

**2. SPEAKER TO PRESERVE ORDER AND DECORUM.** The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and may speak to points of order in preference to other members.

*No member or staff member of the House of Representatives shall enter any meeting of the House, its committees, its subcommittees, Joint Conventions, or joint committees while wearing or possessing a microphone. No member or staff member of the House of Representatives shall use an electronic device that impairs decorum during the proceedings of the House, a House committee, Joint Convention, or Joint Committee. No member or staff member of the House of Representatives shall use an electronic device for audio or visual recording, live streaming or broadcasting during the proceedings of the House, a House committee, Joint Convention, or Joint Committee. The preceding sentence shall not apply during floor presentations under Welcoming and Honoring or to any official recording or live stream produced, archived, and authorized for distribution by the General Assembly or House of Representatives.*

The Speaker will have the authority to set other guidelines for decorum.

*Member conduct that causes a material disruption of official legislative business is grounds for discipline by the House and shall be considered disorderly behavior. The Speaker may call a member causing a material disruption to order under this rule and the House shall decide the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, such member shall be permitted to proceed. If otherwise, such member shall not be permitted to proceed and shall be subject to the following:*

- (1) First Offense: Member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for three consecutive legislative days beginning on the day on which the first offense is sustained.*
- (2) Second Offense: Member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for six consecutive legislative days beginning on the day on which the second offense is sustained.*
- (3) Third Offense: Member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for the remainder of that annual session beginning on the day on which the third offense is sustained.*

*Nothing in this rule shall be construed to:*

- (1) Prohibit the offending member from voting on any measure before the House by roll call vote or otherwise; or*
- (2) Preclude the House from taking additional measures to discipline a member, including censure or expulsion, regardless of the number of prior offenses, if any, committed by the offending member.*

**4. ORDER IN GALLERY OR LOBBY.** In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole shall have power to order the same to be cleared. *No voice or noise amplification devices, flags, signs, or banners shall be permitted in the galleries of the House of Representatives.*

**18. DUTIES OF MEMBERS TOWARD SPEAKER.** No member shall be recognized by the Speaker unless the member addresses the chair from such member's desk. In all cases the member who shall first rise shall be entitled to speak first; but when two (2) or more members shall rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member who shall speak first.

When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter whatever to the House, such member shall rise, and respectfully address the chair and await the notice of the Speaker. After recognition by the Speaker, the member shall proceed with making remarks which strictly conform to the question under debate and avoid all personalities.

*If a member's remarks fail to strictly conform to the question under debate, any time remaining of such member shall be subject to forfeit. If the same member fails to strictly conform the member's remarks a second time on any matter on the same legislative day, the Speaker may call the member to order and, if sustained by the House, the member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for the remainder of the same legislative day. If the same member fails to strictly conform the member's remarks a third time on any subsequent legislative day, the Speaker may call the member to order and, if sustained by the House, the member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for three legislative days beginning on the day on which the third offense is sustained. If the same member fails to strictly conform the member's remarks a fourth time on any subsequent legislative day, the Speaker may call the member to order and, if sustained by the House, the member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for the remainder of that annual session beginning on the day on which the fourth offense is sustained. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the offending member from voting on any measure before the House by roll call vote or otherwise.*

*Unless dilatory in nature, if a member calls another member by name, the member whose name was called may be recognized, cutting off any remaining time of the member who called the name, provided that if less than (1) one minute remains, the member called may be recognized and shall be afforded (1) minute.*

**21. TIME LIMITS OF DEBATE.** When recognized, each member shall be limited to five (5) minutes in discussion upon the floor of the House on a particular bill, resolution or motion. *If a member's time expires during discussion, the sponsor of the bill, resolution or motion shall be limited to two (2) additional minutes in response.* A majority of the members present may increase or decrease the limitations of time herein set out for debate on a particular bill, resolution or motion.

**35. OTHER PAPERS AND VISUAL AIDS.** When the reading of a paper is called for and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be decided by a vote of the House without debate. Distribution of other papers to the desks of the members shall be restricted to general announcements only, can only be accomplished upon request of a member of the House and must reflect the name of the requesting member. Members shall not enter any meeting of the House, its committees, its subcommittees, Joint Conventions, or joint committees with props, *voice or noise amplification devices*, or personal displays of any kind that may be used as a visual or audio aid for the advocacy of, or in opposition to, any legislation or political message whatsoever.

## 60. AMENDMENTS TO BILLS.

(a) No amendment beyond the second degree shall be entertained, that is, an amendment to an amendment; and in all such cases, the vote on the respective amendments shall be had in the reverse order in which the same were made.

(b) Except for amendments correcting grammatical or typographical errors, those simply changing dates or the effective date clause or amendments offered on the last day of any general session, the following shall apply to amendments offered by members of the House:

(1) Notice of the proposed amendment or amendment to an amendment has been given by ~~two o'clock p.m. (2:00 p.m.) central time of the day~~ *four (4) hours* prior to *the beginning of session on the day* of its consideration by the House. ~~provided that, for Monday's calendar, notice of the proposed amendment or amendment to an amendment has been given by twelve o'clock (12:00) noon central time on the day of consideration.~~ A copy of the proposed amendment or amendment to an amendment shall be made available to each member of the House; or

(2) The amendment has been considered by the standing committee which considered the bill itself, and the Committee has made a recommendation concerning the adoption of the amendment in the same manner that the Committee made its recommendation concerning the passage of the bill, a copy of said amendment shall be made available to each member of the House prior to a vote on same; or

(3) With the approval of both leaders or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, of the members present and voting, for consideration of the amendment if there has not been compliance with either subdivisions (1) or (2) above.

(c) The sponsor of an amendment that has not been filed in compliance with House Rule 60 (b) shall be limited to a one (1) minute explanation of the amendment to be considered

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**65. STANDING COMMITTEES.** There shall be the following standing committees, each of which the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be members, to wit:

- (1) Agriculture and Natural Resources
- (2) Civil Justice
- (3) Commerce
- (4) Criminal Justice
- (5) Education Administration
- (6) Education Instruction
- (7) Finance, Ways, and Means
- (8) Government Operations
- (9) Health
- (10) Insurance
- (11) Local Government
- (12) State Government
- (13) Transportation

Provided, however, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall only vote when the Speaker is not present and voting, except on those standing committees to which the Speaker Pro Tempore has been regularly assigned.

There shall be a committee on Calendar and Rules to be composed of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader or such leader's designee, the Majority Caucus Chair, the Minority Leader or such leader's designee, the Minority Caucus Chair, two members each of the majority and minority parties appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the Speaker, one (1) chair, and one (1) vice chair appointed by the Speaker under House Rule 7; and the chair of each standing committee listed above. It shall set the calendar. No standing committee shall have more than thirty (30) appointed members. No member shall serve on more than three (3) standing committees, exclusive of the Committee on Calendar and Rules, the Joint Legislative Services Committee, and the Fiscal Review Committee, except the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore who shall be voting members of all standing committees as stated in the rule (65). Provided further, the Speaker Pro Tem or designee, the Majority Leader or designee, the Minority Leader or designee, the Democratic Caucus Chair and the Republican Caucus Chair shall serve as members of the Government Operations committee, as well as they may serve on three other standing committees.

### **83. UNIFORM RULES OF COMMITTEES**

*(20) If a member impugns the reputation of another member, a committee, or the House during a committee meeting or otherwise disrupts a committee meeting, the member shall be liable to objection and, if sustained by the chair, the objectionable language or act shall be reported to an ad hoc committee composed of the Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Caucus Chair, and Minority Caucus Chair. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as chair. The ad hoc committee may make recommendations to either the Speaker or the House, as appropriate, as to discipline against any member so reported. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to limit any authority of the Speaker.*

~~(20)~~ (21) Except as stated in the foregoing rules, the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives shall apply. Other special rules shall not be adopted by committees.

**86. IMPUGNING THE REPUTATION OF A MEMBER OR THE HOUSE.** *If a member impugns the reputation of another member or the House, the member may be called to order by any other member and the House shall decide the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, such member shall be permitted to proceed. If otherwise, such member shall not be permitted to proceed in debate or remarks. If a member impugns the reputation of any member or the House again, the member may be called to order under this rule and, if sustained by the House, shall be subject to the following:*

- (1) Second Offense: Member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for three consecutive legislative days beginning on the day on which the second offense is sustained.*
- (2) Third Offense: Member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for six consecutive legislative days beginning on the day on which the third offense is sustained.*
- (3) Fourth Offense: Member shall not be recognized in debate or remarks on the House floor for the remainder of that annual session beginning on the day on which the fourth offense is sustained.*

*Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prohibit the offending member from voting on any measure before the House by roll call vote or otherwise.*

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**17. RESOLUTIONS.** Resolutions shall be pre-filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk by 4:00 p.m. for introduction the following day and referral to the appropriate standing committee. However, all congratulatory and memorializing resolutions shall automatically be introduced the day of filing ~~or the first legislative day thereafter~~ and placed on the next Consent Calendar in accordance with Rule No. 50.

**49. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON CALENDAR AND RULES CONCERNING CALENDAR.** All bills having been considered and reported out of the standing committee to which referred shall be automatically transmitted to the Committee on Calendar and Rules without further reference by the Speaker; ~~and no bill of general nature shall be considered for third and final passage until a written calendar, from the Committee on Calendar and Rules, giving notice of such bill, has been posted in a regular place in the House Chamber at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such consideration. Not more than twenty-five (25) general bills shall be placed on the calendar for final consideration on any one (1) day, and this number shall include any bills carried over from previous calendars or any bills set for special order. Should the House not complete any day's calendar, all bills remaining unconsidered shall go to the top of the calendar on the next day that general bills are considered, provided that only so many of the said bills shall be carried over as will not cause the total to be considered on that day to exceed the aforesaid limit. Any bills remaining to be carried over in excess of that number shall be placed at the head of the calendar on a succeeding day or days, within the daily maximum of twenty-five (25). The foregoing maximum limitation on bills for daily consideration may be suspended by the Committee on Calendar and Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of said committee.~~

**50. CONSENT CALENDAR.** Any bills or resolutions which are not controversial in nature shall be placed on a Consent Calendar by the officers of the Committee on Calendar and Rules, except for those resolutions placed on the Consent Calendar pursuant to Rule No. 17. ~~The Consent Calendar shall be printed and posted in a regular place in the House Chamber at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the time for such consideration.~~

**59. CONCURRENCE OF HOUSE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS.** When a House bill is returned from the Senate with an amendment or a substitute for the House bill, the "ayes" and "noes" shall be called for on the concurrence in the amendment or the passage of the substituted bill and entered on the Journal of the House. No said amendment or substituted bill shall be considered as concurred in or passed unless a majority of the members to which the House is entitled shall have voted affirmatively therefor and the said vote shall have been entered on the Journal. ~~Any measure coming from the Senate with an amendment or a substitute for the House bill shall lie over one (1) day except on the final two (2) legislative days of a session.~~

~~— No measure coming from the Senate with an amendment or any other Senate action requiring House concurrence or non-concurrence shall be acted on by the House until the Chief Clerk has announced that the measure has been returned from the Senate requiring further action by the House. The Chief Clerk will see that an impact summary of the Senate action on the measure as prepared by the Office of Legislative Information Services is placed on a special Senate Message Calendar. The impact summaries will appear in numerical order regardless of the nature of the measure.~~

**67. MEETING OF COMMITTEES - WHEN.** No committee of this House shall remain in session during the sessions of the House, unless by permission of a majority of members present. All committee meetings, except meetings held when the House is in recess or adjourned, shall be announced in open session by the Chair, ~~and the time and place of meeting shall be designated at the same time and shall conform with the established schedule and avoid conflict among the various standing committees.~~ Committee meetings held on days when the House is in recess or adjourned shall be announced in open session or by written notice, furnished to each member of the House not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting time. Committee meetings may be called by the Chair of the Standing Committee, upon approval by the Speaker of the House when the House is in recess or adjourned and shall be called by the Committee Chair when petitioned in writing, signed by a majority of the members of the Committee. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, when the House of Representatives is not in floor session, standing committees, subcommittees, committees created pursuant to resolution, committees created pursuant to statute and ad hoc committees of the Regular Session are authorized to meet and conduct business during any extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

**71. AMENDMENTS IN STANDING COMMITTEES AND BILLS INITIATED BY STANDING COMMITTEES.** The standing committees may initiate legislation as a committee in addition to acting upon legislation referred to such standing committees. Such legislation initiated by the committee shall be introduced by the chair or the chair's designee and such other members of the committee as may wish to join therein.

When a standing committee recommends a bill for passage only with the adoption of an amendment or amendments approved by a majority vote of the standing committee, the committee chair shall cause such committee amendment or amendments to be prepared in proper typewritten form and filed with the Chief Clerk of the House. Bills reported out of standing committees with committee amendments cannot be considered by the Committee on Calendar and Rules unless the committee amendment is attached thereto. The Chair of said standing committee shall cause said committee amendment to be prepared and filed with the Chief Clerk within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the bill was reported out. The preceding two (2) sentences shall not apply to annual appropriations bills, supplemental appropriations bills, bond bills, index bills and bills that contain in their caption the following language, "relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act". No committee amendments shall be accepted by the Chief Clerk for filing unless said amendment is labeled with a system entry code assigned by the Office of Legal Services.

~~No later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time the bill recommended for amendment is scheduled for consideration on the floor of the House, the Chief Clerk shall cause the recommended amendment or amendments to be made available to each member of the House.~~ After the bill has been explained and its passage moved by the sponsor, the chair of the standing committee recommending the amendment, or chair's designee, shall then be recognized for the explanation of and debate on such amendment or amendments. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief Clerk to ensure that the foregoing procedures are observed in the consideration of amendments recommended by standing committees.

### 83. UNIFORM RULES OF COMMITTEES.

(1) The Chair, after advising with the vice chair, shall set the calendars for hearings before the standing committee, taking into consideration the necessity and importance of the legislation before the committee. Those bills and resolutions requested by the sponsors to go on the calendars shall first be placed on the calendars, provided that the chair, after advising with the vice chair, shall set the calendar for hearings on a reasonable number of bills or resolutions at each committee meeting. The requests by sponsors for their bills to be heard in the standing committees shall be filed with the standing committee as soon as practicable, ~~but not later than three thirty p.m. (3:30 p.m.) central time on the Wednesday preceding the next regularly scheduled meeting of the standing committee.~~ The chair, after advising with the vice chair, shall have the authority to set on the calendars additional bills or resolutions not requested by the sponsors if, in the opinion of such officers, a reasonable number of measures has not been set for hearing. ~~The standing committee shall electronically transmit the committee calendar (bills to be heard) for its next regularly scheduled meeting as early as practicable but not later than seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.) central time on the same day.~~ The Clerk's office shall publish these calendars as early as possible on the day following so that the sponsor of each bill or resolution scheduled for hearing shall be notified.



**21. TIME LIMITS OF DEBATE.** When recognized, each member shall be limited to five (5) minutes in discussion upon the floor of the House on a particular bill, resolution or motion. ~~When a member asks a question of the sponsor and the sponsor in responding leaves one (1) minute or less, the member will be afforded a one (1) minute rebuttal. If a member in debate or in asking questions of the sponsor leaves one (1) minute or less, the sponsor will be afforded an additional one (1) minute to respond. A majority of the members present may increase or decrease the limitations of time herein set out for debate on a particular bill, resolution or motion.~~

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