12 ordered reproduced. No committee amendment may be adopted by a
13 committee, and no ~~The Clerk shall have reproduced all adopted~~
14 ~~committee amendments that come before the House. The Clerk~~
15 ~~shall also have reproduced all floor amendments referred to the~~
16 ~~House by a committee. No~~ floor amendment may be considered by a
17 committee or adopted by the House unless it has been reproduced
18 and placed on the members' desks in the same manner as for
19 bills under Rule 39.

20 (e) No floor amendment is in order unless it has been first
21 referred to the House for consideration by the Rules Committee
22 under Rule 18, or favorably reported by, or discharged from, a
23 standing committee or special committee. A floor amendment may
24 be referred to the House for consideration, or to a standing or
25 special committee, only while the bill is on the order of
26 Second Reading or Third Reading.

1 (f) Amendments that propose to alter any existing law shall
2 conform to the requirements of Rule 37(e).

3 (g) If a committee reports a bill "do pass as amended", the
4 committee amendments are deemed adopted by the committee action
5 ~~and shall be reproduced and placed on the members' desks (which~~
6 ~~may be done in the same manner as provided for bills under Rule~~
7 ~~39) before the bill may be read a second time.~~

8 (h) In the case of special committees with Co-Chairpersons
9 from different political parties, the "Chairperson" for the
10 purposes of this Rule is the Co-Chairperson from the majority
11 caucus.

12 (i) Amendments to resolutions are subject to the same
13 procedural requirements that apply to amendments to bills.

14 (House Rule 42.1 new)

15 42.1. Petition Calendar.

16 (a) The Principal Sponsor of a bill or resolution may file
17 with the Clerk a motion signed by 71 members requesting
18 placement of that bill or resolution on the Petition Calendar
19 with regard to any bill or resolution pending in a House
20 Committee or pending on an order of business on the Daily
21 Calendar.

22 (b) The Clerk shall include a Petition Calendar on the
23 Daily Calendar and designate it as a separate part of the Daily
24 Calendar. A bill or joint resolution for a constitutional
25 amendment that is pending in a committee when a petition motion

1 is filed shall be placed on the Petition Calendar order of
2 Second Reading. Any other type of resolution that is pending in
3 a committee when a petition motion is filed shall be placed on
4 the Petition Calendar order of Resolutions. A bill or
5 resolution that is on an order of business on the Daily
6 Calendar when a petition motion is filed shall be placed on the
7 same order of business on the Petition Calendar.

8 (c) A legislative measure on the Petition Calendar shall be
9 moved between Petition Calendar orders of business at the
10 request of the Principal Sponsor, except as otherwise limited
11 by these Rules.

12 (d) Whenever the House is on this order of business, the
13 principal sponsor of each legislative measure on the Petition
14 Calendar shall have the right to call that measure for
15 consideration by the House.

16 (e) This rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
17 of 71 members elected.

18 (House Rule 43)

19 43. Changing Order of Business.

20 (a) Any order of business may be changed at any time by the
21 Speaker or Presiding Officer, except as limited by Rule 31.

22 (b) Any order of business may be changed at any time upon
23 the motion of any member, supported by 5 additional members, if
24 the motion is adopted by an affirmative vote of 71 members
25 elected.

1 (c) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
2 of 71 members elected.

3 (House Rule 44)

4 44. Special Orders; Rules Committee.

5 (a) A special order of business may be set by the Rules
6 Committee or by the Speaker. The Principal Sponsor of a bill or
7 resolution must consent to the placement of the bill or
8 resolution on a special order. A special order shall fix the
9 day to which it applies and the matters to be included. The
10 Speaker, or the Rules Committee by a vote of a majority of the
11 members appointed, may establish time limits for a special
12 order and may establish limitations on debate during a special
13 order (notwithstanding Rule 52), in which event the allotted
14 time shall be fairly divided between proponents and opponents
15 of the legislation to be considered. A special order of
16 business takes the place of the standing order for such time as
17 may be necessary for its completion but may occur no earlier
18 than after the completion of standing order (2) of Rule 31.
19 Only matters that may otherwise properly be before the House
20 may be included in a special order.

21 (b) A special order shall appear on the Daily Calendar for
22 3 legislative days. ~~This subsection (b) may be suspended only~~
23 ~~by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.~~

24 (c) A special order may be suspended, amended, or modified
25 by motion adopted by an affirmative vote of 60 members. A

1 special order shall be suspended by a written objection signed
2 by 3 members of the Rules Committee and filed during the first
3 legislative day on which the special order appears on the
4 calendar.

5 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
6 of 71 members elected.

7 (House Rule 45)

8 45. Resolutions.

9 (a) A resolution may be introduced in the House by
10 sponsorship of one or more members of the House, and the names
11 of all sponsors shall be included in the House Journal and in
12 the Legislative Digest. Each resolution introduced shall be
13 accompanied by 6 copies. ~~Consideration of resolutions shall be~~
14 ~~governed by Rule 16 and Rule 66.~~

15 (b) The Principal Sponsor of a resolution controls that
16 resolution. The Principal Sponsor of a resolution, or the
17 sponsor of an amendment to a resolution, may change the
18 sponsorship of the resolution or amendment, as applicable, to
19 that of another member, with that other member's consent, by
20 filing notice with the Clerk. A standing committee-sponsored
21 resolution is controlled by the Chairperson of the committee,
22 or if Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the
23 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus, who for purposes of
24 these Rules is deemed the Principal Sponsor. A special
25 committee-sponsored resolution is controlled by the

1 Chairperson, or if Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the
2 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus, who for purposes of
3 these Rules is deemed the Principal Sponsor.
4 Committee-sponsored resolutions may not have individual
5 co-sponsors.

6 (c) Any resolution calling for the expenditure of State
7 funds may be adopted only by a record vote of a majority of
8 those elected.

9 (House Rule 51)

10 51. Decorum.

11 (a) When any member is about to speak to the House, he or
12 she shall rise and address the Presiding Officer as "Speaker".
13 The Presiding Officer, upon recognizing the member, shall
14 address him or her by name, and thereupon the engineer in
15 charge of operating the microphones in the House shall give the
16 use of the microphone to the member who has been so recognized.
17 The member in speaking shall confine himself or herself to the
18 subject matter under discussion and avoid personalities.

19 (b) Questions affecting the rights, reputation, and
20 conduct of members of the House in their representative
21 capacity are questions of personal privilege. A matter of
22 personal explanation does not constitute a question of personal
23 privilege.

24 (c) If 2 or more members rise at once, the Presiding
25 Officer shall name the member who is to speak first.

1 (d) No person shall give any signs of approbation or
2 disapprobation while the House is in session.

3 (e) Recognition of guests by any member is prohibited,
4 except that the Speaker or Presiding Officer may recognize an
5 honored guest.

6 (f) While the Presiding Officer is putting a question, no
7 member shall leave or walk across the House Chamber. When a
8 member is addressing the House, no member or other person
9 entitled to the floor shall entertain private discourse or pass
10 between the member speaking and the Presiding Officer. When the
11 House is on any of the following orders of business, no
12 messages from individuals located outside the House Chamber
13 shall be delivered in the Chamber by a doorkeeper, page, or any
14 other person: Reading of House Bills a third time, Reading of
15 Senate Bills a third time, House Bills on the Order of
16 Concurrence, Senate Bills on the Order of Non-Concurrence, and
17 Conference Committee Reports.

18 (g) In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the
19 Speaker or Presiding Officer may order that the lobby, gallery,
20 or hallways adjoining the House Chamber be cleared.

21 (h) No literature may be distributed on the House floor.

22 (i) No member may be absent from a session of the House
23 unless he or she has leave or is sick or his or her absence is
24 unavoidable. The switch to the electrical roll call recording
25 equipment located on the desk of any member who has been
26 excused or is absent shall be locked by the Clerk and shall not

1 be unlocked until the member returns and files with the Clerk a
2 request to be shown as present on the quorum roll call as
3 provided in Rule 32(c).

4 (House Rule 52)

5 52. Debate.

6 (a) All legislative measures, except those legislative
7 measures that are not debatable as provided in these Rules, are
8 subject to a debate status as follows:

9 (1) Short Debate: Debate is limited to a 2-minute
10 presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a member
11 designated by the Principal Sponsor, a 2-minute
12 presentation by a member in response, and one minute for
13 the Principal Sponsor to close debate, or yield to other
14 members; provided that at the request of 7 members before
15 the close of debate, the debate status shall be opened to
16 standard debate;

17 (2) Standard Debate: Debate is limited to a 5-minute
18 presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a member
19 designated by the Principal Sponsor, debate by each of 2
20 additional proponents of the legislative measure and by 3
21 members in response to the legislative measure, and 3
22 minutes for the Principal Sponsor to close debate, or yield
23 to other members;

24 (3) Extended Debate: Debate is limited to a 5-minute
25 presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a member

1 designated by the Principal Sponsor, debate by each of 4
2 proponents of the legislative measure and 5 members in
3 response, and 5 minutes for the Principal Sponsor to close
4 debate, or yield to other members;

5 (4) Unlimited Debate: Debate shall consist of a
6 10-minute presentation by the Principal Sponsor or a member
7 designated by the Principal Sponsor, debate by each
8 proponent and member in response who seeks recognition, and
9 5 minutes for the Principal Sponsor to close debate, or
10 yield to other members; or

11 (5) Amendment Debate: Debate on floor amendments
12 referred to the House from a committee, or discharged from
13 a committee, is limited to a 3-minute presentation by the
14 Principal Sponsor, or a member designated by the Principal
15 Sponsor, debate by one proponent, debate by each of 2
16 members in response, and 3 minutes for the Principal
17 Sponsor to close debate, or yield to other members.

18 No debate is in order on bills or resolutions on the order
19 of First Reading or Second Reading, except for debate on floor
20 amendments as provided in this Rule.

21 (b) All legislative measures, except floor amendments,
22 that are (i) referred to the House from a committee, (ii) ~~or~~
23 discharged from a committee, or (iii) on the Petition Calendar
24 are automatically assigned standard debate status, subject to
25 subsection (c) of this Rule, except those assigned to the
26 Consent Calendar or short debate status by a standing committee

1 or a special committee. All floor amendments referred to the
2 House from a committee, or discharged from a committee, are
3 automatically assigned amendment debate status, subject to
4 subsection (c) of this Rule.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules to
6 the contrary, the debate status of any legislative measure may
7 be changed only (i) by the Speaker, as defined in item (27) of
8 Rule 102, by filing a notice with the Clerk, or (ii) by the
9 Rules Committee by motion approved by a majority of those
10 appointed. While a legislative measure is being considered by
11 the House, the debate status may also be changed by unanimous
12 consent. No legislative measure, however, may be placed on the
13 Consent Calendar under this Rule. No legislative measure,
14 except a floor amendment, may be assigned amendment debate
15 status under this Rule.

16 (d) The Speaker or Rules Committee, as the case may be,
17 shall notify the Clerk of any action to change the debate
18 status of any legislative measure. The Clerk shall cause that
19 information to be reflected on the Daily Calendar on subsequent
20 legislative days, provided the legislative measure is still
21 before the House.

22 (e) No member shall speak longer than 5 minutes at one time
23 or more than once on the same question except by leave of the
24 House. The Principal Sponsor of a measure or a member
25 designated by the Principal Sponsor, however, shall be allowed
26 to open the debate and to close the debate in accordance with

1 subsection (a) of this Rule. The provisions of this subsection
2 (e) are subject to and limited by subsections (a), (b), and (c)
3 of this Rule. A member may yield to another member the time
4 allotted for the member's debate.

5 (f) The Presiding Officer shall allocate the debate on each
6 legislative measure alternately, if possible, between
7 proponents and opponents of the legislative measure under
8 debate.

9 (g) This Rule may not be suspended.

10 (House Rule 75)

11 75. House Consideration of Joint Action.

12 (a) No joint action motion for final action or conference
13 committee report may be considered by the House unless it has
14 first been referred to the House by the Rules Committee or a
15 standing committee or special committee in accordance with Rule
16 18, or unless the joint action motion or conference committee
17 report has been discharged from the Rules Committee under Rule
18 18. ~~Joint action motions for final consideration and conference~~
19 ~~committee reports referred to a standing committee or special~~
20 ~~committee by the Rules Committee may not be discharged from the~~
21 ~~standing committee or special committee.~~ This subsection (a)
22 may be suspended by unanimous consent.

23 (b) No conference committee report may be considered by the
24 House unless it has been reproduced and placed on the members'
25 desks, in the same manner as provided for bills under Rule 39,

1 for one full day during the period beginning with the convening
2 of the House on the 2nd Wednesday of January each year and
3 ending on the 30th day prior to the scheduled adjournment of
4 the regular session established each year by the Speaker
5 pursuant to Rule 9(a), and for one full hour on any other day.

6 (c) Before any conference committee report on an
7 appropriation bill is considered by the House, the conference
8 committee report shall first be the subject of a public hearing
9 by a standing Appropriations Committee or a special committee
10 (the conference committee report need not be referred to an
11 Appropriations Committee or special committee, but instead may
12 remain before the Rules Committee or the House, as the case may
13 be). The hearing shall be held pursuant to not less than one
14 hour advance notice by announcement on the House floor, or one
15 day advance notice by posting on the House bulletin board. An
16 Appropriations Committee or special committee shall not issue
17 any report with respect to the conference committee report
18 following the hearing.

19 (d) Any House Bill amended in the Senate and returned to
20 the House for concurrence in the Senate amendment shall lie
21 upon the desk of the Clerk for not less than one hour before
22 being further considered.

23 (e) No House Bill that is returned to the House with Senate
24 amendments may be called except by the Principal Sponsor, or by
25 a chief co-sponsor with the consent of the Principal Sponsor.
26 This subsection may not be suspended.

1 (f) Except as otherwise provided in Rule 74, the report of
2 a conference committee on a non-appropriation bill or
3 resolution shall be confined to the subject of the bill or
4 resolution referred to the conference committee. The report of
5 a conference committee on an appropriation bill shall be
6 confined to the subject of appropriations.

7 (House Rule 76.5 new)

8 76.5. Appropriation Bills. Joint action motions for final
9 action on the order of Concurrence regarding an appropriation
10 bill shall not be considered by the House until the third
11 calendar day following the day that the bill was received back
12 in the House with one or more amendments added by the Senate.
13 Joint action motions for final action on the order of
14 Non-concurrence regarding an appropriation bill shall not be
15 considered by the House until the third calendar day following
16 the day that the bill was received back in the House with a
17 message requesting the House to recede from one or more of its
18 amendments. Joint action motions for final action on the order
19 of Conference Committee Reports regarding an appropriation
20 bill shall not be considered by the House until the third
21 calendar day following the day that the conference report to
22 which the motion applies was filed with the Clerk.

23 Nothing in this rule limits consideration of a joint action
24 motion for final action by a committee of the House or a joint
25 committee of the House and Senate.

1 This rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of
2 71 members elected.

3 (House Rule 102)

4 102. Definitions. As used in these Rules, terms have the
5 meanings ascribed to them as follows, unless the context
6 clearly requires a different meaning:

7 (1) Chairperson. "Chairperson" means that
8 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as chair
9 of a committee.

10 (2) Co-Chairperson. "Co-Chairperson" means a
11 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as
12 co-chair of a standing or special committee.

13 (3) Clerk. "Clerk" means the elected Clerk of the
14 House.

15 (4) Committee. "Committee" means a committee of the
16 House and includes a standing committee, the Rules
17 Committee, a special committee, committees created under
18 Article X and Article XII of these Rules, and a
19 subcommittee of a committee. "Committee" does not mean a
20 conference committee, and the procedural and notice
21 requirements applicable to committees do not apply to
22 conference committees.

23 ~~(4.5) Committee amendment. "Committee amendment" means~~
24 ~~an amendment referred by the Rules Committee to a standing~~
25 ~~committee or special committee while the bill or resolution~~

1 ~~it amends is before that committee.~~

2 (5) Constitution. "Constitution" means the
3 Constitution of the State of Illinois.

4 (6) General Assembly. "General Assembly" means the
5 current General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

6 (7) House. "House" means the House of Representatives
7 of the General Assembly.

8 (8) Joint Action Motions. "Joint action motions" means
9 the following motions before the House: to concur in a
10 Senate amendment, to non-concur in a Senate amendment, to
11 recede from a House amendment, to refuse to recede from a
12 House amendment, to request that a conference committee be
13 appointed, and to adopt a conference committee report.

14 (8.5) Joint Action Motions for Final Action. "Joint
15 action motions for final action" means the following
16 motions before the House: to concur in a Senate amendment,
17 to recede from a House amendment, and to adopt a conference
18 committee report.

19 (9) Legislative Digest. "Legislative Digest" means the
20 Legislative Synopsis and Digest that is prepared by the
21 Legislative Reference Bureau of the General Assembly.

22 (10) Legislative Measures. "Legislative measures"
23 means all matters brought before the House for
24 consideration, whether originated in the House or Senate,
25 and includes bills, amendments, resolutions, conference
26 committee reports, motions, messages, notices, and

1 Executive Orders from the executive branch.

2 (11) Majority. "Majority" means a majority of those
3 members present and voting on a question. Unless otherwise
4 specified with respect to a particular House Rule, for
5 purposes of determining the number of members present and
6 voting on a question, a "present" vote shall not be
7 counted.

8 (12) Majority Caucus. "Majority caucus" means that
9 group of Representatives from the numerically strongest
10 political party in the House.

11 (13) Majority of those Appointed. "Majority of those
12 appointed" means a majority of the total number of
13 Representatives authorized under these Rules to be
14 appointed to a committee.

15 (14) Majority of those Elected. "Majority of those
16 elected" means a majority of the total number of
17 Representatives entitled to be elected to the House,
18 regardless of the number of elected or appointed
19 Representatives actually serving in office. So long as 118
20 Representatives are entitled to be elected to the House,
21 "majority of those elected" means 60 affirmative votes; 71
22 affirmative votes means three-fifths of the members
23 elected; and 79 affirmative votes means two-thirds of the
24 members elected.

25 (15) Member. "Member" means a Representative. Where
26 the context so requires, "member" may also mean a Senator

1 of the Illinois Senate.

2 (16) Members Appointed. "Members appointed" means the
3 total number of Representatives authorized under these
4 Rules to be appointed to a committee.

5 (17) Members Elected. "Members elected" means the 118
6 Representatives entitled to be elected to the House,
7 regardless of the number of elected or appointed
8 Representatives actually serving in office.

9 (18) Minority Caucus. "Minority caucus" means that
10 group of Representatives from the second numerically
11 strongest political party in the House.

12 (19) Minority Leader. "Minority Leader" means the
13 Minority Leader of the House elected under Rule 2.

14 (20) Minority Spokesperson. "Minority spokesperson"
15 means that Representative designated by the Minority
16 Leader to serve as the minority spokesperson of a
17 committee.

18 (21) Perfunctory Session. "Perfunctory session" means
19 the convening of the House, pursuant to the scheduling of
20 the Speaker, for purposes consistent with Rule 28.

21 (22) Presiding Officer. "Presiding Officer" means that
22 Representative serving as the presiding officer of the
23 House, whether that Representative is the Speaker or
24 another Representative designated by the Speaker under
25 Rule 4.

26 (23) Principal Sponsor. "Principal sponsor" means the

1 first listed House sponsor of any legislative measure; with
2 respect to a committee-sponsored bill or resolution, it
3 means the Chairperson of the committee or the
4 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus.

5 (24) Record Vote. "Record vote" means a vote by ayes
6 and nays entered on the journal.

7 (25) Representative. "Representative" means any duly
8 elected or duly appointed Illinois State Representative,
9 and means the same as "member".

10 (26) Senate. "Senate" means the Senate of the General
11 Assembly.

12 (27) Speaker. "Speaker" means the Speaker of the House
13 elected as provided in Rule 1.

14 (28) Term. "Term" means the 2-year term of a General
15 Assembly.

16 (29) Vice-Chairperson. "Vice-Chairperson" means that
17 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as
18 Vice-Chairperson of a committee.