

House Resolution Number

1 RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 TIME OF MEETING

4 Rule 1. The time of meeting by the House, unless otherwise ordered,
5 shall be 10:00 a.m.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL MAJORITY DEFINED

7 Rule 2. The term "constitutional majority", as used herein, shall mean
8 eighty-two members of the House.

9 ORDER OF BUSINESS

10 Rule 3. The first of each day, after the House is called to order, shall
11 be employed as follows unless otherwise ordered by the House:

12 (a) Prayer.

13 (b) Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

14 (c) Order of Business:

15 (i) Reading and approval of the Journal of the previous day's
16 session.

17 (ii) Introduction and first reading of House Joint
18 Resolutions.

19 (iii) Introduction and first reading of House Bills.

20 (iv) Second reading of House Bills and Joint Resolutions.

21 (v) Reports of regular standing committees.

22 (vi) Reports of special standing committees.

23 (vii) Reports of select standing committees.

24 (viii) Bills, reports, and other business on the table.

25 [(viii)] (ix) House Joint Resolutions to be perfected and
26 printed.

27 [(ix)] (x) House Bills to be perfected and printed.

28 [(x)] (xi) Third reading of House Joint Resolutions.

29 [(xi)] (xii) Third reading of House Bills.

30 [(xii)] (xiii) Messages from the Senate.

31 [(xiii)] (xiv) First reading of Senate Joint Resolutions and
32 Senate Bills.

33 [(xiv)] (xv) Second reading of Senate Joint Resolutions and
34 Senate Bills.

35 [(xv)] (xvi) Third reading of Senate Joint Resolutions.

36 [(xvi)] (xvii) Third reading of Senate Bills.

37 [(xvii)] (xviii) Introduction of petitions, memorials,
38 remonstrances, and resolutions.

39 [(xviii)] (xix) Adoption of petitions, memorials,

1 remonstrances, and resolutions.

2 [(xix)] (xx) Such other orders of business as deemed necessary
3 pursuant to law.

4 HEADINGS ON HOUSE CALENDAR

5 Rule 4. There shall be provided on the House calendar the following
6 divisions:

7 (a) House Bills for second reading.

8 (b) House Joint Resolutions for second reading.

9 (c) House Bills to be perfected and printed.

10 (d) House Joint Resolutions to be perfected and printed.

11 (e) House Appropriation Bills to be perfected and printed.

12 (f) House Revision Bills to be perfected and printed.

13 (g) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be perfected and printed.

14 (h) House Bills to be perfected and printed - laid over informally.

15 (i) House Joint Resolutions to be perfected and printed - laid over
16 informally.

17 (j) House Appropriation Bills to be perfected and printed - laid
18 over informally.

19 (k) House Revision Bills to be perfected and printed - laid over
20 informally.

21 (l) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be perfected and printed -
22 laid over informally.

23 (m) House Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third reading and
24 final passage.

25 (n) House Joint Resolutions to be agreed to and placed upon third
26 reading and final passage.

27 (o) House Appropriation Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third
28 reading and final passage.

29 (p) House Revision Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third
30 reading and final passage.

31 (q) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be agreed to and placed upon
32 third reading and final passage.

33 (r) House Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third reading and
34 final passage - laid over informally.

35 (s) House Joint Resolutions to be agreed to and placed upon third
36 reading and final passage - laid over informally.

37 (t) House Appropriation Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third
38 reading and final passage - laid over informally.

39 (u) House Revision Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third
40 reading and final passage - laid over informally.

41 (v) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be agreed to and placed upon
42 third reading and final passage - laid over informally.

43 (w) House Bills reported out of committee by consent and placed
44 upon the Consent Calendar for Perfection.

45 (x) House Bills perfected by consent to be agreed to and placed
46 upon third reading and final passage.

47 (y) Rules Committee Calendar, House Bills or Joint Resolutions to
48 be perfected and printed.

49 (z) Rules Committee Calendar, House Bills or Joint Resolutions to
50 be perfected and printed - laid over informally.

51 (aa) Rules Committee Calendar, House Bills or Joint Resolutions to
52 be agreed to and placed upon third reading and final passage.

- 1 (bb) Rules Committee Calendar, House Bills or Joint Resolutions to
2 be agreed to and placed upon third reading and final passage - laid over
3 informally.
- 4 (cc) Rules Committee Calendar, Senate Bills or Joint Resolutions to
5 be agreed to and placed upon third reading and final passage.
- 6 (dd) Rules Committee Calendar, Senate Bills or Joint Resolutions to
7 be agreed to and placed upon third reading and final passage - laid over
8 informally.
- 9 (ee) Senate Bills for second reading.
- 10 (ff) Senate Joint Resolutions for second reading.
- 11 (gg) Senate Bills for third reading and final passage.
- 12 (hh) Senate Joint Resolutions for third reading and final passage.
- 13 (ii) Senate Revision Bills for third reading and final passage.
- 14 (jj) Senate Bills - Federal Mandate for third reading and final
15 passage.
- 16 (kk) Senate Bills for third reading and final passage - laid over
17 informally.
- 18 (ll) Senate Joint Resolutions for third reading and final passage -
19 laid over informally.
- 20 (mm) Senate Revision Bills for third reading and final passage -
21 laid over informally.
- 22 (nn) Senate Bills - Federal Mandate for third reading and final
23 passage - laid over informally.
- 24 (oo) Senate Bills for third reading and final passage - Consent
25 Calendar.
- 26 (pp) Courtesy Resolutions Calendar.
- 27 (qq) House Resolutions and Concurrent Resolutions Calendar.
- 28 (rr) Senate Concurrent Resolutions Calendar.
- 29 (ss) Bills in Conference.
- 30 (tt) House Bills with Senate Amendments.
- 31 (uu) House Bills taken from Committee, as provided by the
32 Constitution.
- 33 (vv) Such other calendars as deemed necessary.

34 FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILLS

35 Rule 5. A bill shall be read the first time by journal entry of the
36 title of the bill on the legislative day of its filing. It shall be
37 second read on the following legislative day by journal entry of the
38 title of the bill. The reading of a bill by its title shall be deemed
39 sufficient reading unless the further reading be called for. If the
40 further reading be called for and no objection made, the bill shall be
41 read at length; if, however, objection be made, the question shall be
42 determined by the majority of the members present.

43 ORDERS OF THE DAY

44 Rule 6. Upon recess or adjournment, the Majority Floor Leader shall
45 advise the entire membership of the business anticipated to be conducted
46 during the remainder of the legislative day and during the next
47 legislative day.

48 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
49 GENERALLY

1 Election; Oath; Compensation

2 Rule 7. The House shall elect by recorded vote the following officers at
3 the commencement of the first regular session of each general assembly:
4 its presiding officer, who shall be called Speaker of the House, a
5 Speaker Pro Tem, a Chief Clerk, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a Doorkeeper, and a
6 Chaplain, who shall hold office during all sessions until the convening
7 of the succeeding General Assembly, unless sooner removed by a vote of
8 the majority of the members. Each shall receive such compensation as may
9 be provided for by law. Each shall take an oath to support the
10 Constitution of the United States and of this State and to faithfully
11 demean himself or herself in office and to keep the secrets of the
12 House. [Said] Such oath shall be administered to the Speaker and Speaker
13 Pro Tem by a Judge of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals or a Circuit
14 Court and by the Speaker to the other officers. All other officers of
15 the House shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the
16 Speaker and receive such compensation as provided by law.

17 SPEAKER

18 Speaker to Call Members to Order

19 Rule 8. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House
20 has been adjourned and immediately call the members to order[,] and, on
21 the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day
22 to be read [(unless) unless otherwise ordered by the [House)] House,
23 which may then be corrected by the House.

24 Parliamentary Rulings; Referral to Parliamentary Committee

25 Rule 9. Parliamentary rulings may be made only by the Speaker or the
26 Speaker Pro Tem. At their option or at the request from a member of the
27 Parliamentary Committee they may refer points of order to the
28 Parliamentary Committee for an advisory opinion. In their absence
29 rulings shall be made by a parliamentary committee. The Committee on
30 Parliamentary Procedure shall be composed of the Speaker, the Majority
31 Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader, or their designees. No
32 member who is temporarily in the [Chair] chair may rule on points of
33 order, except the Speaker or Speaker Pro Tem, until and unless the
34 Parliamentary Committee has been called and ruled. It shall be the duty
35 of the temporary Speaker to call [said] such Parliamentary Committee at
36 the time the point of order is raised and before any discussion on
37 [said] such point of order takes place. It shall be at the Speaker's
38 discretion whether members may speak on points of order.

39 Speaker May Speak on Points of Order

40 Rule 10. The Speaker may speak on points of order in preference to any
41 other member, arising from [his/her] his or her seat for that purpose,
42 and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House,
43 upon which appeal no member shall speak more than once, except by leave
44 of the House. No member shall inquire of another member nor debate with
45 other members on points of order but shall address [his/her] his or her

1 remarks only to the chair.

2 Appeal from a Ruling of the Chair

3 Rule 11. Should there be an appeal from any ruling of the chair, the
4 question, "Shall the chair be sustained?" shall be immediately put and
5 determined before the House proceeds to other business.

6 Speaker Has General Supervision of Hall

7 Rule 12. The Speaker shall have general direction and supervision of the
8 House and shall preserve decorum and order in the Hall.

9 Supervision of House Employees

10 Rule 13. The Speaker shall have general supervision and control over all
11 employees of the House.

12 Speaker May Substitute Member to Perform Duties

13 Rule 14. The Speaker may substitute any member to perform the duties of
14 the [Chair] chair in the absence of the Speaker Pro Tem.

15 Speaker Shall Sign Bills

16 Rule 15. The Speaker shall sign all bills, and perform all other duties
17 in relation thereto, as required by the Constitution. [He/she] He or she
18 shall also sign all joint resolutions and addresses; and all writs,
19 warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the House shall be under
20 [his/her] his or her hand, attested by the Chief Clerk.

21 Speaker May Clear Hall

22 Rule 16. In case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobbies or
23 galleries, the Speaker, temporary Speaker or [Chairman] Chair of the
24 Committee of the Whole House shall have power to order the same cleared.
25 They shall not, however, have the power to remove members from the floor
26 of the House, except by a majority vote of those present.

27 Manner of Putting Questions

28 Rule 17. The Speaker shall rise to state and put questions. Questions
29 shall be in the following form: "As many as are in favor (by electronic
30 roll call) vote 'Aye'. As many as are opposed (if by electronic roll
31 call) vote 'No'". (Or if by voice vote say "Aye" or "No.") If the
32 Speaker doubts on a voice vote, voting shall be ordered by electronic
33 device. The Speaker may require a recorded vote on any motion.

34 OTHER OFFICERS

35 Speaker Pro Tem

36 Rule 18. The Speaker Pro Tem shall perform the duties of Speaker during

1 the sickness or absence of the Speaker, except while some member is
2 discharging such duties as a substitute under Rule 14.

3 Chief Clerk

4 Rule 19. It shall be the duty of the Chief Clerk to serve also as Chief
5 Administrator of the House and to attend the House during its sittings.
6 The Chief Clerk, under the direction of the Speaker, shall prepare and
7 keep the House Journal and seasonably record the proceedings of the
8 House; keep regular files of House papers; attest all writs, warrants
9 and subpoenas issued by order of the House; keep an account of all fines
10 imposed by the House; maintain a record of the members' attendance; keep
11 an account of the traveling and expense allowances of all the members;
12 transmit to the Senate messages, communications, copies and documents of
13 the House; keep a docket of proceedings on all bills, resolutions and
14 acts; and execute the commands of the House from time to time.

15 Sergeant-at-Arms; Doorkeeper and Chaplain

16 Rule 20. (a) [SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.] Sergeant-at-arms. It shall be the duty
17 of the Sergeant-at-Arms to attend the House during its sittings; to
18 execute the commands of the House from time to time, together with such
19 process issued by authority thereof as shall be directed to [him/her]
20 him or her by the Speaker. [He/she] He or she shall preserve order in
21 the galleries and lobby and keep the entry to the aisle cleared during
22 the session of the House.

23 (b) [DOORKEEPER.] Doorkeeper. It shall be the duty of the
24 Doorkeeper, subject to the orders of the Speaker, to attend the sittings
25 of the House. The Doorkeeper shall allow no person to come or remain
26 within the Hall or galleries except as are admitted by the rules or
27 orders of the House. [He/she] He or she shall execute the commands of
28 the Speaker in relation to [his/her] his or her duties and shall obey
29 such other orders as may be made by the House.

30 (c) [CHAPLAIN.] Chaplain. It shall be the duty of the Chaplain, or
31 a person designated by the Speaker, to attend at the commencement of
32 each day's sitting of the House, to open the sessions thereof with a
33 prayer, visit any member who may be sick, and to preach in the Hall of
34 the House of Representatives whenever requested by a vote of the House.

35 Employees

36 Rule 21. The House may employ, and the Speaker appoint, such employees
37 as are necessary to perform the duties of the House. No person shall be
38 initially hired by the House of Representatives who is related to any
39 member of the House within the fourth degree, by consanguinity or by
40 affinity.

41 COMMITTEES

42 By Whom Appointed; Composition of Membership

43 Rule 22. All regular standing, conference, interim, and statutory
44 committees shall be appointed by the Speaker who, when appointing a

1 committee, shall designate a member thereof as [chairman] chair,
2 designate another member as [vice-chairman] vice chair and designate the
3 total number of members to serve on each committee, except the minority
4 members of each regular standing committee shall be appointed by the
5 Minority Floor Leader. The [vice-chairman] vice chair or a designee of
6 the chair shall preside at all committee meetings in the absence of the
7 [chairman] chair. The Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tem, the
8 Majority Floor Leader, the Assistant Majority Floor Leader, the Majority
9 Whip, the Minority Floor Leader, the Assistant Minority Floor Leader,
10 and the Minority Whip shall be ex-officio members of all committees of
11 the House, [and] the chair of the budget committee and one member of
12 [said] the committee designated by the Minority Leader shall be ex-
13 officio members of all appropriations committees of the House, and the
14 chair of the select standing committee to which a regular standing
15 committee shall report bills and one member of such select committee
16 designated by the Minority Leader shall be ex-officio members to the
17 appropriate regular standing committees of the House, for the purpose of
18 a quorum and inquiry but shall have no vote unless they are duly
19 appointed members of [said] the committee. The membership of all
20 regular standing committees and all other committees and commissions,
21 unless otherwise provided by the act or resolution creating them, shall
22 be composed as nearly as may be, of majority and minority party members
23 in the same proportion as the number of majority and minority party
24 members in the House bears to the total membership of the House, except
25 for the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall consist of an equal
26 number of members from the majority and minority party. The Speaker may
27 appoint such special standing committees as [he/she] he or she deems
28 necessary. Any special standing committee shall have the authority and
29 duties of a regular standing committee if so designated by the Speaker.
30 The Minority Floor Leader may make recommendations to the Speaker
31 regarding minority membership of special standing committees. The
32 Speaker may dissolve [and/or] or discharge the members of any
33 conference, interim, or special standing committee at any time and
34 reappoint the members thereof.

35 Time of Sitting

36 Rule 23. No committee shall meet except during those times so designated
37 by the Speaker. No committee shall sit during the session of the House
38 without leave of the House.

39 The Regular Standing Committees Enumerated

40 Rule 24. The regular standing committees of the House shall be as
41 follows:

- 42 1. Administration and Accounts.
- 43 2. Agriculture Policy.
- 44 3. [Agri-Business.
- 45 4.] Appropriations - Agriculture [and] , Conservation, and Natural
46 Resources.
- 47 [5.] 4. Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary Education.
- 48 [6.] 5. Appropriations - General Administration.

1 [7.] 6. Appropriations - Health, Mental Health, and Social Services.
2 [8.] 7. Appropriations - [Infrastructure and Job Creation] Higher
3 Education.
4 [9.] 8. Appropriations - Public Safety and Corrections.
5 [10.] 9. Appropriations - Revenue, Transportation, and Economic
6 Development.
7 10. Banking.
8 11. [Budget.
9 12.] Children[,] and Families[, and Persons with Disabilities].
10 [13.] 12. Civil and Criminal Proceedings.
11 13. Conservation and Natural Resources.
12 14. Consumer Affairs.
13 15. Corrections.
14 [14. Crime Prevention and Public Safety.
15 15. Downsizing State Government.]
16 16. Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention.
17 17. Elections.
18 18. Elementary and Secondary Education.
19 19. Emerging Issues [in Agriculture].
20 20. Emerging Issues in Education.
21 21. Employment Security.
22 22. Energy and the Environment.
23 23. Ethics.
24 [21. Financial Institutions.
25 22.] 24. Fiscal Review.
26 [23. General Laws.
27 24.] 25. Government Efficiency.
28 26. Government Oversight and Accountability.
29 [25.] 27. Health [Care] and Mental Health Policy.
30 [26.] 28. Health Insurance.
31 [27.] 29. Higher Education.
32 [28. Insurance Policy] 30. Local Government.
33 31. Pensions.
34 [29. International Trade] 32. Professional Registration and Licensing.
35 [30. Judiciary] 33. Property, Casualty, and Life Insurance.
36 [31. Local Government] 34. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.
37 [32. Professional Registration and Licensing.
38 33. Retirement.
39 34. Rules.]
40 35. Small Business.
41 36. [Tourism and Natural Resources.
42 37.] Telecommunications.
43 37. Trade and Tourism.
44 38. Transportation.
45 [38. Urban Issues.
46 39. Utilities.
47 40.] 39. Utility Infrastructure.
48 40. Veterans.
49 41. Ways and Means.
50 42. Workforce Standards and Development [and Workplace Safety].

1 Duties of the Regular Standing Committees

2 Rule 25. (1) Duties Generally. Regular standing committees shall have
3 the responsibility to consider bills that have been referred to them and
4 report the bill as "Do Pass", "without recommendation" or "Do Pass - as
5 amended" to the appropriate select standing committee along with any
6 amendments that were adopted by the committee. It shall not be the duty
7 of a regular standing committee to report committee substitutes to the
8 appropriate select standing committee.

9 (2) Administration and Accounts.

10 (a) Duties generally. The Committee on Administration and
11 Accounts shall superintend and have sole and complete control of all
12 financial obligations and business affairs of the House except those
13 employees appointed by or assigned to the Speaker, or assigned to the
14 Budget Committee Chair, the Speaker Pro Tem, the Majority Floor Leader,
15 the Minority Floor Leader, and the Officers of the House. The committee
16 shall provide for the receiving and receipt of all supplies, equipment,
17 and furnishings purchased [for] from the account of the House[,] and
18 shall further provide for the use and distribution thereof.

19 (b) Funds for operation of member's individual offices. The
20 committee shall also prescribe rules governing the expenditure of funds
21 allotted to individual members for the operation of their offices.
22 Such rules shall be applied equally to, and shall require the equal
23 treatment of, all members with regard to the expenditure of such funds.
24 Subject to such rules, each member shall have discretion to expend such
25 funds, for the use of his or her office, without the approval of the
26 committee.

27 (c) Allotment of offices, chamber seats, and parking spaces. Each
28 member shall be allotted his or her own office, chamber seat and parking
29 assignment. The committee shall assign all offices, chamber seats, and
30 parking spaces under its control and reserved for members. The
31 committee may make assignments to the party caucuses for those caucuses
32 to assign to their respective members. The House officers, the floor
33 leaders and assistant floor leaders of each party, the Budget Committee
34 Chair, and the [chairman] chair and ranking minority member of the
35 Administration and Accounts Committee, without respect to the seniority
36 of those members, shall have priority with respect to such assignments
37 within their respective caucuses.

38 (d) Duties of the Chief Clerk in Respect to Committee. The Chief
39 Clerk of the House may be authorized to act for the committee, but only
40 in the manner and to the extent as may have been previously authorized
41 by the committee. Such authorization shall be entered in the minutes of
42 the committee. The Chief Clerk shall maintain financial records for the
43 House of Representatives in accordance with generally accepted
44 accounting principles. The Chief Clerk of the House shall keep a
45 detailed accounting of all transactions and shall furnish each member of
46 the committee and the Speaker with a copy of such account on a quarterly
47 basis.

48 [(e) Issue Development Standing Committees. The committee may
49 approve and prescribe regulation of Issue Development Standing
50 Committees. Any group of House members may seek the designation of an
51 Issue Development Standing Committee by applying to the Administration
52 and Accounts Committee Chair. The application shall include the issue

1 of study and the proposed members of the committee. All findings and
2 recommendations of the approved committees shall be forwarded to the
3 Administration and Accounts Committee Chair. All approved Issue
4 Development Standing Committees shall be afforded the same rights and
5 privileges as a regular standing committee.

6 (2)] (3) The Committee on Agriculture Policy. The Committee on
7 Agriculture Policy may consider and report upon bills and matters
8 referred to it relating to the protection, promotion, and encouragement
9 of agriculture in this state.

10 [(3) Committee on Agri-Business. The Committee on Agri-Business
11 may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating
12 to the protection, promotion and encouragement of agri-business in the
13 state.]

14 (4) The Committee on Appropriations - Agriculture, Conservation,
15 and Natural Resources. The Committee on Appropriations - Agriculture,
16 Conservation, and Natural Resources shall report to the Budget Committee
17 upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by the Budget
18 Committee pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of public
19 money for the funding of the Department of Agriculture, the Department
20 of Natural Resources, and the Department of Conservation.

21 (5) The Committee on Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary
22 Education. The Committee on Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary
23 Education shall report to the Budget Committee upon all bills, measures,
24 and questions referred to it by the Budget Committee pertaining to the
25 appropriations and disbursements of public money for the funding of the
26 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education [and the Department of
27 Higher Education].

28 (6) The Committee on Appropriations - General Administration. The
29 Committee on Appropriations - General Administration shall report to the
30 Budget Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to it
31 by the Budget Committee pertaining to the appropriations and
32 disbursements of public money for the funding of the [Public Debt,
33 Elected Officials] public debt, elected officials, Office of
34 Administration, the General Assembly, the [Judiciary] judiciary, and the
35 [Public Defender] public defender.

36 (7) The Committee on Appropriations - Health, Mental Health, and
37 Social Services. The Committee on Appropriations - Health, Mental
38 Health, and Social Services shall report to the Budget Committee upon
39 all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by the Budget
40 Committee pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of public
41 money for the funding of the Department of Health and Senior Services,
42 the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Social Services.

43 (8) [The Committee on Appropriations - Infrastructure and Job
44 Creation. The Committee on Appropriations - Infrastructure and Job
45 Creation shall report to the Budget Committee upon all bills, measures,
46 and questions referred to it by the Budget Committee pertaining to the
47 appropriations and disbursements of public money for the funding of
48 infrastructure and job creation.] The Committee on Appropriations -
49 Higher Education. The Committee on Appropriations - Higher Education
50 shall report to the Budget Committee upon all bills, measures, and
51 questions referred to it by the Budget Committee pertaining to the
52 appropriations and disbursements of public money for the funding of the
53 Department of Higher Education.

1 (9) *The Committee on Appropriations - Public Safety and*
2 *Corrections.* The Committee on Appropriations - Public Safety and
3 Corrections shall report to the Budget Committee upon all bills,
4 measures, and questions referred to it by the Budget Committee
5 pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of public money for
6 the funding of the [Departments] Department of Public Safety and
7 Department of Corrections.

8 (10) *The Committee on Appropriations - Revenue, Transportation, and*
9 *Economic Development.* The Committee on Appropriations - Revenue,
10 Transportation, and Economic Development shall report to the Budget
11 Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by the
12 Budget Committee pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of
13 public money for the funding of the Department of Transportation, the
14 Department of Economic Development, the Department of Revenue, the
15 Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional
16 Registration, and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

17 (11) *[The Committee on Budget.*

18 (a) The Committee on Budget shall have the responsibility of
19 filing all appropriations bills, assigning of those bills to the
20 appropriate appropriations committees, and shall report upon all bills
21 recommended to it by the respective appropriation committee and any
22 other bills, measures, or questions referred to it pertaining to the
23 appropriation and disbursement of public money.

24 (b) *Other duties.* The Committee may consider and report upon any
25 bill or resolution referred to it which, in the opinion of the Speaker,
26 merits special consideration. The Committee may also consider and
27 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the
28 reorganization, consolidation, and abolition of boards, bureaus,
29 commissions and other offices and buildings of the state, including the
30 Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction, the capitol
31 grounds, and the state and legislative library. The Committee is
32 empowered to study and investigate the efficiency and economy of all
33 branches of Government including the possible existence of fraud,
34 misfeasance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement, incompetence,
35 corruption, waste, conflicts of interests and the improper expenditure
36 of Government funds in transactions, contracts and activities of
37 Government or Government officials and employees. The Committee is
38 authorized to hold hearings, sit and act at any time or place within the
39 State of Missouri during the recess and adjournment periods of the
40 House, administer oaths, and take testimony, either orally or by sworn
41 written statement. If the Committee, after hearing, and upon findings
42 incorporated in a report, deems that a particular activity, bureau,
43 agency, committee, commission, department, or any other entity of state
44 government should be discontinued, it shall report such finding to the
45 House for further action by the House. The Committee shall also
46 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
47 the efficiency of government in the state.] *The Committee on Banking.*
48 The Committee on Banking may consider all bills and matters referred to
49 it relating to the regulation and administration of state policies by
50 the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional
51 Registration or any other agency or governmental unit thereto conferred
52 upon by the Missouri constitution or statutes relating to the operation
53 of banks, credit unions, or other lending or depository institutions.

1 (12) *The Committee on Children[,] and Families[, and Persons with*
2 *Disabilities]*. The Committee on Children[,] *and Families[, and Persons*
3 *with Disabilities]* may consider and report upon bills and matters
4 referred to it relating to the Department of Social Services, the
5 Department of Health and Senior Services, and other matters relating to
6 the fostering and promotion of children, families, and persons with
7 disabilities in this state.

8 (13) *The Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings.* The
9 Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings may consider and report upon
10 bills and matters referred to it relating to the functions and
11 operations of the judiciary and all powers thereto conferred upon by the
12 Missouri constitution and statutes in the administration of justice.

13 (14) *The Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources.* The
14 Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources may consider and report
15 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the functions and
16 operations of the Department of Conservation or the Department of
17 Natural Resources and all powers thereto conferred upon by the Missouri
18 constitution and statutes.

19 (15) *The Committee on Consumer Affairs.* The Committee on
20 Consumer Affairs may consider and report on all bills and matters
21 referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of state
22 policies by the Secretary of State, Department of Insurance, Financial
23 Institutions and Professional Registration, or any agency or
24 governmental unit and all powers thereto conferred upon by the Missouri
25 constitution and statutes regarding the protection of consumers within
26 any commercial or financial transaction.

27 (16) *The Committee on Corrections.* The Committee on Corrections
28 may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating
29 to adult and juvenile penal and correctional problems, the
30 administration of correctional institutions, and the state penitentiary.

31 [(14)] *The Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.* The
32 Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety may consider and report
33 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to criminal laws, law
34 enforcement and public safety matters.

35 (15) *The Committee on Downsizing State Government.* The Committee
36 on Downsizing State Government may consider matters referred to it
37 relating to reducing the size of state government and its programs.

38 (16)] (17) *The Committee on Economic Development and Business*
39 *Attraction and Retention.* The Committee on Economic Development and
40 Business Attraction and Retention may consider and report upon bills and
41 matters referred to it relating to commerce, industrial growth,
42 expansion, and development.

43 [(17)] (18) *The Committee on Elections.* The Committee on
44 Elections may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
45 relating to elections and election contests involving members of the
46 House.

47 [(18)] (19) *The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education.*
48 The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education may consider and
49 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to elementary and
50 secondary education and life-long learning in this state, including
51 teachers, financing, property, indebtedness and curriculum.

52 [(19)] (20) *The Committee on Emerging Issues.* The Committee on
53 Emerging Issues may consider and report upon bills and matters referred

1 to it relating to general or miscellaneous issues as determined by the
2 Speaker of the House.

3 (21) The Committee on Emerging Issues in [Agriculture] Education.

4 The Committee on Emerging Issues in [\Agriculture] Education may
5 consider matters referred to it relating to [the production, processing,
6 selling, marketing, and distribution of animals, livestock, and poultry
7 in the agricultural industry.

8 (20)] financing facilities, staff, curriculum, student learning in
9 elementary and secondary education or higher education in this state.

10 (22) The Committee on Employment Security. The Committee on
11 Employment Security may consider and report upon bills and matters
12 referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of
13 employment security systems by the Department of Labor and Industrial
14 Relations pursuant to the powers thereto conferred upon by the Missouri
15 constitution and statutes.

16 (23) The Committee on Energy and the Environment. The Committee
17 on Energy and the Environment may consider and report upon bills and
18 matters referred to it regarding the regulation and administration of
19 state policies by any agency or governmental unit conferred upon by the
20 Missouri constitution or statutes regarding the development and
21 protection of energy and environmental resources.

22 (24) The Committee on Ethics. The Committee on Ethics may
23 consider and report upon complaints referred to it relating to a member
24 of the House involving the commission of a crime, misconduct, willful
25 neglect of duty, corruption in office or other complaints relating to
26 the ethical conduct of a member. The committee is authorized to sit
27 and act at any time or place within the State of Missouri during the
28 recess and adjournment periods of the House, administer oaths, and take
29 testimony, either orally or by sworn written statement.

30 [(21) The Committee on Financial Institutions. The Committee on
31 Financial Institutions may consider and report upon bills and matters
32 referred to it relating to banks, banking, savings and loans, credit
33 unions, and other financial institutions.

34 (22)] (25) The Committee on Fiscal Review. The Committee on
35 Fiscal Review shall consider any bill which requires net additional
36 expenditures of state money in excess of \$100,000 or which reduces net
37 state revenue by more than \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years
38 immediately following the effective date or at full implementation of
39 the bill. Any such House bill, after having been perfected and ordered
40 printed by the House, shall be referred to the Committee on Fiscal
41 Review for its consideration prior to the bill's submission to the House
42 for third reading and final passage. Any House bill with Senate
43 [amendment(s)] amendments or any House bill with a Senate substitute
44 which requires net additional expenditure of state money in excess of
45 \$100,000 or which reduces net state revenue by more than \$100,000 in any
46 of the three fiscal years immediately following the effective date or at
47 full implementation of the bill shall be referred to the Committee on
48 Fiscal Review for its consideration prior to the bill's submission to
49 the House. Any such Senate bill, after having been approved by the
50 regular [or] , special, or select standing committee to which it was
51 referred, shall be referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review for its
52 consideration prior to its submission to the House for third reading and
53 final passage. Any Senate or House bill amended so as to increase net

1 expenditures or reduce net revenues shall, upon timely motion adopted by
2 the members, be referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review. Such motion
3 shall only be timely for a House bill when the sponsor or handler of the
4 House bill moves that the bill be Third Read and passed and before the
5 Speaker restates that motion. The primary sponsor or, in the case of a
6 Senate bill, the floor handler of a bill referred to the Committee on
7 Fiscal Review shall be entitled to a hearing on the bill but such
8 hearing shall be limited to the reception of testimony by the primary
9 sponsor or floor handler, as the case may be, in person and none other,
10 without leave of the committee [Chair] chair. For the purposes of this
11 rule, "net" is defined as the sum of revenues and expenditures, after
12 reductions and increases brought about by a bill have been calculated.
13 The Committee on Fiscal Review may, with the consent of the House
14 sponsor or floor handler, amend an effective date onto any bill referred
15 to the Committee.

16 [(23) *The Committee on General Laws.* The Committee on General Laws
17 may consider matters referred to it relating to general or miscellaneous
18 issues as determined by the Speaker of the House.

19 [(24)] (26) *The Committee on Government Efficiency.* The Committee on
20 Government Efficiency may consider matters referred to it relating to
21 reducing the size of state government and its programs.

22 (27) *The Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability.*
23 The Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability may consider
24 and report on bills and matters referred to it relating to the oversight
25 of government programs and policies and to ensure accountability of the
26 executive and judicial branches of government.

27 [(25)] (28) *The Committee on Health [Care] and Mental Health*
28 *Policy.* The Committee on Health [Care] and Mental Health Policy may
29 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
30 the health care of the citizens of the State, including mental health,
31 and the [Departments] Department of Health and Senior Service and the
32 Department of Mental Health. The Committee may also consider and report
33 on bills and matters referred to it relating to Medicaid and related
34 matters.

35 [(26)] (29) *The Committee on Health Insurance.* The Committee on
36 Health Insurance may consider and report upon bills and matters referred
37 to it relating to insurance coverage for health and medical issues.

38 [(27)] (30) *The Committee on Higher Education.* The Committee on
39 Higher Education may consider and report [on] upon bills and matters
40 referred to it related to higher education, including matters relating
41 to financing, facilities, staff, curriculum, and related matters.

42 [(28) *The Committee on Insurance Policy.* The Committee on
43 Insurance Policy may consider and report upon bills and matters referred
44 to it relating to insurance, insurance companies and the Department of
45 Insurance.

46 (29) *The Committee on International Trade.* The Committee on
47 International Trade may consider and report upon bills and matters
48 referred to it relating to international commerce and development.

49 (30) *The Committee on Judiciary.* The Committee on Judiciary may
50 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
51 the judicial branch of the State and the practices and procedures of the
52 courts of this State, and on matters pertaining to civil and
53 administrative laws and procedures, and on matters relating to the

1 ethics of public officials.]

2 (31) *The Committee on Local Government.* The Committee on Local
3 Government may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
4 relating to counties, cities, towns, villages, other political
5 subdivisions of the [State] state, and local government generally.

6 (32) *The Committee on Pensions.* The Committee on Pensions may
7 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
8 the regulation and administration of state policies conferred upon any
9 agency or governmental unit pursuant to the Missouri constitution and
10 statutes of publicly financed or publicly supported pension systems.

11 (33) *The Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing.*
12 The Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing may consider
13 and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the
14 licensing of professionals in this state [and consumer protection
15 issues].

16 [(33) *The Committee on Retirement.* The Committee on Retirement may
17 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
18 the retirement and pensions of state and local officials and employees
19 and senior citizen issues generally.

20 (34) *The Committee on Rules*

21 (a) *Duties generally.* The Committee on Rules shall formulate and
22 present for consideration the rules of the House; shall consider and
23 report upon all propositions to amend or change the rules, which
24 propositions shall stand referred without reading or consideration and
25 without discussion, explanation, or debate to the Committee on Rules,
26 and upon any bill which merits special consideration.

27 (b) *Duties related to printing and proofing bills.* The Committee
28 shall supervise the printing of all bills ordered perfected and printed,
29 assuring that procedures are followed in which all amendments to every
30 such bill are incorporated therein before the bill is printed and that
31 the printed copies of the bill on the desks of the members are true and
32 accurate copies of the bill as ordered perfected and printed. The
33 Committee shall also supervise the printing of all bills which are truly
34 agreed and finally passed, assuring that procedures are followed in
35 which every bill is a true copy of the bill as passed with clerical
36 errors corrected.

37 (c) *Duties relating to the issuance of courtesy resolutions.* A
38 courtesy resolution is a non-controversial resolution in the nature of
39 congratulations on the birth of a child, celebration of a wedding
40 anniversary, congratulations of an outstanding citizen achievement or a
41 similar event which is in the practice and procedure of the House to
42 consider as a courtesy resolution. While the House is in session, the
43 resolutions that have been issued under the supervision of the Committee
44 shall be printed in the House Journal by number. Any resolution that is
45 not a courtesy resolution shall require action by the House as provided
46 for by the House Rules.

47 (d) *Petition to remove from perfection calendar.* Upon petition of
48 two-thirds (2/3) of the regular standing committee chairmen recommending
49 a House Bill or Joint Resolution be removed from the regular perfection
50 calendar and placed on the Rules Committee Calendar to be perfected and
51 printed, the Committee on Rules shall have authority to consider and
52 remove any House Bill or Joint Resolution from the regular perfection
53 calendar and place it upon the Rules Committee Calendar, House Bills or

1 Joint Resolutions to be perfected and printed. And any bill so placed
2 upon said calendar shall, after being perfected and printed, be placed
3 upon the Rules Committee Calendar, House Bills or Joint Resolutions to
4 be agreed to and placed upon third reading and final passage.

5 (e) *Petition to remove from third reading calendar.* Upon petition
6 of two-thirds (2/3) of the regular standing committee chairmen, the
7 Committee on Rules shall have the authority to consider and remove any
8 Senate Bill or Joint Resolution from the regular third reading calendar
9 and place it upon the Rules Committee Calendar, Senate Bills or Joint
10 Resolutions to be agreed to and placed upon third reading and final
11 passage. The Committee has the privilege of reporting at any time and
12 the consideration of its report shall have precedence over all other
13 business. Any bill placed upon the Rules Committee Calendar, House
14 Bills or Joint Resolutions to be perfected and printed, by the Committee
15 on Rules may be recommitted to the same committee by a Constitutional
16 majority of the elected members, and if this occurs the bill shall be
17 returned to its place on the Perfection Calendar from which it had been
18 removed.

19 (f) *Review of Bills Reported from Regular Standing or Special*
20 *Standing Committees.*

21 1. Whenever a committee reports a bill with a recommendation that
22 it "Do Pass" or "Without Recommendation", the bill shall stand
23 automatically referred to the Committee on Rules. The Committee on
24 Rules is hereby authorized to:

25 a. Report the bill "Do Pass" to the House without a limitation on
26 time of debate on the bill or amendments.

27 b. Report the bill "Do Pass" to the House with a limitation on
28 the time of debate.

29 c. Send the bill back to the originating committee in the form as
30 originally referred by the Speaker.

31 When the Committee on Rules sends the bill back to the originating
32 committee, that committee may amend the bill and report the bill again
33 without the need to reconsider the initial vote by which the committee
34 voted the bill "Do Pass".

35 2. When a bill is automatically referred to the Committee on
36 Rules with a recommendation that it "Do Pass - Consent", the Rules
37 Committee shall review the bill for the purpose of determining whether
38 or not it should have "consent" status. The Committee on Rules may
39 decide, by a majority of those present, whether or not to place the bill
40 on the appropriate "Consent" calendar. When the Committee on Rules
41 declines to place the bill on the appropriate "Consent" calendar, it may
42 consider whether or not to report the bill to the House with a "Do Pass"
43 recommendation, without "consent" status. The authority of the
44 Committee on Rules with respect to limiting debate shall apply to bills
45 reported by it as "Do Pass - Consent".

46 3. When a bill is automatically referred to the Committee on
47 Rules with a recommendation that it "Do Pass - Federal Mandate", the
48 Committee on Rules shall review the bill for the purpose of determining
49 whether or not it should have "federal mandate" status. The Committee
50 on Rules may decide, by a majority of those present, whether or not to
51 place the bill on the appropriate "Federal Mandate" calendar. When the
52 Committee on Rules declines to place the bill on the appropriate
53 "Federal Mandate" calendar, it may consider whether or not to report the
54 bill to the House with a "Do Pass" recommendation, without "federal

1 mandate" status. The authority of the Committee on Rules with respect
2 to limiting debate shall apply to bills reported by it as "Do Pass -
3 Federal Mandate".

4 4. When the Rules Committee shall place a limitation on the time
5 of floor debate on a bill, or on amendments, such time shall be divided
6 equally between, and controlled by, the floor handler of the bill and
7 the floor leader of the political party other than that of the floor
8 handler, or their respective designee(s). The floor handler shall
9 always have the right to have the final one minute of designated time.

10 If time has been allocated and unused by either side and no member from
11 that side is seeking recognition, the Speaker may declare additional
12 time waived and recognize the members of the other side to complete use
13 of their time. Nothing in this rule shall entitle any member to speak
14 longer than the House Rules otherwise allow.

15 5. In reviewing bills automatically referred to it from another
16 committee, the Committee on Rules may, but is not required to, take such
17 testimony as it deems appropriate to make its decisions. The committee
18 shall not amend any bill that was not initially referred to the
19 Committee on Rules.

20 (g) When a committee has reported a bill "Do Pass" with committee
21 amendment(s), the Committee on Rules shall take such action as it deems
22 proper on the entire package of the bill with committee amendment(s) as
23 though the committee amendment(s) were already incorporated into the
24 bill.

25 (h) If the Committee on Rules is the original committee to which a
26 bill is referred, when the Committee reports such bill "Do Pass" or
27 "Without Recommendation", such bill shall not be subject to the
28 automatic referral referenced in Rule 25 (34) (f)1. above. However,
29 in reporting such bill, the Committee on Rules may take any action on
30 such bill as though the bill were referred to it after a "Do Pass" or
31 "Without Recommendation" report from another committee.]

32 (34) The Committee on Property, Casualty, and Life Insurance.
33 The Committee on Property, Casualty, and Life Insurance may consider and
34 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the regulation
35 and administration of state policies conferred upon the Department of
36 Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration or any
37 agency or governmental unit pursuant to the Missouri constitution and
38 statutes relating to the provision of property, casualty, and life
39 insurance.

40 (35) The Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.
41 The Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness may consider
42 and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to regulation
43 and administration of state policies conferred upon the Department of
44 Public Safety, the Missouri National Guard, or any agency or
45 governmental unit pursuant to the Missouri constitution or statutes
46 relating to public safety and emergency preparedness.

47 [(35)] (36) The Committee on Small Business. The Committee on
48 Small Business may consider and report upon bills and matters referred
49 to it relating to the establishment, growth, development, expansion,
50 retention, and operations of small businesses in the [State] state.

51 [(36)] (37) The Committee on Telecommunications. The Committee on
52 Telecommunications may consider and report upon bills and matters
53 referred to it by the Speaker or returned to it relating to the

1 regulation and administration of state policies by the Public Service
2 Commission or any agency or governmental unit thereto conferred upon by
3 the Missouri constitution or statutes regarding the operation,
4 transmission, or distribution of telecommunication technology services.

5 (38) The Committee on Trade and Tourism [and Natural Resources].

6 The Committee on Trade and Tourism [and Natural Resources] may consider
7 and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the
8 [Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Conservation, fish
9 and game laws of this state, preservation and protection of the natural
10 resources of this state,] regulation and administration of state
11 policies by the Department of Economic Development or any agency or
12 governmental unit thereto conferred upon by the Missouri constitution or
13 statutes regarding the development and promotion of trade relations,
14 retention, and expansion of national and international marketplaces,
15 travel, tourism, recreation, the arts, and cultural affairs.

16 [(37)] (39) The Committee on Transportation. The Committee on
17 Transportation may consider and report upon bills and matters referred
18 to it relating to the Department of Transportation, all means of
19 transportation, including roads, highways, bridges, ferries, airports,
20 railroads, and other means of transportation. The Committee may also
21 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
22 motor vehicles and traffic regulations.

23 [(38) The Committee on Urban Issues. The Committee on Urban
24 Issues may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
25 relating to urban and metropolitan areas of this state.

26 (39)] (40) The Committee on [Utilities] Utility Infrastructure.
27 The Committee on [Utilities] Utility Infrastructure may consider and
28 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the
29 development, [uses and regulation of utilities, communications and
30 technology and the development, use and conservation of energy and other
31 energy-related concerns, environmental impact and pollution and public
32 health and safety as it relates to the issue of energy] expansion, and
33 preservation of public utility infrastructure.

34 [(40)] (41) The Committee on Veterans. The Committee on Veterans
35 may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating
36 to terrorism and security against terrorism; veterans affairs and the
37 promotion and strengthening of states rights and military and naval
38 affairs of the State.

39 [(41)] (42) The Committee on Ways and Means. The Committee on
40 Ways and Means may consider and report upon bills and matters referred
41 to it relating to the taxes of the [State] state, tax credits, revenue
42 and public debt of the [State] state, and the interest thereon, and the
43 administration of taxation and revenue laws. The Committee may also
44 inquire into and suggest to the House such changes, if any, that should
45 be made in respect to existing sources of revenue and such new sources
46 of revenue, if any, that in the judgment of the Committee should be
47 considered by the House. The Committee may also inquire into and suggest
48 to the House such changes, if any, that should be made in respect to
49 eliminating any existing sources of revenue, if any, that in the
50 judgment of the Committee should be considered by the House.

51 [(42)] (43) The Committee on Workforce Standards and Development
52 [and Workplace Safety]. The Committee on Workforce Standards and
53 Development [and Workforce Safety] may consider and report upon bills

1 and matters referred to it relating to [employment, labor, and workplace
2 safety] the regulation and administration of state policies by the
3 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations regarding the attraction,
4 training, retention, and safety of the workforce.

5 The Select Standing Committees Enumerated

6 Rule 26. The select standing committees of the House shall be as
7 follows:

- 8 1. Agriculture.
- 9 2. Budget.
- 10 3. Commerce.
- 11 4. Education.
- 12 5. Financial Institutions and Taxation.
- 13 6. General Laws.
- 14 7. Insurance.
- 15 8. Judiciary.
- 16 9. Labor and Industrial Relations.
- 17 10. Rules.
- 18 11. Social Services.
- 19 12. State and Local Governments.
- 20 13. Utilities.

21 Duties of the Select Standing Committees

22 Rule 27. (1) Duties of Select Standing Committees - Generally. Except
23 for the Select Standing Committee on Rules, the select standing
24 committees shall consider and report upon all matters referred to them
25 by their regular standing committees specifically enumerated in Rule
26 25. Should any of these regular standing committees report a bill "Do
27 Pass" or "without recommendation", such bill shall automatically stand
28 referred to the regular standing committee's select standing
29 committee. At the discretion of the chair, the select standing
30 committees shall examine and consider any bill automatically referred
31 to it by a regular standing committee. Such consideration shall be
32 limited to a presentation of the bill and any amendments thereto, if
33 necessary, to the select standing committee by its sponsor, or the
34 House handler in the event of a Senate bill, or the chair of the
35 regular standing committee from which it was automatically referred.
36 Upon consideration, the select standing committee shall be authorized
37 to:

38 (a) Create a house committee substitute on any bill or resolution
39 in its possession.

40 (b) Report the bill or resolution "Do Pass" or "without
41 recommendation" to the Speaker.

42 (c) Report the bill or resolution "Do Pass with recommended
43 committee amendment" to the Speaker provided that the Committee shall
44 not consider any substitute under color of amendment.

45 (d) Report the bill or resolution as a "House Committee
46 Substitute - Do Pass" or "House Committee Substitute - without
47 recommendation" to the Speaker.

1 (e) Return the bill or resolution to the Regular Standing
2 Committee from which it was referred in its original form as first
3 read.

4 (2) The Select Standing Committee on Agriculture. The Select
5 Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consider and report on all
6 matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on
7 Agriculture Policy and the Regular Standing Committee on Conservation
8 and Natural Resources.

9 (3) The Select Standing Committee on Budget.

10 (a) Duties concerning appropriations. The Select Standing
11 Committee on Budget shall have the responsibility of filing all
12 appropriations bills, and shall report upon all bills recommended to
13 it by the Regular Standing Committee on Appropriations - Agriculture,
14 Conservation, and Natural Resources; the Regular Standing Committee on
15 Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary Education; the Regular
16 Standing Committee on Appropriations - General Administration; the
17 Regular Standing Committee on Health, Mental Health, and Social
18 Services; the Regular Standing Committee on Appropriations - Higher
19 Education; the Regular Standing Committee on Appropriations - Public
20 Safety and Corrections; and the Regular Standing Committee on
21 Appropriations - Revenue, Transportation, and Economic Development;
22 and any other bills, measures, or questions referred to it pertaining
23 to the appropriation and disbursement of public money.

24 (b) Other duties. The Committee may consider and report upon
25 any bill or resolution referred to it which, in the opinion of the
26 Speaker, merits special consideration. The Committee may also
27 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
28 the reorganization, consolidation, and abolition of boards, bureaus,
29 commissions, and other offices and buildings of the state, including
30 the Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction, the
31 capitol grounds, and the state and legislative library. The
32 Committee is empowered to study and investigate the efficiency and
33 economy of all branches of government including the possible existence
34 of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement,
35 incompetence, corruption, waste, conflicts of interest, and the
36 improper expenditure of government funds in transactions, contracts
37 and activities of government or government officials and employees.
38 The Committee is authorized to hold hearings, sit and act at any time
39 or place within the state of Missouri during the recess and
40 adjournment periods of the House, administer oaths, and take
41 testimony, either orally or by sworn written statement. If the
42 Committee, after hearing, and upon findings incorporated in a report,
43 deems that a particular activity, bureau, agency, committee,
44 commission, department, or any other entity of state government should
45 be discontinued, it shall report such finding to the House for further
46 action by the House. The Committee shall also consider and report
47 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the efficiency of
48 government in the state.

49 (4) The Select Standing Committee on Commerce. The Select
50 Standing Committee on Commerce shall consider and report on all

1 matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Economic
2 Development and Business Attraction and Retention, the Regular
3 Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism, and the Regular Standing
4 Committee on Small Business.

5 (5) The Select Standing Committee on Education. The Select
6 Standing Committee on Education shall consider and report on all
7 matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Elementary
8 and Secondary Education, the Regular Standing Committee on Higher
9 Education, and the Regular Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in
10 Education.

11 (6) The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation. The
12 Select Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation shall consider and
13 report on all matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee
14 on Banking, the Regular Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and the
15 Regular Standing Committee on Pensions.

16 (7) The Select Standing Committee on General Laws. The Select
17 Standing Committee on General Laws shall consider and report on all
18 matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on
19 Professional Registration, the Regular Standing Committee on
20 Government Efficiency, and the Regular Standing Committee on Emerging
21 Issues.

22 (8) The Select Standing Committee on Insurance. The Select
23 Standing Committee on Insurance shall consider and report on all
24 matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Health
25 Insurance and the Regular Standing Committee on Property, Casualty,
26 and Life Insurance.

27 (9) The Select Standing Committee on Judiciary. The Select
28 Standing Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report on all
29 matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Civil and
30 Criminal Proceedings, the Regular Standing Committee on Corrections,
31 and the Regular Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs.

32 (10) The Select Standing Committee on Labor and Industrial
33 Relations. The Select Standing Committee on Labor and Industrial
34 Relations shall consider and report on all matters referred to it by
35 the Regular Standing Committee on Workforce Standards and Development
36 and the Regular Standing Committee on Employment Security.

37 (11) The Select Standing Committee on Rules.

38 (a) Duties generally. The Select Standing Committee on Rules
39 shall formulate and present for consideration the rules of the House
40 and shall consider and report upon all propositions to amend or change
41 the rules, which propositions shall stand referred without reading or
42 consideration and without discussion, explanation, or debate to the
43 Select Standing Committee on Rules.

44 (b) Duties related to printing and proofing bills. The Chief
45 Clerk, under the direction of the Committee shall supervise the
46 printing of all bills ordered perfected and printed, assuring that
47 procedures are followed in which all amendments to every such bill are
48 incorporated therein before the bill is printed and that the printed

1 copies of the bill on the desks of the members are true and accurate
2 copies of the bill as ordered perfected and printed. The Committee
3 shall also supervise the printing of all bills which are truly agreed
4 and finally passed, assuring that procedures are followed in which
5 every bill is a true copy of the bill as passed with clerical errors
6 corrected.

7 (c) Duties relating to the issuance of courtesy resolutions. A
8 courtesy resolution is a noncontroversial resolution in the nature of
9 congratulations on the birth of a child, celebration of a wedding
10 anniversary, congratulations on an outstanding citizen achievement or
11 a similar event which is in the practice and procedure of the House to
12 consider as a courtesy resolution shall require action by the House as
13 provided for by the House Rules. The Chief Clerk, under the direction
14 of the Committee, shall maintain a list of all courtesy resolutions
15 issued under this rule for inspection. Any resolution that is not a
16 courtesy resolution shall require action by the House as provided for
17 by the House Rules.

18 (d) Review of bills.

19 1. The Select Standing Committee on Rules shall have bills and
20 resolutions reported to it:

21 a. Automatically by virtue of consent status from a regular
22 standing committee.

23 b. By direct referral from the Speaker if the legislation is a
24 resolution.

25 c. By referral from the Speaker after the bill or resolution has
26 been reported out of another select standing committee.

27 d. By any special standing committee created by the Speaker and
28 designated in its creation as required to report to the Select
29 Standing Committee on Rules.

30 2. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a bill
31 with a consent status it may report it as "Do Pass - Consent" with a
32 majority of the members present voting favorably or send the bill back
33 to the regular standing committee from which it was received in the
34 bill's original form.

35 3. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a
36 resolution upon direct referral from the Speaker, the Committee shall
37 use the powers given to it under Rule 27(1) to act upon the
38 resolution.

39 4. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a bill
40 by referral from the Speaker and the bill has been reported from
41 another Select Standing Committee, the Committee may place a time
42 limitation on the bill or amend an effective or implementation date by
43 amendment only. When the Select Standing Committee shall place a
44 limitation on the time of floor debate on a bill, or on amendments,
45 such time shall be divided equally between, and controlled by, the
46 floor handler of the bill and the floor leader of the political party
47 other than that of the floor handler, or their respective designees.
48 The floor handler shall always have the right to have the final one
49 minute of designated time. If time has been allocated and unused by
50 either side and no member from that side is seeking recognition, the

1 Speaker may declare additional time waived and recognize the members
2 of the other side to complete use of their time. Nothing in this
3 rule shall entitle any member to speak longer than the House Rules
4 otherwise allow.

5 5. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a bill
6 from any special standing committee required to report to the
7 Committee, the Committee shall use the powers given to it under Rule
8 27(1) to act upon the bill.

9 (12) The Select Standing Committee on Social Services. The
10 Select Standing Committee on Social Services shall consider and report
11 on all matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on
12 Health and Mental Health Policy, the Regular Standing Committee on
13 Children and Families, and the Regular Standing Committee on Veterans.

14 (13) The Select Standing Committee on State and Local Government.
15 The Select Standing Committee on State and Local Government shall
16 consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Regular
17 Standing Committee on Elections, the Regular Standing Committee on
18 Local Government, the Regular Standing Committee on Public Safety and
19 Emergency Preparedness, and the Regular Standing Committee on
20 Transportation.

21 (14) The Select Standing Committee on Utilities. The Select
22 Standing Committee on Utilities shall consider and report on all
23 matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on
24 Telecommunications, the Regular Standing Committee on Energy and the
25 Environment, and the Regular Standing Committee on Utility
26 Infrastructure.

27 Duties of Committee Chair; Committee Organization

28 Rule [26.] 28. (a) *Duty to preside.* It is the duty of the chair to
29 preside at all sessions of the committee. In the absence of the chair,
30 the [vice-chair] vice chair of the committee or a designee of the chair
31 shall preside.

32 (b) *Duty to maintain minute book.* The chair shall see that a minute
33 book is kept for [his/her] his or her committee. The minute book shall
34 contain the attendance and voting records of the committee members, a
35 brief statement of the business that comes before the committee, the
36 names of the persons and witnesses appearing before the committee and
37 what side of a proposition they appeared on behalf of at the committee
38 hearing, or if the appearance was informational in nature and neither
39 for or against the proposition. The Chief Clerk shall be the repository
40 of the minute book after each session of the general assembly and shall
41 submit the same to the Secretary of State prior to the next regular
42 session.

43 (c) *Duty to preserve order.* The chair, while the committee is in
44 session, shall preserve order and decorum in and adjacent to the
45 committee room and shall conduct all hearings in accordance with the
46 Rules of the House including the provisions that relate to decorum,
47 debate and dress code. The chair may punish breaches of order and

1 decorum by censure and exclusion from the hearings.

2 (d) *Bills, reports, and other documents.* The chair shall have
3 custody of all bills, papers, and other documents referred to the
4 committee and shall make reports authorized by the committee and submit
5 the same to the House without delay.

6 (e) *When a bill fails.* Whenever a motion that a bill "Do Pass"
7 shall fail, or if there be an even division on the question, the chair
8 shall report [said] such bill back to the House "Do Not Pass" unless
9 [said] such bill is otherwise disposed of by another motion.

10 (f) When a motion has been decided by a committee, any member
11 voting on the prevailing side may move to reconsider the vote provided
12 that:

13 (i) the chair still has possession of the bill; and

14 (ii) the motion to reconsider is made on the same day on which the
15 motion was decided or [at the next day on which the committee convenes]
16 within the next three occurrences in which the committee convenes with
17 a quorum present at a properly scheduled meeting at which the original
18 motion would be in order.

19 A majority of the members appointed to the committee is required to
20 sustain any motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider shall be a
21 recorded vote.

22 Committee Hearings

23 Rule [27.] 29. All bills afforded a committee hearing shall be
24 considered by giving the sponsor or handler, the proponents, the
25 opponents, and those testifying for informational purposes a reasonable
26 opportunity to be heard. Persons addressing the committee must keep
27 their remarks to the point and avoid repetition and are subject to call
28 to order by the chair for failure to do so. In the discretion of the
29 committee chair, the length of time allowed one speaker or questioner
30 may be limited.

31 Quorum

32 Rule [28.] 30. A majority of all committees of [30] thirty or less, and
33 [15] fifteen members of all committees consisting of more than [30]
34 thirty members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
35 business.

36 Meetings - How Announced

37 Rule [29.] 31. Announcement of all meetings of committees shall include
38 a statement of all matters to be considered at the meeting, shall
39 include the bill or resolution numbers to be considered and shall be
40 entered in the journal prior to the day on which the meeting is to take

1 place. Such journal entry shall reflect the date, time, and location of
2 the meeting.

3 The chair of each committee shall give written notice of the time,
4 date, place and agenda of the meetings, including executive sessions, of
5 [his/her] his or her committee and each committee having matters pending
6 before it shall hold a meeting at such time, date and place unless
7 excused by the Speaker of the House. Notice shall be given at least one
8 legislative day in advance of the committee meeting. Notice may be
9 reduced to [24] twenty-four hours by unanimous consent of all members of
10 the committee, whether in attendance or not. Notice shall never be less
11 than [24] twenty-four hours. All notices shall include posting of the
12 notice on the bulletin board outside the Speaker's office.

13 Committees shall comply with the requirements of the statutes
14 pertaining to open meetings.

15 Committee Substitutes

16 Rule [30.] 32. No bill or substitute may be taken up for consideration
17 by a committee unless [said] such bill or substitute shall have been
18 distributed to the members of the committee at least one legislative day
19 and twenty-four hours in advance of [said] such consideration.
20 Electronic distribution shall be an acceptable form of distribution.
21 This rule may be waived by unanimous consent of all members of the
22 committee, whether in attendance or not. Failure to take the bill up for
23 consideration at the designated time requires that the one legislative
24 day and twenty-four hours' notice be given again before it is taken up
25 for consideration.

26 Other Duties

27 Rule [31.] 33. Each committee, in addition to the duty above prescribed,
28 shall perform such other duties as may be required by the House. If it
29 shall become necessary to compel the presence of any person before a
30 committee, the production of records or documents, or to receive sworn
31 testimony before a committee, a subpoena may be issued under the hand of
32 the Speaker as provided by law and an oath or affirmation may be
33 administered by the chair of the committee as provided by law.

34 Attendance

35 Rule [32.] 34. The secretary of each committee shall keep a record of
36 the attendance of each committee meeting in the minute book of the
37 committee, which shall be available to any person upon request. Any
38 member of a committee absent, without good cause, from three consecutive
39 meetings of the committee, as shown by the records of the committee, may
40 be dropped therefrom by a statement to that effect entered into the
41 House Journal by the Speaker. The roll shall be recorded by the chair or
42 secretary of a committee at each meeting.

1 Minority Views

2 Rule [33.] 35. The minority of a committee may not make a report or
3 present to the House an alternative report, but has the right to file
4 views to accompany the report.

5 Committee Relieved of Bill - When

6 Rule [34.] 36. No bill shall be taken away from any regular standing
7 committee [or] , special standing committee, or select standing
8 committee of the House, as provided by the Constitution, until after ten
9 legislative days have expired after referral to the committee by the
10 Speaker. Pursuant to the Constitution, one-third of the members of the
11 House shall have the power to relieve a committee of any bill. Such
12 power may be exercised by filing a petition to that effect with the
13 Chief Clerk of the House. Upon receipt of [said] such petition
14 containing the signatures of at least [55] fifty-five members, the Chief
15 Clerk shall publish [said] such petition in the Journal and place the
16 discharged bill upon the regular calendar of House Bills taken from
17 Committee, as provided by the Constitution.

18 Election Contest

19 Rule [35.] 37. Whenever there shall be filed with the Speaker a notice
20 of contest of the election of a member of the House, [he/she] he or she
21 shall refer the same, without discussion, either to the regular standing
22 Committee on Elections or a special standing committee appointed to hear
23 the matter. [Said] Such committee shall examine the timeliness and
24 sufficiency of the notice, the depositions, and other documents
25 submitted and report to the House its recommendations, whereupon the
26 House shall act by resolution to sustain or reject the committee
27 recommendations.

28 Ethics Committee

29 Complaints of Ethical Misconduct

30 Rule [36.] 38. (a) The Speaker shall appoint a Committee on Ethics and
31 name the committee's chair. The Minority Floor Leader shall name the
32 committee's [vice-chair] vice chair and minority members. The committee
33 shall have an equal number of members of the majority and minority
34 party.

35 (b) The committee may consider and report upon complaints referred
36 to it relating to a member of the House involving the commission of a
37 crime, misconduct, willful neglect of duty, corruption in office or
38 other complaints relating to the ethical conduct of a member. The

1 committee is authorized to sit and act at any time or place within the
2 State of Missouri during the recess and adjournment periods of the
3 House, administer oaths, and take testimony, either orally or by sworn
4 written statement.

5 (c) Within [20] twenty calendar days of the commencement of the
6 first regular session of each general assembly, the Committee on Ethics
7 shall adopt Rules of Procedure for the investigation of complaints of
8 ethical misconduct referred to it involving a member of the House. The
9 proposed Rules of Procedure shall be filed by the committee in the form
10 of a House Resolution with the Clerk of the House, reported in the
11 Journal, and placed on the House Resolutions Calendar.

12 (d) Upon receipt of a complaint, in writing and under oath, of
13 ethical misconduct by a member of the House made by another member, the
14 Speaker shall refer the same, within [10] ten days, without discussion,
15 to the Committee on Ethics. The complaint shall be confidential. The
16 Committee shall examine the sufficiency of the complaint[,] and proceed
17 to conduct an investigation as provided in the Committee's Rules of
18 Procedure, if a majority of the Committee appointed so votes upon a roll
19 call. When a motion to proceed to conduct an investigation fails on a
20 recorded vote, the complaint shall be immediately dismissed.

21 (e) At the conclusion of the investigation, the Committee shall
22 report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the House,
23 whereupon the House shall act by resolution to sustain or reject the
24 Committee recommendations. The Committee may recommend that the House
25 expel the member as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Missouri
26 Constitution, or that the House punish the member as provided in Article
27 III, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution, by reprimand on the
28 adoption of the resolution or by censure by the Speaker in open session.

29 (f) All rules that pertain to regular or special standing
30 committees shall apply to the Committee on Ethics to the extent
31 consistent with this rule and any rules of procedure adopted pursuant to
32 this rule.

33 BILLS

34 Introduced - Manner of Setting Forth New and Old Material

35 Rule [37.] 39. (a) *When.* Bills may be introduced only on the report of
36 a committee or by any member of the House, in the regular order of
37 business. No member shall file a bill, other than an appropriation bill,
38 after [April 1] March 15, without leave of the House.

39 (b) *Manner of Printing.* Any bill shall have the matter which is
40 being repealed from current law enclosed in bold-faced brackets and the
41 matter which is being added to the law underscored when typewritten and
42 in bold-faced type when printed. A footnote shall be annexed to the
43 first page of each bill which contains material enclosed in bold-faced
44 brackets to the following effect:

45 "EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
46 above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law.

1 Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language."

2 Where a section is completely rewritten, the existing section shall
3 be set forth in small type in bold-faced brackets in a note following
4 the new section but the changes need not be distinguished. Any House
5 bill or substitute thereof which does not comply with this rule shall
6 not be placed upon the calendar.

7 (c) *Numbering of Bills.* The Chief Clerk shall number bills in the
8 order of their filing, reserving numbers for appropriations bills.

9 (d) *Withdrawal.* Any bill may be withdrawn by the sponsor before
10 the bill has been referred to any regular, select, or special standing
11 committee.

12 Number of Copies Printed

13 Rule [38.] 40. The Chief Clerk shall print such number of copies of all
14 House Bills and House Joint Resolutions as [he/she] he or she shall deem
15 appropriate.

16 Federal Mandate Calendar

17 Rule [39.] 41. (a) When a federal mandate bill is reported from the
18 appropriate [committee(s)] committee with recommendation that it "Do
19 Pass" or "Without Recommendation", it shall go upon the calendar of the
20 House.

21 (b) No bill shall be placed on the Federal Mandate Calendars unless
22 it is federally mandated, immediate in nature and reduces revenues or
23 savings if not enacted. A federal mandate bill may only contain subject
24 matter concerning the federal mandate. A member wishing for his or her
25 bill to be considered for placement on the Federal Mandate Calendar
26 shall request in writing to the chair of the committee where such bill
27 has been referred. The written request shall state the deadline by which
28 the [State] state must comply with the federal mandate and what will
29 happen if the [State] state fails to take action by such date. A copy
30 for each committee member of the federal [statute(s)] statute or
31 [regulation(s)] regulation mandating such action shall accompany the
32 request. After the committee has voted "Do Pass" on a bill with such a
33 request, it shall take a second recorded vote on whether or not to
34 recommend that it be placed on the Federal Mandate Calendar. If said
35 bill is reported "Do Pass" by [the] a regular standing committee with a
36 recommendation that same be placed on the Federal Mandate Calendar, and
37 the [Committee on Rules] appropriate select standing committee concurs
38 therein, the [Committee on Rules Chair] the chair of the appropriate
39 select standing committee shall submit to the Speaker a copy of the
40 original written request, along with a copy of the federal [statute(s)]
41 statute or [regulation(s)] regulation mandating State action. If the
42 Speaker concurs with the committees that the bill complies with the
43 requirements of this rule, [he/she] he or she shall advise the Chief
44 Clerk to place same on the Federal Mandate Calendar. If the Speaker does

1 not concur, [he/she] he or she may place the bill on the Perfection
2 Calendar. Each bill placed upon the Federal Mandate Calendars shall have
3 attached thereto a copy of the federal [statute(s)] statute or
4 [regulation(s)] regulation that mandates the bill, along with a copy of
5 the request to place the bill on the Federal Mandate Calendar and shall
6 be distributed to all members at least twenty-four hours prior to
7 consideration by the entire House.

8
9 Revision Bills

10 Rule 42. Any bill denominated as a revision bill by the appropriate
11 committee shall contain only that subject matter approved by the
12 committee on legislative research, and additional material may not be
13 amended thereto, unless needed as a technical correction.

14 Motion To Place On Calendar

15 Rule [40.] 43. If any bill is reported from committee with the
16 recommendation that it "Do Not Pass" it shall not go on the calendar of
17 the House unless ordered by a constitutional majority. At the same time
18 the bill is reported to the House, the committee chair shall notify the
19 sponsor or handler of the bill that such report is being made. A motion
20 to have a bill placed upon the calendar must be made within three
21 legislative days after the bill is reported and when the sponsor of the
22 bill is present or the motion is made by a member upon the sponsor's
23 written request. If no such action is taken within [said] such time, the
24 bill shall lie on the table. If such a motion is sustained, the bill
25 shall stand automatically referred to the Select Standing Committee on
26 Rules for further action thereon.

27 Timing of Placement on Calendar

28 Rule [41.] 44. No House bill shall be taken up for consideration by the
29 House unless it has been upon the calendar for at least one legislative
30 day.

31 Bills Laid Over Informally

32 Rule [42.] 45. When a bill is reached, in its order, to be perfected and
33 printed, or to be agreed to and read a third time and placed upon its
34 final passage, it may upon the request of the Majority Floor Leader, or
35 the sponsor or handler thereof, if a House Bill, (or upon the request of
36 its handler in the House, if a Senate Bill) hold its place on the
37 calendar, or be laid over informally, and thereafter be called up at any
38 time when otherwise in order.

39 To Appear In Order

1 Rule [43.] 46. All bills laid over informally and not taken up and
2 disposed of the same day, shall appear in order upon the calendar for
3 the next legislative day following.

4 Ten Day Rule

5 Rule[44.] 47. If a bill laid over informally is not taken up for further
6 consideration within ten legislative days after being laid over, it
7 shall lie on the table and be dropped from the calendar of the House
8 without further action of the House.

9 Consent Calendar

10 Rule [45.] 48. (a) *Which Bills May Be Placed on the Consent Calendar.*
11 Each regular standing committee, after a favorable vote on a bill, may
12 further determine by a second and affirmative vote of every member
13 present whether or not such bill is of a noncontroversial nature. Any
14 bill which increases net expenditures of the state, reduces net revenue
15 of the state, or creates or expands a penalty provision, shall not be
16 considered by the committee for consent; provided however, any bill
17 which specifically authorizes an easement or right-of-way involving
18 state property may be considered by the committee for placement on the
19 Consent Calendar. If it has been determined by the regular standing
20 committee that such bill is of a noncontroversial nature, the regular
21 standing committee shall report the bill to the Select Standing
22 Committee on Rules as "Do Pass - Consent". The Select Standing
23 Committee on Rules, after a favorable vote on the bill, shall further
24 determine by a second and affirmative vote of a majority members present
25 whether such bill is of a noncontroversial nature that the bill is of a
26 noncontroversial nature.

27 (b) *Procedure on House Bills.* If the regular standing committee
28 shall so determine, the appropriate committee report shall include a
29 request that a bill be placed on the "House Consent Calendar for
30 Perfection". Any bill so reported shall automatically be referred to the
31 Select Standing Committee on Rules. Any bill reported by the Select
32 Standing Committee on Rules with the recommendation that it be placed on
33 the House Consent Calendar for Perfection shall be placed on that
34 calendar and after [said] such bill has remained on the "House Consent
35 Calendar for Perfection" for five legislative days, it shall be ordered
36 perfected and advanced to the "House Consent Calendar for Third Reading
37 and Final Passage" without further action of the House, unless five
38 members, with at least two from each political party, have filed written
39 objection with the Chief Clerk. If such objections are filed, the bill
40 shall be placed on the House Bills to be Perfected and Printed Calendar.
41 An objection made by five members under this rule cannot be rescinded.
42 Where there is a House Committee Substitute for a consent bill or House
43 Committee Amendments to a consent bill, the committee substitute, or the
44 bill as amended, shall be deemed adopted and perfected by consent.

45 (c) *Senate Bills - Consent.* When the Senate passes a bill by its

1 procedure for consent bills, such bill shall be considered for treatment
2 as a consent bill by the House committee without further request;
3 provided however, that the same committee procedures, votes and
4 requirements for House Bills being considered for consent shall be
5 applied to Senate Bills being considered for consent. A Senate Bill may
6 be considered by the committee for Consent even if it was not a Consent
7 Bill in the Senate.

8 (d) *Procedure on Senate Bills.* Senate Bills passed out of the
9 appropriate House regular standing committee and the Select Standing
10 Committee on Rules with the request that the bill be placed on the
11 Senate Bills for Third Reading and Final Passage - Consent Calendar are
12 subject to the five member objection provision of this rule.

13 (e) *Deadline for Placing Senate Consent Bills on the Calendar.* No
14 Senate consent bills shall be placed on the consent calendar after April
15 15.

16 (f) *Amendments.* House bills may be considered for consent after
17 they are amended in committee but may not be amended on the floor of the
18 House.

19 Senate consent bills may be amended in committee but not on the
20 floor of the House unless the Senate Rules allow amendment of House
21 consent bills on the floor of the Senate in which case Senate consent
22 bills may be amended on the floor of the House. House committee
23 amendments and House committee substitutes to Senate consent bills shall
24 be deemed adopted on the fifth legislative day.

25 AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTES

26 Rule [46.] 49. (a) *In Writing and Distributed in Advance.* Proposed
27 amendments must be reduced to writing. Every amendment shall be
28 distributed in advance of the time the bill is initially taken up for
29 consideration. An amendment shall be considered to have been distributed
30 if it has been either transmitted electronically and made available on
31 each member's chamber laptop computer and a copy in paper form placed on
32 the desk of the majority floor leader and minority floor leader or
33 placed on the members' desks in paper form, except for the desk of any
34 member who has waived receipt of amendments. The sponsor of an amendment
35 that has been distributed may make technical corrections at the time the
36 amendment is offered or under consideration. Any technical corrections
37 shall be read in full by the clerk. Technical corrections shall be
38 subject to a point of order that they are not truly technical in nature.
39 Every proposed amendment to the amendment and substitute amendment may
40 be offered after the time a bill is initially taken up for consideration
41 but shall be distributed prior to the offeror being recognized for a
42 motion on such amendment.

43 (b) *What Amendments and Substitute Amendments are in Order.* When a
44 bill, motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend
45 and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order, and it also
46 shall be in order to offer a further amendment by way of substitute for
47 the original motion to amend, to which one amendment may be offered. It
48 shall not be in order to offer a substitute amendment to an amendment to

1 an amendment. When an amendment is offered, a substitute for that
2 amendment is offered and an amendment to the substitute is offered, it
3 shall not be in order to offer a substitute for the amendment to the
4 substitute. Any proposed amendment in the third degree shall be out of
5 order. [Any bill may be withdrawn by the sponsor before amendment or
6 decision thereon.] Any motion to adopt an amendment may be withdrawn by
7 the sponsor before decision thereon. Once a bill has been amended, it
8 shall be in the possession of the House.

9 (c) *Committee Substitutes Treated as Original.* A House committee
10 substitute shall be considered as an original bill for purposes of
11 amendment.

12 (d) *House Substitute.* No House Substitute will be in order. A House
13 Substitute is an amendment which, in the opinion of the Speaker, is
14 effectually replacing the underlying bill or committee substitute.

15 (e) *When Federal Mandate Bills can be Amended.* Amendments to House
16 and Senate bills-Federal Mandate are permitted only within the scope of
17 the federal mandate. Perfecting amendments are permitted to make
18 technical amendments.

19 (f) *Appropriations Bills.* 1. No amendment to the appropriations
20 bills of the state budget shall be in order if it increases the total
21 amount of general revenue or general revenue equivalent appropriated in
22 the House appropriations bills. Any amendment that increases the amount
23 of general revenue or general revenue equivalent appropriated in the
24 House appropriations bills shall be required to be submitted with a
25 separate amendment that makes an equal reduction in general revenue or
26 general revenue equivalent in the same bill or any other of the bills
27 still pending. If the reduction is in another bill, the decreasing
28 amendment shall be taken up first, and the increasing amendment may be
29 taken up only if the decreasing amendment is adopted.

30 2. If a member's decreasing amendment is adopted and the same
31 member's increasing amendment is defeated, the decreasing amendment's
32 adoption is void.

33 3. The offering and adoption of an amendment decreasing the amount
34 of general revenue or general revenue equivalent appropriated without a
35 balancing increase in the same amendment or a paired amendment creates
36 no right of another member to offer an increasing amendment in any
37 amount up to the amount of the decrease effected by the decreasing
38 amendment, and no member may be recognized for the purpose of making
39 such an amendment.

40 4. For the perfection of the House appropriations bills of the
41 state budget only, it shall be permissible to amend any line item as
42 often as the House pleases, as long as prior adopted amendments to the
43 line item are taken into account.

44 5. No House Bill or House Committee Substitute of the state budget
45 shall be adopted until all properly offered amendments to the first [12]
46 twelve House appropriations bills or substitutes have been disposed of.

1 Rule [47.] 50. When a select standing committee recommends a substitute
2 for a bill, the original bill will accompany the substitute. The
3 substitute shall be handled on the floor of the House by the committee
4 chair or any member designated by the committee chair. The Chief Clerk
5 shall have an appropriate number of copies of the substitute printed. No
6 committee substitute shall be called from the calendar of the House
7 until the printed copies have been distributed for at least one
8 legislative day. Amendments, if any, may be offered to the substitute
9 before the vote on the motion to adopt the substitute is taken. If the
10 substitute is defeated, the original bill shall be before the House for
11 perfection and shall be considered and shall be handled on the floor by
12 the original sponsor of the bill.

13 Order of Amendments

14 Rule [48.] 51. When amendments to any bill, motion or proposition are
15 pending, they shall be voted on in the following order:

16 (1) Amendments to the amendment are disposed of before the
17 substitute is taken up. Only one amendment to the amendment is in order
18 at one time; but as rapidly as one is disposed of by rejection or
19 incorporation as a part of the amendment, another is in order as long as
20 any member desires to offer one.

21 (2) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on, and may be
22 offered, one at a time, and as rapidly as one is disposed of by
23 rejection or incorporation as a part of the substitute amendment,
24 another is in order as long as any member desires to offer one, until
25 the substitute amendment is adopted.

26 (3) The substitute amendment, as amended, is next voted on. If the
27 substitute amendment is adopted, the underlying amendment to which it
28 was offered shall not be voted upon, but the substitute amendment shall
29 become part of the bill.

30 (4) The amendment is voted on last. If any substitute has not been
31 agreed to, the vote comes on the amendment as amended.

32 (5) The House Committee Substitute is next voted upon, after
33 opportunity for amendment. If the House Committee Substitute is adopted,
34 there shall be an additional vote for the perfection of the bill, as
35 amended.

36 (6) If there is no House Committee Substitute, or if the House
37 Committee Substitute is not adopted, the original House Bill is next
38 voted upon, after opportunity for amendment.

39 Amendments Incorporated In Bill

40 Rule [49.] 52. All amendments adopted by the House to a bill originating
41 in the House shall be incorporated in the bill as perfected, and the
42 bill, as thus perfected, shall be printed for the use of the members
43 before its final passage. The perfecting and printing shall be done
44 under the supervision of the Chief Clerk who shall assure that the bill

1 is truly perfected and the printed copies furnished to the members are
2 correct.

3 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

4 Ayes and Noes Taken

5 Rule [50.] 53. When a bill shall have passed the House and been returned
6 from the Senate with amendments, [said] such amendments may be concurred
7 in collectively by a constitutional majority, unless objection be made,
8 in which case the vote shall be taken severally, and no amendment or
9 amendments shall be concurred in by the House except by a constitutional
10 majority and the names of those voting for and against recorded upon the
11 Journal of the House.

12 Repassage

13 Rule [51.] 54. When all Senate amendments to House Bills have been
14 concurred in by a constitutional majority of the House, the question
15 shall then be put: "Shall the bill as amended be passed?" On this
16 question the ayes and noes shall be called for, and as on first passage,
17 a constitutional majority shall be necessary to the final passage of the
18 bill.

19 Majority to Perfect

20 Rule [52.] 55. A quorum being present, a majority of those voting aye
21 and no shall be sufficient to perfect a bill and order it printed.

22 Amending After Perfection; Perfecting Amendments

23 Rule [53.] 56. No bill shall be amended after being perfected and
24 printed without a reconsideration of the vote by which it was ordered
25 perfected and printed and if [said] such bill be amended it shall again
26 be perfected and printed, except that a perfecting amendment to make
27 technical corrections is in order after the bill has been ordered
28 perfected and printed and before it has been read the third time.

29 Motion for Passage

30 Rule [54.] 57. When the Chief Clerk presents a bill as truly perfected
31 and printed, it shall go upon the calendar to be agreed to and passed.
32 When the bill is taken up in its order, the question shall then be:
33 "Shall the bill be third read and passed?" It shall require a
34 constitutional majority to sustain the question.

1 Course After Passage

2 Rule [55.] 58. When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution passes the
3 House, it shall be certified by the Chief Clerk, noting the day of its
4 passage at the foot thereof.

5 Perfecting Amendments on Bills Returned From the Senate

6 Rule [56.] 59. No bill or joint or concurrent resolution that has been
7 returned from the Senate may be further amended without placing the bill
8 in conference, except that a perfecting amendment to make technical
9 corrections is in order in the house of origin when the bill is taken up
10 for final passage as amended by the other house. The perfecting
11 amendment may be directed to the bill or to amendments to the bill. If
12 a perfecting amendment is adopted, the bill as finally passed with the
13 perfecting amendment shall be returned to the other house for its
14 concurrence in the perfecting amendment.

15 Conference Reports

16 Rule [57.] 60. (a) *Signatures on a Conference Report*. All conference
17 committees [on non-appropriations bills] shall be composed of [three
18 conferees from each house. All conference committees on appropriations
19 bills of the state budget shall be composed of] five conferees from
20 each house. No conference report shall be submitted to either house
21 unless approved by a majority vote of the full committee with not less
22 than three conferees from the House and two conferees from [each
23 house] the Senate signing the report.

24 (b) *Review for Correctness*. Before a conference report is taken
25 up by the House, it shall be reviewed for the technical correctness of
26 the report and of any amendments, bill or substitute the report
27 recommends for passage by the House.

28 (c) *Notice Requirements*. No conference committee report shall be
29 taken up and considered unless the same has been distributed to the
30 members, except members who have waived receipt of conference
31 committee reports, at least one legislative day prior to
32 consideration.

33 (d) *Exceeding the Differences*. Unless authority is granted by the
34 House to exceed the differences, the conferees must confine themselves
35 to matters that are within the scope of the differences between the
36 House position and the Senate position. When a report is offered for
37 adoption, the point of order that the conferees have exceeded the
38 differences shall be in order. The Speaker may rule on the point of
39 order or may place the question of whether the conferees have exceeded
40 the differences before the House for a vote. A majority of members
41 voting prevails on the question.

1 RESOLUTIONS

2 Joint and Concurrent Resolutions

3 Rule [58.] 61. All joint and concurrent resolutions designed to submit
4 to the qualified voters of the state amendments to the Constitution of
5 the State of Missouri, to be voted upon by such voters, shall be read on
6 three separate days, and shall be reported upon by the committee of the
7 House, and shall otherwise be proceeded upon in like manner as a bill.

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9 Joint and Concurrent Resolutions of Congress

10 Rule [59.] 62. All joint and concurrent resolutions of the Congress of
11 the United States designed to submit to the legislature an amendment to
12 the Constitution of the United States shall be submitted as a Concurrent
13 Resolution and read on three separate days, shall be reported upon by a
14 committee, shall be adopted only by a constitutional majority and shall
15 otherwise be proceeded upon in like manner as a bill.

16 The text of the amendment as proposed by the Congress of the United
17 States shall not be amended.

18 Reference of Resolutions, etc. Stand Referred

19 Rule [60.] 63. All petitions, memorials, remonstrances, resolutions, and
20 other papers offered shall stand referred, without reading,
21 consideration, discussion, explanation or debate, to the Select Standing
22 Committee on Rules unless timely referred to some other appropriate
23 committee by the Speaker; provided however, that resolutions informing
24 the Governor [and/or] or the Senate that the House has convened, taken
25 some action, or adjourned, resolutions to elect officers of the House,
26 resolutions expressing the appreciation of the House to public
27 officials, resolutions to adopt temporary rules, and concurrent
28 resolutions to convene joint sessions may be adopted by the House upon
29 introduction without referral to committee. Those papers that are
30 favorably recommended by the committee for adoption by the House shall
31 be listed in the Journal and placed upon a resolutions calendar.
32 Courtesy resolutions shall be printed in the Journal by number except
33 those determined by the Committee to be of a controversial nature which
34 shall be printed in full. Joint courtesy resolutions shall be allowed if
35 established by the rules of the Senate. Any resolution offered to
36 request an investigation of a state official for the purposes of
37 impeachment shall be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Rules
38 or to any other committee as designated by the Speaker.

39 SENATE BILLS

40 Referral

1 Rule [61.] 64. Each Senate Bill shall, upon second reading, be referred
2 to the appropriate committee of the House.

3 Go Upon The Calendar

4 Rule [62.] 65. When a Senate Bill is reported from the committee to
5 which it was referred with the recommendation that it "Do Pass", or
6 "Without Recommendation", it shall [stand automatically] be referred to
7 the Committee on Rules or the appropriate select standing committee, as
8 determined by the Speaker. When a Senate Bill is reported from the
9 Select Standing Committee on Rules or the appropriate select standing
10 committee with the recommendation that it "Do Pass", or "Without
11 Recommendation", it shall go upon the House Calendar for the third
12 reading and final passage, provided that no Senate Bill shall be taken
13 up for consideration by the House unless it has been upon the Calendar
14 for at least one legislative day.

15 Senate Bills Reported "Do Not Pass"

16 Rule [63.] 66. If a Senate Bill is reported from the committee to which
17 referred with the recommendation that it "Do Not Pass" it shall not go
18 upon the calendar of the House for third reading and final passage,
19 unless so ordered by a constitutional majority of the House. In such
20 case, the motion to place the bill on the calendar shall be made within
21 three legislative days of the report[,] and by a member who has been
22 requested by the Senate sponsor of the bill. If such a motion is
23 sustained, the bill shall stand automatically referred to the Select
24 Standing Committee on Rules for further action thereon.

25 Amendments

26 Rule [64.] 67. Senate Bills may be amended by the House when placed upon
27 third reading and final passage, before the vote is taken thereon.

28 BILLS NOT TO BE PASSED ON PREVIOUS ROLL CALL

29 Rule [65.] 68. No bill shall be passed by any roll call previously taken
30 on another bill, nor shall more than one bill be passed on any one roll
31 call.

32 MOTIONS

33 Must Be Read or Stated Before Debate

34 Rule [66.] 69. When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the [Chair]

1 chair before being debated.

2 When In Possession of the House

3 Rule [67.] 70. When a motion is stated by the Speaker it shall be deemed
4 to be in possession of the House. The motion may be withdrawn by the
5 author at any time before a decision or amendment.

6 To Be Reduced to Writing

7 Rule [68.] 71. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Speaker
8 or any member demands it.

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10 Rule [69.] 72. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that
11 under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

12 Privileged

13 Rule [70.] 73. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be
14 entertained but to adjourn; to take a recess; to lay on the table; for
15 the previous question; to postpone to a certain day; to recommit to
16 committee; or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have
17 precedence in the order herein set forth.

18 Dilatory

19 Rule [71.] 74. When any of the motions enumerated in the preceding rule
20 have been made and lost, no similar motion shall be entertained until
21 some other business is transacted by the House.

22 Privileged Motions In Order - When

23 Rule [72.] 75. Except as otherwise limited herein, and except when a
24 member is speaking or the roll is being called, the privileged motions
25 set forth in Rule [70] 73 are always in order, and pending the result of
26 such a motion, no member shall leave [his/her] his or her seat in the
27 House.

28 Previous Question

1 Rule [73.] 76. Any member may move the previous question. The motion
2 shall be restated by the Speaker in this form: "Shall the question
3 under immediate consideration be now put?" It may be moved like any
4 other question but it shall only prevail when supported by a
5 constitutional majority and until decided shall preclude amendments and
6 debate. If the motion is sustained, the proponent of the matter under
7 consideration shall be allowed one minute in which to make a closing
8 statement before the House votes on the question. A failure to sustain
9 the motion shall not take the matter under consideration from further
10 consideration of the House; but the House shall proceed as if the motion
11 had not been made.

12 Not Debatable

13 Rule [74.] 77. Motions to adjourn and for the previous question shall be
14 decided without debate; provided however, that a motion to adjourn is
15 subject to a request by five members for a roll call vote. All other
16 privileged motions are debatable.

17 Division of Questions

18 Rule [75.] 78. Any member may have, as a personal right, a division of
19 the question where the sense will admit of it. When the question having
20 been divided is a Senate Bill for Third Reading, each part of the bill
21 shall be voted upon separately and a subsequent separate vote shall be
22 taken on the entire bill. When a bill is divided for consideration, the
23 title and enacting clause shall be considered a separate part and shall,
24 unless otherwise amended, be technically changed to reflect any
25 amendments or deletions to the bill. No House Bill shall be subject to
26 a division of the question after its perfection.

27 Indefinite Postponement

28 Rule [76.] 79. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall
29 not be acted upon again during the session.

30 Question Laid on the Table - How Taken Up

31 Rule [77.] 80. When a question has been laid on the table, the same
32 cannot be taken up again without a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the
33 members present.

34 Motion to Recommit to Committee

35 Rule [78.] 81. Any member may make a motion, at any time prior to the

1 time [said] such bill is third read and passed, that a bill be
2 recommitted to the select standing committee from which it was reported
3 or that a bill be committed to another specifically named committee in
4 the original form of the bill as it was referred to the committee of
5 origin, which shall be sustained if a majority of the members present
6 vote in the affirmative.

7 Motion to Reconsider - Must Be Made Within Three Days

8 Rule [79.] 82. When a motion that a bill be perfected and printed, or
9 that a bill be agreed to, read a third time, and placed upon its passage
10 fails, or when any other question is decided by the House, any member
11 voting on the prevailing side may move to reconsider the vote provided
12 that the motion to reconsider is made within three legislative days
13 after the day on which the vote was taken.

14 Procedure for Motion to Reconsider

15 Rule [80.] 83. A constitutional majority is required to sustain any
16 motion to reconsider. If the motion to reconsider is sustained the House
17 shall proceed to the original question or motion immediately before
18 proceeding to other questions; whereupon the original question shall be
19 voted upon before any other business of the House is transacted. This
20 shall not preclude further debate or amendment of the proposition, if
21 otherwise appropriate. Any motion to reconsider having failed once shall
22 not be reconsidered again, except to reconsider the vote by which an
23 appropriation bill failed to pass. In the case of an appropriation bill,
24 the motion to reconsider may be considered as many times as the House
25 chooses.

26 DECORUM AND DEBATE

27 On Speaking

28 Rule [81.] 84. When any member is about to speak in a debate or deliver
29 a matter to the House, [he/she] he or she shall rise from [his/her] his
30 or her seat and respectfully address [himself/herself] himself or
31 herself to "Mr. Speaker" or "Madam Speaker". The member shall refer, as
32 appropriate, to other members as "Lady", "Gentleman" or
33 "Representative". The member shall confine [himself/herself] himself or
34 herself to the questions under debate and avoid personality and
35 derogatory personal comments. If any member violates the rules of the
36 House, the Speaker, or any member, may call [him/her] him or her to
37 order. Any member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless
38 permitted to explain, and the House shall, if appealed to, decide the
39 case.

1 Appeals

2 Rule [82.] 85. If there is no appeal, the decision of the Speaker is
3 final. If the decision of the Speaker is in favor of the member called
4 to order, [he/she] he or she may proceed; if otherwise, and the case
5 requires it, [he/she] he or she shall be liable to the censure of the
6 House.

7 Member to Rise or Seek Recognition

8 Rule [83.] 86. The Speaker shall not recognize any member desiring to
9 speak unless such member arises or appropriately seeks recognition at or
10 near [his/her] his or her desk. When two or more members seek
11 recognition at the same time the Speaker shall name the member who is to
12 speak first, the other members having the preference next to speak.

13 Member May Speak - How Often

14 Rule [84.] 87. No member shall speak more than twice on the same
15 question without leave of the House, nor more than once until all other
16 members desiring to speak have spoken. Except when reporting a bill or
17 resolution from a committee, no member may speak or inquire for more
18 than fifteen minutes unless by unanimous consent of the House. When the
19 question is to Third Read and Pass a House Consent Bill or a Senate
20 Consent Bill, the floor handler of the bill and the ranking committee
21 member from the party not the same as the bill handler, shall not speak
22 or inquire for more than ten minutes. Other members shall not speak or
23 inquire for more than five minutes on such bills. The provisions of this
24 rule shall not take precedence over any limitations set pursuant to
25 Rule [25(34)] 27(11).

26 No Member Shall Name Another Member in Debate

27 Rule [85.] 88. No member shall name another member in debate, but shall
28 refer to the member by district number or county.

29 Members Not to Use Profanity

30 Rule [86.] 89. No member may use profanity either while speaking on the
31 floor or in committee.

32 Members Not to Walk Across House - When

33 Rule [87.] 90. While the Speaker is putting any question or addressing

1 the House, no one shall walk out of or cross the House. When a member is
2 speaking or the Journal is being read, no member shall engage in any
3 private conversation; nor while a member is speaking shall anyone pass
4 between [him/her] him or her and the Speaker. No member shall walk
5 between two members who are engaged in debate or inquiries in the Hall
6 of the House.

8 Order of Questions

9 Rule [88.] 91. Except as otherwise set forth in these rules, all
10 questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved
11 except privileged questions, which shall be propounded as stated in
12 Rule [70] 73.

13 Voting

14 Rule [89.] 92. (a) Every member shall be present within the hall of the
15 House during its sittings, unless excused or necessarily prevented[;] ,
16 and shall vote on each question put[;] , unless [he/she] he or she has
17 a direct personal or pecuniary interest in such question. No member
18 shall be recorded as voting when [he/she] he or she was not present when
19 the vote was taken. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit a member
20 from voting "Present" on a question, and such vote shall be recorded in
21 the Journal. In the case of equal division the question shall be lost.
22 In the event that a member's vote (or absence) is incorrectly recorded
23 in the Journal, [he/she] he or she shall file with the Chief Clerk an
24 affidavit stating that [he/she] he or she was in the chamber at the time
25 the vote was taken, that [he/she] he or she did in fact vote, that the
26 vote (or absence) was incorrectly recorded, and the correct vote that
27 should have been recorded. In addition to any other penalty provided by
28 rule or law, the filing of a false affidavit shall subject that member
29 to censure by the House.

30 (b) A member may not authorize any other person to cast [his/her]
31 his or her vote or record [his/her] his or her presence. No other person
32 may cast a member's vote or record a member's presence. A vote by a
33 member of a committee with respect to any measure or matter may not be
34 cast by proxy.

35 Verification of the Roll

36 Members Not to Interrupt Calling of Ayes and Noes; Changing Vote

37 Rule [90.] 93. Except as otherwise specifically allowed by these rules
38 no member shall be permitted to interrupt a roll call, and no member
39 shall be allowed to vote or change [his/her] his or her vote (except to
40 have [his/her] his or her vote correctly recorded) after a verification
41 has begun, or after the final vote is announced.

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Rule [91.] 94. Any five members may demand a verification of the roll call if such is made at any time prior to the time the voting has ended; which, in the event of electronic voting, shall be when the Speaker orders the voting board closed. A demand for verification and a call for absentees are the only reasons for which a member may interrupt a roll call vote.

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Bell to Signal Recorded Vote

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Rule [92.] 95. At a reasonable time prior to the beginning of calling the ayes and noes on any question, a bell notifying the members of a roll call shall be sounded. After the votes are registered the absentees shall be noted and upon demand of any member, another bell signifying that a call of absentees is being taken shall be sounded and a reasonable time shall be allowed after the sounding of the bell before the voting is closed.

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Roll Call Votes

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Rule [93.] 96. In all cases where a rule of the House of Representatives refers to the "calling of the names of the members" or "calling of the ayes or noes" or "calling of the roll", such reference shall be understood to refer also to the "taking" of the vote by electronic roll call system. There shall be a taking of the vote by electronic roll call system on the motion of any one member which is seconded by four other members immediately standing. A vote by electronic roll call shall be limited to thirty minutes, except in the cases of quorum calls. In the event that the electronic roll call system is inoperable, the taking and recording of such vote shall be done by calling the name of each member and recording the respective aye, no or present votes. Any member not responding when [his/her] his or her name is called shall be recorded as absent.

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Rule [94.] 97. At all times when the House is seated, proper attire for gentlemen shall be business attire, including coat, tie, dress trousers and dress [shoes/boots] shoes or boots. Proper attire for women shall be dresses or skirts or slacks worn with a blazer or sweater and appropriate dress [shoes/boots] shoes or boots. This rule shall apply to all members and staff on the floor of the House and lower gallery.

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Eating, Smoking, Distracting Activities

1 Rule [95.] 98. No food, newspapers, or other items or activities
2 distractive to House deliberations shall be permitted on the floor of
3 the House while the House is in session. Smoking is prohibited in the
4 Hall of the House, upper and lower galleries. The majority and minority
5 caucuses shall adopt policies for its individual member's office space
6 within the Capitol as it relates to the use of tobacco and alcohol
7 products.

8 Electronic Devices

9 Rule [96.] 99. Tape recorders, portable phones, video equipment,
10 television equipment, photography equipment [and/or] or any other
11 electronic recording devices are not authorized for use on the floor of
12 the House or in any gallery of the House unless permission has been
13 granted by the Speaker and notice has been given to the body. Nothing
14 contained in this rule shall prevent any member from using a portable
15 laptop computer, which is hereby specifically authorized.

16 Ascending the Dais

17 Rule [97.] 100. No person shall ascend to the Dais without first being
18 recognized to do so by the Speaker. The Speaker may invite any person to
19 ascend the dais.

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21 INTERIM PROCEDURE

22 Bills - End of First Regular Session

23 Rule [98.] 101. All House Bills or House Joint and Concurrent
24 Resolutions in possession of the House and not finally acted upon shall,
25 at 5:59 p.m. on the first Friday following the second Monday in May in
26 odd-numbered years, be laid on the Speaker's desk. All Senate Bills and
27 Senate Joint and Concurrent Resolutions in possession of the House and
28 not finally acted upon shall, at 5:59 p.m. on the first Friday following
29 the second Monday in May in odd-numbered years, be laid on the President
30 Pro Tem's desk. [House Bills and Joint and Concurrent resolutions laid
31 on the Speaker's desk may be re-referred by the Speaker to House
32 committees at the second regular session of the General Assembly in
33 even-numbered years. This rule may only be suspended by a vote of two-
34 thirds (2/3) of the elected members of the House.]

35 Bills - Pre-Filing

36 Rule [99.] 102. A member or member-elect of the House of Representatives
37 may file a bill or joint resolution by mail or in person with the Chief
38 Clerk of the House at any time during the period beginning on December

1 first and ending on the day before a regular session begins which next
2 precedes the session at which the bill or joint resolution is to be
3 considered. Upon receiving a bill or joint resolution filed during the
4 pre-filing period preceding a regular session of the General Assembly in
5 odd-numbered years, the Chief Clerk of the House shall immediately date,
6 number and have the bill or joint resolution printed in the most
7 economical manner as approved by the House Rules Committee and made
8 available according to the rules and practices of the General Assembly
9 next preceding that for which the bill or joint resolution is filed and
10 those bills and joint resolutions received during the filing period
11 preceding a regular session in an even-numbered year shall be printed
12 and made available according to the then effective rules of that General
13 Assembly. All bills or joint resolutions that are pre-filed shall be
14 deemed filed on the day the House begins its regular session.

15 Interim Committees

16 Rule [100.] 103. All regular or special standing committees named during
17 the first regular session of a General Assembly may meet to consider
18 bills or perform any other necessary legislative function during the
19 interim between the session ending on the thirtieth day of May and the
20 session commencing on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of
21 January; except the Speaker may appoint a subcommittee, made up of
22 members of the regular or special standing committee, to act in place of
23 the regular or special standing committee during the interim. The
24 Speaker may appoint special interim committees to consider bills or
25 perform other necessary legislative duties. Members of each of the
26 committees, or any subcommittee thereof, shall be reimbursed for their
27 necessary and actual expenses incurred while attending meetings of the
28 committee or subcommittee, if approved by the Speaker.

29 CALL OF THE HOUSE

30 Names of Absentees to Be Called

31 Rule [101.] 104. A call of the House may be made at any time on motion
32 seconded by ten members and sustained by a majority of those present;
33 (names of members may be called orally or by electronic roll call) and
34 under a call of the House a majority of those present may send for and
35 compel the attendance of absent members; and a majority of all the
36 members present shall be a sufficient number to adjourn.

37 Absent Members May Be Sent For

38 Rule [102.] 105. Upon the call of the House, the names of those members
39 present shall be recorded and the absentees noted, and those whose names
40 do not appear may be sent for and taken into custody wherever found by
41 the Sergeant-at-Arms or special messenger appointed.

1 Prohibited While Voting In Progress

2 Rule [103.] 106. No call of the House shall be made after the Speaker
3 has directed the clerk to open the electronic voting device to record
4 the names of the members and until the vote be announced.

5 Majority Not Under Arrest May Censure And Fine Delinquent Members

6 Rule [104.] 107. The majority of those present, not under arrest, may
7 make an order for the censure or fine of delinquent members[,] and
8 prescribe the terms under which they shall be discharged.

9 Release from Custody

10 Rule [105.] 108. When a member shall have been discharged from custody
11 and admitted to [his/her] his or her seat the House shall decide whether
12 such discharge shall be with or without fees; and, in like manner,
13 whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by a special messenger
14 shall defray the expense of such special messenger.

15 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE HOUSE

16 When Permitted

17 Rule [106.] 109. On motion, the House may resolve itself into a
18 Committee of the Whole House for consideration of any business which may
19 properly come before it.

20 Chair Appointed by Speaker

21 Rule [107.] 110. In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the Speaker
22 shall leave [his/her] his or her chair, and a [Chairman] Chair preside
23 in the Committee, who shall be appointed by the Speaker.

24 Procedure upon Bills

25 Rule [108.] 111. Upon a bill being committed to a Committee of the Whole
26 House, the same shall be first read at length by the Clerk, and then
27 again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last
28 considered. After report, the bill shall again be subject to debate and
29 amended by clauses, as before.

30 Amendment to Motion Must Be Incorporated in Original Motion

1 Rule [109.] 112. All amendments made to an original motion in Committee
2 of the Whole House shall be incorporated with the motion and so
3 reported.

4 Amendments Shall Be Noted

5 Rule [110.] 113. All amendments made to reports, resolutions or
6 other matters committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall be
7 noted and reported, as in case of bills.

8 Rules of Proceedings

9 Rule [111.] 114. Rules and proceedings of the House shall be
10 observed in Committee of the Whole House, as far as they are
11 applicable, except that limiting the number of times of speaking.

12 Quorum

13 Rule [112.] 115. A majority of the members elected shall be a
14 quorum to do business, and if, at any time, a sufficient number
15 shall not be present in Committee of the Whole House, and the
16 Committee shall arise, and the Speaker shall resume the chair and
17 the [Chairman] chair report the cause of the rising of the Whole
18 Committee.

19 ADMISSION TO HALL

20 Definitions

21 Rule [113.] 116. The space between the granite columns shall be
22 known as the floor of the House and the space beyond the granite
23 columns on either side shall be known as the lower gallery, and the
24 space on the upper floor of the House shall be known as the upper
25 gallery.

26 Admission to House Floor

27 Rule [114.] 117. No person shall be admitted to the floor of the
28 House or the House East Gallery other than the officers and members
29 of the House and the staffs of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem,
30 Majority and Minority Floor Leaders, Assistant Majority and
31 Minority Floor Leaders, Majority and Minority Whips, and [Chairman]
32 Chair of the Budget Committee and, at the request of the Speaker,
33 technical support staff needed to maintain data processing
34 equipment and other equipment. Other persons may be admitted to the

1 floor and East Gallery with the consent of the House. For the
2 purposes of this rule, the Chief Clerk's staff, the Assistant Chief
3 Clerk, any doormen, sergeant-at-arms and House Photographer are
4 considered officers of the House. Guests may upon written request,
5 submitted five days in advance and with the consent of the Speaker,
6 address the House from the dais at the beginning or adjournment of
7 a daily legislative session or any recess thereof.

8 Admission to Lower Gallery

9 Rule [115.] 118. No person shall be admitted to the lower gallery
10 of the House except members of the General Assembly, spouses of
11 members, employees of the General Assembly, Joint Committee staff,
12 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the
13 State Auditor, the State Treasurer, the State Attorney General,
14 Judges of the Supreme Court, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judges of
15 the Courts of Appeal or Circuit Courts, Members of Congress, the
16 Governor's Chief of Staff and former members of the General
17 Assembly who are not registered lobbyists or who do not lobby for
18 an individual or organization, and physically disabled persons. No
19 official or other person, except current members of the General
20 Assembly, otherwise allowed to enter the lower gallery by this rule
21 shall engage in any activity supporting or opposing any bill or
22 resolution before the House from the lower gallery. Other persons
23 may be admitted to the gallery by the Speaker upon special request
24 of any Representative when the House is in session. Members of the
25 press may enter the lower galleries while the House is in session
26 for the purpose of interviewing members of the House.

27 Admission to Upper Gallery

28 Rule [116.] 119. The gallery at the front of the chamber above the
29 Speaker's dais shall be reserved for members of the Missouri
30 Capitol News Association holding valid credentials issued by the
31 Speaker and any other member of the press issued credentials by the
32 Speaker. All other upper galleries shall be open to the public.

33 RULES

34 May Be Rescinded or Amended - How

35 Rule [117.] 120. Any motion or resolution purporting to rescind or
36 change the standing rules of the House or to introduce a new rule
37 shall stand without reading or consideration and without
38 discussion, explanation, or debate to the Select Standing Committee
39 on Rules. Such motions or resolutions as shall be favorably
40 recommended by such committee for adoption by the House shall, upon
41 such recommendation, be printed in the Journal and shall be placed

1 upon a Resolutions Calendar. A constitutional majority shall be
2 required to pass such a resolution. Nothing herein shall prohibit
3 a member from offering substitute rules or amendments to rules
4 recommended by the committee.

5 May Be Dispensed With

6 Rule [118.] 121. Rules [70, 79 and 80] 73, 82, 83, and 121 of the
7 House shall not be suspended or dispensed with, unless by unanimous
8 consent or unless two-thirds (2/3) of the elected members concur
9 therein. No other standing rule or order of the House shall be
10 dispensed with, except by unanimous consent or unless a
11 constitutional majority concurs therein and motions for that
12 purpose shall be limited to the question or proposition under
13 consideration.

14 JEFFERSON'S MANUAL

15 Rule [119.] 122. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in
16 "Jefferson's Manual" and the "Rules of the House of Representatives
17 of the United States", and the official collection of precedents
18 and interpretations of the rules by parliamentary authorities of
19 the United States House of Representatives shall govern the House
20 in all cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with
21 the standing rules and orders of the House and the joint rules of
22 the Senate and House of Representatives. The Chief Clerk, the
23 Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tem, the Majority Floor Leader, the
24 Assistant Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Floor Leader, and the
25 Assistant Minority Floor Leader will make available copies of these
26 documents in their offices to any member who so requests. Three
27 copies of these documents shall be available during sessions of the
28 House: one copy shall be at a location determined by the majority
29 party and one copy shall be at a location determined by the
30 minority party and one copy shall be in the possession of the Chief
31 Clerk or [his/her] his or her designee. The documents shall be
32 purchased by the House and shall be the property of the House and
33 not of the individual holding office. The Manual, Rules, precedents
34 and interpretations above referred to shall be taken as authority
35 in deciding questions not otherwise provided for in these rules.

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37 Introduced By: (Sponsor) _____

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39 Signature _____ Dist. # _____

40 **REMINDER: Co-sponsors must sign onto a house bill or resolution electronically through**
41 **a house computer or the house WEB Portal (home.house.mo.gov). Please call the office of**
42 **the Assistant Chief Clerk at (573) 751-4503 if you have questions.**