

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 99th 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.]~~ 2. (1) *Administrative Order of Business.* The first of
11 each day, after the House is called to order, shall be employed as
12 follows unless otherwise ordered by the House:

13 (a) Prayer.

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

15 (c) ~~[Order of Business]~~ Introduction of petitions, memorials,
16 remonstrances, and resolutions.

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

18 (e) Introduction and first reading of House Bills.

19 (f) First reading of Senate Joint Resolutions and Bills.

20 (g) Second reading of House Bills, Joint Resolutions, and
21 Concurrent Resolutions.

22 (h) Second reading of Senate Bills, Joint Resolutions, and
23 Concurrent Resolutions.

24 (i) Reports of regular standing committees.

25 (j) Reports of special standing committees.

26 (k) Messages from the Senate.

27 (2) *Regular Order of Business.* At the close of the
28 administrative order of business, the Speaker or any member may call
29 for the regular order of business. The administrative order of
30 business may be dispensed with by unanimous consent of the House at
31 any time. The regular order of business shall be employed as follows
32 unless otherwise ordered by the House:

33 ~~[(i)]~~ (a) Reading and approval of the Journal of the previous
34 day's session.

35 ~~[(ii)]~~ Introduction and first reading of House Joint Resolutions.

36 ~~[(iii)]~~ Introduction and first reading of House Bills.

37 ~~[(iv)]~~ Second reading of House Bills and Joint Resolutions.

38 ~~[(v)]~~ Reports of regular standing committees.

- 1 ~~—— (vi) Reports of special standing committees.~~
2 ~~—— (vii) Reports of select standing committees.~~
3 ~~—— (viii)] (b) Bills, reports, and other business on the table.~~
4 ~~[(ix)] (c) House Joint Resolutions to be perfected and printed.~~
5 ~~[(x)] (d) House Bills to be perfected and printed.~~
6 ~~[(xi)] (e) Third reading of House Joint Resolutions and~~
7 ~~Concurrent Resolutions.~~
8 ~~[(xii)] (f) Third reading of House Bills.~~
9 ~~[(xiii)] (g) Messages from the Senate.~~
10 ~~[(xiv) First reading of Senate Joint Resolutions and Senate~~
11 ~~Bills.~~
12 ~~—— (xv) Second reading of Senate Joint Resolutions and Senate Bills.~~
13 ~~—— (xvi)] (h) Third reading of Senate Joint Resolutions and~~
14 ~~Concurrent Resolutions.~~
15 ~~[(xvii)] (i) Third reading of Senate Bills.~~
16 ~~[(xviii) Introduction of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and~~
17 ~~resolutions.~~
18 ~~—— (xix)] (j) Adoption of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and~~
19 ~~resolutions.~~
20 ~~[(xx)] (k) Reports of subcommittees.~~
21 ~~(l) Such other orders of business as deemed necessary pursuant~~
22 ~~to law.~~

23 HEADINGS ON HOUSE CALENDAR

- 24 Rule ~~[4. There shall be provided on the House calendar the following~~
25 ~~divisions:—~~
26 ~~—— (a) House Bills for second reading.~~
27 ~~—— (b) House Joint Resolutions for second reading.~~
28 ~~—— (c) House Bills to be perfected and printed.~~
29 ~~—— (d) House Joint Resolutions to be perfected and printed.~~
30 ~~—— (e) House Appropriation Bills to be perfected and printed.~~
31 ~~—— (f) House Revision Bills to be perfected and printed.~~
32 ~~—— (g) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be perfected and printed.~~
33 ~~—— (h) House Bills to be perfected and printed - laid over~~
34 ~~informally.~~
35 ~~—— (i) House Joint Resolutions to be perfected and printed - laid~~
36 ~~over informally.~~
37 ~~—— (j) House Appropriation Bills to be perfected and printed - laid~~
38 ~~over informally.~~
39 ~~—— (k) House Revision Bills to be perfected and printed - laid over~~
40 ~~informally.~~
41 ~~—— (l) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be perfected and printed -~~
42 ~~laid over informally.~~
43 ~~—— (m) House Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third reading and~~
44 ~~final passage.~~
45 ~~—— (n) House Joint Resolutions to be agreed to and placed upon third~~
46 ~~reading and final passage.~~
47 ~~—— (o) House Appropriation Bills to be agreed to and placed upon~~
48 ~~third reading and final passage.~~

1 ~~—— (p) House Revision Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third~~
2 ~~reading and final passage.~~
3 ~~—— (q) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be agreed to and placed upon~~
4 ~~third reading and final passage.~~
5 ~~—— (r) House Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third reading and~~
6 ~~final passage - laid over informally.~~
7 ~~—— (s) House Joint Resolutions to be agreed to and placed upon third~~
8 ~~reading and final passage - laid over informally.~~
9 ~~—— (t) House Appropriation Bills to be agreed to and placed upon~~
10 ~~third reading and final passage - laid over informally.~~
11 ~~—— (u) House Revision Bills to be agreed to and placed upon third~~
12 ~~reading and final passage - laid over informally.~~
13 ~~—— (v) House Bills - Federal Mandate to be agreed to and placed upon~~
14 ~~third reading and final passage - laid over informally.~~
15 ~~—— (w) House Bills reported out of committee by consent and placed~~
16 ~~upon the Consent Calendar for Perfection.~~
17 ~~—— (x) House Bills perfected by consent to be agreed to and placed~~
18 ~~upon third reading and final passage.~~
19 ~~—— (y) Senate Bills for second reading.~~
20 ~~—— (z) Senate Joint Resolutions for second reading.~~
21 ~~—— (aa) Senate Bills for third reading and final passage.~~
22 ~~—— (bb) Senate Joint Resolutions for third reading and final~~
23 ~~passage.~~
24 ~~—— (cc) Senate Revision Bills for third reading and final passage.~~
25 ~~—— (dd) Senate Bills - Federal Mandate for third reading and final~~
26 ~~passage.~~
27 ~~—— (ee) Senate Bills for third reading and final passage - laid over~~
28 ~~informally.~~
29 ~~—— (ff) Senate Joint Resolutions for third reading and final passage~~
30 ~~- laid over informally.~~
31 ~~—— (gg) Senate Revision Bills for third reading and final passage -~~
32 ~~laid over informally.~~
33 ~~—— (hh) Senate Bills - Federal Mandate for third reading and final~~
34 ~~passage - laid over informally.~~
35 ~~—— (ii) Senate Bills for third reading and final passage - Consent~~
36 ~~Calendar.~~
37 ~~—— (jj) House Resolutions and Concurrent Resolutions Calendar.~~
38 ~~—— (kk) Senate Concurrent Resolutions Calendar.~~
39 ~~—— (ll) Bills in Conference.~~
40 ~~—— (mm) House Bills with Senate Amendments.~~
41 ~~—— (nn) House Bills taken from Committee, as provided by the~~
42 ~~Constitution.~~
43 ~~—— (oo) Such other calendars as deemed necessary.]~~ 3. The House may
44 keep calendars for organizational purposes and to facilitate the
45 consideration of legislation. Calendars may be created as deemed
46 necessary by the Speaker.

47 FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILLS

48 Rule ~~[5.]~~ 4. A bill shall be read the first time by journal entry of

1 the title of the bill on the legislative day of its filing. It shall
2 be second read on the following legislative day by journal entry of
3 the title of the bill. The reading of a bill by its title shall be
4 deemed sufficient reading unless the further reading be called for.
5 If the further reading be called for and no objection made, the bill
6 shall be read at length; if, however, objection be made, the question
7 shall be determined by the majority of the members present.

8 ORDERS OF THE DAY

9 Rule [~~6-~~] 5. Upon recess or adjournment, the Majority Floor Leader
10 shall advise the entire membership of the business anticipated to be
11 conducted during the remainder of the legislative day and during the
12 next legislative day.

13 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
14 GENERALLY

15 Election; Oath; Compensation

16 Rule [~~7-~~] 6. The House shall elect by recorded vote the following
17 officers at the commencement of the first regular session of each
18 general assembly: its presiding officer, who shall be called Speaker
19 of the House, a Speaker Pro Tem, a Chief Clerk, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a
20 Doorkeeper, and a Chaplain, who shall hold office during all sessions
21 until the convening of the succeeding General Assembly, unless sooner
22 removed by a vote of the majority of the members. Each shall receive
23 such compensation as may be provided for by law. Each shall take an
24 oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of this
25 State and to faithfully demean himself or herself in office and to
26 keep the secrets of the House. Such oath shall be administered to the
27 Speaker and Speaker Pro Tem by a Judge of the Supreme Court, Court of
28 Appeals, or a Circuit Court and by the Speaker to the other officers.
29 All other officers of the House shall be appointed by, and serve at
30 the pleasure of, the Speaker and receive such compensation as provided
31 by law.
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33 SPEAKER

34 Speaker to Call Members to Order

35 Rule [~~8-~~] 7. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which
36 the House has been adjourned and immediately call the members to order
37 and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Journal of the
38 preceding day to be read unless otherwise ordered by the House, which
39 may then be corrected by the House.

40 Parliamentary Rulings; Referral to Parliamentary Committee

41 Rule [~~9-~~] 8. Parliamentary rulings may be made only by the Speaker or

1 the Speaker Pro Tem. At ~~their~~ his or her option or at the request
2 from a member of the Parliamentary Committee ~~they~~ , he or she may
3 refer points of order to the Parliamentary Committee for an advisory
4 opinion. In their absence, rulings shall be made by a parliamentary
5 committee. The Committee on Parliamentary Procedure shall be composed
6 of the Speaker, the Majority Floor Leader, and the Minority Floor
7 Leader~~7~~ or their designees. No member who is temporarily in the
8 chair may rule on points of order, except the Speaker or Speaker Pro
9 Tem, until and unless the Parliamentary Committee has been called and
10 ruled. It shall be the duty of the temporary Speaker to call such
11 Parliamentary Committee at the time the point of order is raised and
12 before any discussion on such point of order takes place. It shall be
13 at the Speaker's discretion whether members may speak on points of
14 order. The Speaker or the Speaker Pro Tem may take points of order
15 under advisement; provided that, he or she rules on the point of order
16 before any other motion to amend is entertained.

17 Speaker May Speak on Points of Order

18 Rule ~~10.~~ 9. The Speaker may speak on points of order in preference
19 to any other member, arising from his or her seat for that purpose,
20 and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the
21 House, upon which appeal no member shall speak more than once, except
22 by leave of the House. No member shall inquire of another member nor
23 debate with other members on points of order but shall address his or
24 her remarks only to the chair.

25 Appeal from a Ruling of the Chair

26 Rule ~~11.~~ 10. Should there be an appeal from any ruling of the
27 chair, the question, "Shall the chair be sustained?" shall be
28 immediately put and determined before the House proceeds to other
29 business.

30 Speaker Has General Supervision of Hall

31 Rule ~~12.~~ 11. The Speaker shall have general direction and
32 supervision of the House and shall preserve decorum and order in the
33 Hall.

34 Supervision of House Employees

35 Rule ~~13.~~ 12. The Speaker shall have general supervision and control
36 over all employees of the House.

37 Speaker May Substitute Member to Perform Duties

38 Rule ~~14.~~ 13. The Speaker may substitute any member to perform the
39 duties of the chair in the absence of the Speaker Pro Tem.

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Speaker Shall Sign Bills

Rule ~~[15.]~~ 14. The Speaker shall sign all bills, and perform all other duties in relation thereto, as required by the Constitution. He or she shall also sign all joint resolutions and addresses; and all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the House shall be under his or her hand, attested by the Chief Clerk.

Speaker May Clear Hall

Rule ~~[16.]~~ 15. In case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobbies or galleries, the Speaker, temporary Speaker, or Chair of the Committee of the Whole House shall have power to order the same cleared. ~~[They]~~ He or she shall not, however, have the power to remove members from the floor of the House, except by a majority vote of those present.

Manner of Putting Questions

Rule ~~[17.]~~ 16. The Speaker shall rise to state and put questions. Questions shall be in the following form: "As many as are in favor (if by electronic roll call) vote 'Aye'. As many as are opposed (if by electronic roll call) vote 'No'". ~~[(Or)]~~ If by voice vote say "Aye" or ~~["No.")]~~ "No". If the Speaker doubts on a voice vote, voting shall be ordered by electronic device. The Speaker may require a recorded vote on any motion.

OTHER OFFICERS

Speaker Pro Tem

Rule ~~[18.]~~ 17. The Speaker Pro Tem shall perform the duties of Speaker during the sickness or absence of the Speaker, except while some member is discharging such duties as a substitute under Rule ~~[14]~~ 13.

Chief Clerk

Rule ~~[19.]~~ 18. It shall be the duty of the Chief Clerk to serve also as Chief Administrator of the House and to attend the House during its sittings. The Chief Clerk, under the direction of the Speaker, shall prepare and keep the House Journal and seasonably record the proceedings of the House; keep regular files of House papers; attest all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the House; keep an account of all fines imposed by the House; maintain a record of the members' attendance; keep an account of the traveling and expense allowances of all the members; transmit to the Senate messages, communications, copies, and documents of the House; keep a docket of proceedings on all bills, resolutions, and acts; and execute the commands of the House from time to time.

1 Sergeant-at-Arms; Doorkeeper ~~and~~ ; Chaplain

2 Rule ~~[20.-(a)]~~ 19. (1) *Sergeant-at-arms.* It shall be the duty of
3 the Sergeant-at-Arms to attend the House during its sittings; to
4 execute the commands of the House from time to time, together with
5 such process issued by authority thereof as shall be directed to him
6 or her by the Speaker. He or she shall preserve order in the
7 galleries and lobby and keep the entry to the aisle cleared during the
8 session of the House.

9 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) *Doorkeeper.* It shall be the duty of the Doorkeeper,
10 subject to the orders of the Speaker, to attend the sittings of the
11 House. The Doorkeeper shall allow no person to come or remain within
12 the Hall or galleries except as are admitted by the rules or orders of
13 the House. He or she shall execute the commands of the Speaker in
14 relation to his or her duties and shall obey such other orders as may
15 be made by the House.

16 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) *Chaplain.* It shall be the duty of the Chaplain, or a
17 person designated by the Speaker, to attend at the commencement of
18 each day's sitting of the House, to open the sessions thereof with a
19 prayer, visit any member who may be sick, and to preach in the Hall of
20 the House of Representatives whenever requested by a vote of the
21 House.

22 Employees

23 Rule ~~[21.]~~ 20. The House may employ, and the Speaker appoint, such
24 employees as are necessary to perform the duties of the House. No
25 person shall be initially hired by the House ~~[of Representatives]~~ who
26 is related to any member of the House within the fourth degree, by
27 consanguinity or by affinity.

28 COMMITTEES

29 By Whom Appointed; Composition of Membership

30 Rule ~~[22.]~~ 21. (1) All regular ~~[and select]~~ standing, select,
31 conference, interim, and statutory committees shall be appointed by
32 the Speaker who, when appointing a committee, shall designate a member
33 thereof as chair, designate another member as vice chair, and
34 designate the total number of members to serve on each committee,
35 except the minority members of each regular ~~[and select]~~ standing
36 committee shall be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader. The vice
37 chair or a designee of the chair shall preside at all committee
38 meetings in the absence of the chair.

39 (2) The Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tem, the Majority
40 Floor Leader, the Assistant Majority Floor Leader, the Majority Whip,
41 the Minority Floor Leader, the Assistant Minority Floor Leader, and
42 the Minority Whip shall be ex-officio members of all committees of the
43 House, the chair of the ~~[budget committee]~~ Committee on Budget and one
44 member of the committee designated by the Minority Floor Leader shall

1 be ex-officio members of all ~~[appropriations committees of the House,~~
2 ~~and the chair of the select standing committee to which a regular~~
3 ~~standing committee shall report bills and one member of such select~~
4 ~~committee designated by the Minority Leader shall be ex-officio~~
5 ~~members to the appropriate regular standing committees of the House,]~~
6 subcommittees of the Committee on Budget, and the chair of each
7 regular and special standing committee shall be an ex-officio member
8 of each subcommittee of such regular or special standing committee for
9 the purpose of a quorum and inquiry but shall have no vote unless they
10 are duly appointed members of the committee.

11 (3) The membership of all regular ~~[and select]~~ standing
12 committees and all other committees and commissions, unless otherwise
13 provided by the act or resolution creating them, shall be composed as
14 nearly as may be, of majority and minority party members in the same
15 proportion as the number of majority and minority party members in the
16 House bears to the total membership of the House, except for the
17 Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall consist of an equal
18 number of members from the majority and minority party.

19 (4) The Speaker may appoint such special standing committees as
20 he or she deems necessary. Any special standing committee shall have
21 the authority and duties of a regular standing committee if so
22 designated by the Speaker. The Minority Floor Leader may make
23 recommendations to the Speaker regarding minority membership of
24 special standing committees. The Speaker may dissolve or discharge
25 the members of any conference, interim, or special standing committee
26 at any time and reappoint the members thereof.

27 Time of Sitting

28 Rule ~~[23.]~~ 22. No committee shall meet except during those times so
29 designated by the Speaker. No committee shall sit during the session
30 of the House without leave of the House.

31 The Regular Standing Committees Enumerated

32 Rule ~~[24.]~~ 23. The regular standing committees of the House shall be
33 as follows:

- 34 ~~[1.]~~ (1) Administration and Accounts.
35 ~~[2.]~~ (2) Agriculture Policy.
36 ~~[3. Appropriations - Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural~~
37 ~~Resources.~~
38 ~~4. Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary Education.~~
39 ~~5. Appropriations - General Administration.~~
40 ~~6. Appropriations - Health, Mental Health, and Social Services.~~
41 ~~7. Appropriations - Higher Education.~~
42 ~~8. Appropriations - Public Safety and Corrections.~~
43 ~~9. Appropriations - Revenue, Transportation, and Economic~~
44 ~~Development.~~
45 ~~10. Banking.]~~ (3) Budget.
46 ~~[11.]~~ (4) Children and Families.

- 1 ~~[12. Civil and Criminal Proceedings.~~
2 ~~13.]~~ (5) Consent and House Procedure.
3 (6) Conservation and Natural Resources.
4 ~~[14. Consumer Affairs.~~
5 ~~15.]~~ (7) Corrections and Public Institutions.
6 ~~[16.]~~ (8) Crime Prevention and Public Safety.
7 (9) Economic Development [~~and Business Attraction and~~
8 Retention].
9 ~~[17.]~~ (10) Elections.
10 ~~[18.]~~ (11) Elementary and Secondary Education.
11 ~~[19. Emerging Issues.~~
12 ~~20. Emerging Issues in Education.~~
13 ~~21. Employment Security.~~
14 ~~22. Energy and the Environment.~~
15 ~~23.]~~ (12) Ethics.
16 ~~[24.]~~ (13) Financial Institutions.
17 (14) Fiscal Review.
18 ~~[25.]~~ (15) General Laws.
19 (16) Government Efficiency.
20 ~~[26. Government Oversight and Accountability.~~
21 ~~27.]~~ (17) Health and Mental Health Policy.
22 ~~[28. Health Insurance.~~
23 ~~29.]~~ (18) Higher Education.
24 ~~[30.]~~ (19) Insurance Policy.
25 (20) Judiciary.
26 (21) Local Government.
27 ~~[31.]~~ (22) Pensions.
28 ~~[32.]~~ (23) Professional Registration and Licensing.
29 ~~[33. Property, Casualty, and Life Insurance.~~
30 ~~34. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.~~
31 ~~35. Small Business.~~
32 ~~36. Telecommunications.~~
33 ~~37. Trade and Tourism.~~
34 ~~38.]~~ (24) Rules - Administrative Oversight.
35 (25) Rules - Legislative Oversight.
36 (26) Transportation.
37 ~~[39. Utility Infrastructure.]~~ (27) Utilities.
38 ~~[40.]~~ (28) Veterans.
39 ~~[41.]~~ (29) Ways and Means.
40 ~~[42.]~~ (30) Workforce [~~Standards and~~ Development.

41 Duties of the Regular Standing Committees

42 Rule ~~[25.]~~ 24. (1) *Duties Generally.* Regular standing committees
43 shall have the authority to consider bills and resolutions that have
44 been referred to them and ~~[report the bill as "Do Pass", "without~~
45 ~~recommendation" or "Do Pass - as amended" to the appropriate select~~
46 ~~standing committee along with any amendments that were adopted by the~~
47 ~~committee. Regular standing committees shall not report committee~~
48 ~~substitutes to the appropriate select standing committees.];~~

1 (a) Report the bill or resolution "Do Pass", "Without
2 Recommendation", or "Do Pass - Consent" to the Speaker.

3 (b) Report the bill or resolution "Do Pass with recommended
4 committee amendment" to the Speaker.

5 (c) Report the bill or resolution as a "House Committee
6 Substitute - Do Pass" or "House Committee Substitute - Without
7 Recommendation" to the Speaker.

8 (2) *Administration and Accounts.*

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

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

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

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

47 (e) *Recognition of Caucuses.* The committee may approve and
48 prescribe for the recognition of caucuses. Any group of five or more
49 House members may seek designation as a caucus for the purpose of
50 identifying and collaborating on issues within a common sphere of

1 public interest.

2 (3) *The Committee on Agriculture Policy.* The Committee on
3 Agriculture Policy may consider and report upon bills and matters
4 referred to it relating to the protection, promotion, and
5 encouragement of agriculture in this state.

6 ~~(4) *[The Committee on Appropriations — Agriculture, Conservation,*~~
7 ~~*and Natural Resources.* The Committee on Appropriations — Agriculture,~~
8 ~~*Conservation, and Natural Resources shall report to the Budget*~~
9 ~~*Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by*~~
10 ~~*the Speaker of the House pertaining to the appropriations and*~~
11 ~~*disbursements of public money for the funding of the Department of*~~
12 ~~*Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department*~~
13 ~~*of Conservation.*~~

14 ~~—— (5) *The Committee on Appropriations — Elementary and Secondary*~~
15 ~~*Education.* The Committee on Appropriations — Elementary and Secondary~~
16 ~~*Education shall report to the Budget Committee upon all bills,*~~
17 ~~*measures, and questions referred to it by the Speaker of the House*~~
18 ~~*pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of public money for*~~
19 ~~*the funding of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.*~~

20 ~~—— (6) *The Committee on Appropriations — General Administration.*~~
21 ~~The Committee on Appropriations — General Administration shall report~~
22 ~~to the Budget Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions~~
23 ~~referred to it by the Speaker of the House pertaining to the~~
24 ~~appropriations and disbursements of public money for the funding of~~
25 ~~the public debt, elected officials, the Office of Administration, the~~
26 ~~General Assembly, the judiciary, and the public defender.~~

27 ~~—— (7) *The Committee on Appropriations — Health, Mental Health, and*~~
28 ~~*Social Services.* The Committee on Appropriations — Health, Mental~~
29 ~~*Health, and Social Services shall report to the Budget Committee upon*~~
30 ~~*all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by the Speaker of*~~
31 ~~*the House pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of public*~~
32 ~~*money for the funding of the Department of Health and Senior Services,*~~
33 ~~*the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Social*~~
34 ~~*Services.*~~

35 ~~—— (8) *The Committee on Appropriations — Higher Education.*~~
36 ~~The Committee on Appropriations — Higher Education shall report to the~~
37 ~~Budget Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to~~
38 ~~it by the Speaker of the House pertaining to the appropriations and~~
39 ~~disbursements of public money for the funding of the Department of~~
40 ~~Higher Education.~~

41 ~~—— (9) *The Committee on Appropriations — Public Safety and*~~
42 ~~*Corrections.* The Committee on Appropriations — Public Safety and~~
43 ~~*Corrections shall report to the Budget Committee upon all bills,*~~
44 ~~*measures, and questions referred to it by the Speaker of the House*~~
45 ~~*pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of public money for*~~
46 ~~*the funding of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of*~~
47 ~~*Corrections.*~~

48 ~~—— (10) *The Committee on Appropriations — Revenue, Transportation,*~~
49 ~~*and Economic Development.* The Committee on Appropriations — Revenue,~~
50 ~~*Transportation, and Economic Development shall report to the Budget*~~

1 ~~Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by~~
2 ~~the Speaker of the House pertaining to the appropriations and~~
3 ~~disbursements of public money for the funding of the Department of~~
4 ~~Transportation, the Department of Economic Development, the Department~~
5 ~~of Revenue, the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and~~
6 ~~Professional Registration, and the Department of Labor and Industrial~~
7 ~~Relations.~~

8 ~~——(11)] The Committee on [Banking. The Committee on Banking may~~
9 ~~consider all bills and matters referred to it relating to the~~
10 ~~regulation and administration of state policies by the Department of~~
11 ~~Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration or any~~
12 ~~other agency or governmental unit thereto conferred upon by the~~
13 ~~Missouri constitution or statutes relating to the operation of banks,~~
14 ~~credit unions, or other lending or depository institutions] Budget.~~

15 (a) The Chair of the Committee on Budget shall have the sole
16 responsibility of filing all appropriations bills. The Committee on
17 Budget shall have the responsibility for any other bills, measures, or
18 questions referred to it pertaining to the appropriation and
19 disbursement of public moneys.

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

43 (c) The Committee on Budget shall have the following
44 subcommittees:

45 a. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Agriculture,
46 Conservation, Natural Resources, and Economic Development.

47 b. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Education.

48 c. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - General Administration.

49 d. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Health, Mental Health,
50 and Social Services.

1 e. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Public Safety,
2 Corrections, Transportation, and Revenue.

3 ~~[(12)]~~ (5) The Committee on Consent and House Procedure.

4 (a) The Committee on Consent and House Procedure may consider
5 and report upon bills and matters referred to it which, in the opinion
6 of the Speaker, merit special consideration.

7 (b) If a bill is automatically referred to the Committee on
8 Consent and House Procedure with a recommendation that it "Do Pass -
9 Consent", the committee shall review the bill for the purpose of
10 determining whether it should have consent status. The committee may
11 decide, by a majority of those present, whether to place the bill on
12 the appropriate consent calendar. If the committee declines to place
13 the bill on the appropriate consent calendar, it may consider whether
14 to report the bill to the House with a "Do Pass" recommendation
15 without consent status.

16 (c) The Committee on Consent and House Procedure shall formulate
17 and present for consideration the rules of the House and shall
18 consider and report upon all propositions to amend or change the
19 rules, which propositions shall stand referred without reading or
20 consideration and without discussion, explanation, or debate to the
21 Committee on Consent and House Procedure.

22 (d) The Chief Clerk, under the direction of the committee, shall
23 supervise the printing of all bills ordered perfected and printed,
24 assuring that procedures are followed in which all amendments to every
25 such bill are incorporated therein before the bill is printed and that
26 the printed copies of the bill on the designated desks of the members
27 are true and accurate copies of the bill as ordered perfected and
28 printed. The committee shall also supervise the printing of all bills
29 which are truly agreed to and finally passed, assuring that procedures
30 are followed in which every bill is a true copy of the bill as passed
31 with clerical errors corrected.

32 (6) The Committee on Children and Families. The Committee on
33 Children and Families may consider and report upon bills and matters
34 referred to it relating to the Department of Social Services, the
35 Department of Health and Senior Services, and other matters relating
36 to the fostering and promotion of children, families, and persons with
37 disabilities in this state.

38 ~~[(13)]~~ The Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings. The
39 Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings may consider and report
40 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the functions and
41 operations of the judiciary and all powers thereto conferred upon by
42 the Missouri constitution and statutes in the administration of
43 justice.

44 ~~[(14)]~~ (7) The Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources.
45 The Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources may consider and
46 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the functions
47 and operations of the Department of Conservation ~~[or]~~ and the
48 Department of Natural Resources and all powers thereto conferred upon
49 by the Missouri constitution and statutes.

50 ~~[(15)]~~ The Committee on Consumer Affairs. The Committee on

1 ~~Consumer Affairs may consider and report on all bills and matters~~
2 ~~referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of state~~
3 ~~policies by the Secretary of State, Department of Insurance, Financial~~
4 ~~Institutions and Professional Registration, or any agency or~~
5 ~~governmental unit and all powers thereto conferred upon by the~~
6 ~~Missouri constitution and statutes regarding the protection of~~
7 ~~consumers within any commercial or financial transaction.~~

8 ~~—(16)~~ (8) The Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions.
9 The Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions may consider and
10 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to adult and
11 juvenile penal and correctional problems, the administration of
12 correctional institutions, and the state penitentiary.

13 ~~—(17)~~ (9) The Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.
14 The Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety may consider and
15 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to criminal
16 laws, law enforcement, and public safety matters.

17 (10) The Committee on Economic Development ~~[and Business~~
18 ~~Attraction and Retention]~~. The Committee on Economic Development ~~[and~~
19 ~~Business Attraction and Retention]~~ may consider and report upon bills
20 and matters referred to it relating to commerce, industrial growth,
21 expansion, and development.

22 ~~—(18)~~ (11) The Committee on Elections. The Committee on
23 Elections may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to
24 it relating to elections and election contests involving members of
25 the House.

26 ~~—(19)~~ (12) The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education.
27 The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education may consider and
28 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to elementary
29 and secondary education and life-long learning in this state,
30 including teachers, financing, property, indebtedness, and curriculum.

31 ~~—(20)~~ ~~The Committee on Emerging Issues.~~ The Committee on Emerging
32 Issues may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
33 relating to general or miscellaneous issues as determined by the
34 Speaker of the House.

35 ~~—(21)~~ ~~The Committee on Emerging Issues in Education.~~ The
36 Committee on Emerging Issues in Education may consider matters
37 referred to it relating to financing facilities, staff, curriculum and
38 student learning in elementary and secondary education or higher
39 education in this state.

40 ~~—(22)~~ ~~The Committee on Employment Security.~~ The Committee on
41 Employment Security may consider and report upon bills and matters
42 referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of
43 employment security systems by the Department of Labor and Industrial
44 Relations pursuant to the powers thereto conferred upon by the
45 Missouri constitution and statutes.

46 ~~—(23)~~ ~~The Committee on Energy and the Environment.~~ The
47 Committee on Energy and the Environment may consider and report upon
48 bills and matters referred to it regarding the regulation and
49 administration of state policies by any agency or governmental unit
50 conferred upon by the Missouri constitution or statutes regarding the

1 ~~development and protection of energy and environmental resources.~~

2 ~~—(24)]~~ (13) *The Committee on Ethics.* The Committee on Ethics may
3 consider and report upon complaints referred to it relating to a
4 member of the House involving the commission of a crime, misconduct,
5 willful neglect of duty, corruption in office, or other complaints
6 relating to the ethical conduct of a member. The committee is
7 authorized to sit and act at any time or place within the State of
8 Missouri during the recess and adjournment periods of the House,
9 administer oaths, and take testimony, either orally or by sworn
10 written statement.

11 ~~[(25)]~~ (14) *The Committee on Financial Institutions.* The
12 Committee on Financial Institutions may consider and report upon bills
13 and matters referred to it relating to banks, banking, savings and
14 loans, credit unions, and other financial institutions.

15 (15) *The Committee on Fiscal Review.*

16 (a) The Committee on Fiscal Review shall consider any bill which
17 requires net additional expenditures of state money in excess of
18 \$100,000 or which reduces net state revenue by more than \$100,000 in
19 any of the three fiscal years immediately following the effective date
20 or at full implementation of the bill. Any such House bill, after
21 having been perfected and ordered printed by the House, shall be
22 referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review for its consideration prior
23 to the bill's submission to the House for third reading and final
24 passage.

25 Any House bill with Senate amendments or any House bill with a
26 Senate substitute ~~[which requires net additional expenditure of state~~
27 ~~money in excess of \$100,000 or which reduces net state revenue by more~~
28 ~~than \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years immediately following~~
29 ~~the effective date or at full implementation of the bill]~~ , except for
30 appropriations bills, shall be referred to the Committee on Fiscal
31 Review for its consideration prior to the bill's submission to the
32 House. Any such Senate bill, after having been approved by the
33 regular~~[, special, or select]~~ standing or special committee to which
34 it was referred, shall be referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review
35 for its consideration prior to its submission to the House for third
36 reading and final passage.

37 Any Senate or House bill amended so as to increase net
38 expenditures or reduce net revenues shall, upon timely motion adopted
39 by the members, be referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review. Such
40 motion shall only be timely for a House bill when the sponsor or
41 handler of the House bill moves that the bill be third read and passed
42 and before the Speaker restates that motion. The primary sponsor or,
43 in the case of a Senate bill, the floor handler of a bill referred to
44 the Committee on Fiscal Review shall be entitled to a hearing on the
45 bill but such hearing shall be limited to the reception of testimony
46 by the primary sponsor or floor handler, as the case may be, in person
47 and none other, without leave of the committee chair.

48 For the purposes of this rule, "net" is defined as the sum of
49 revenues and expenditures, after reductions and increases brought
50 about by a bill have been calculated.

1 The Committee on Fiscal Review may, with the consent of the House
2 sponsor or floor handler, amend an effective date onto any bill
3 referred to the Committee except for a House bill with Senate
4 amendments, House bill with a Senate substitute, or a bill in
5 conference. The Committee on Fiscal Review shall have the authority
6 to amend any emergency clause on a bill referred to it.

7 (b) Every conference report for a House bill or a Senate bill,
8 except appropriations bills, shall be referred to the Committee on
9 Fiscal Review for its consideration prior to the submission of the
10 report and any amendments, bill, or substitute the report recommends
11 for passage by the House.

12 ~~[(26)]~~ (16) The Committee on General Laws. The Committee on
13 General Laws may consider matters referred to it relating to general
14 or miscellaneous issues as determined by the Speaker.

15 (17) The Committee on Government Efficiency. The Committee on
16 Government Efficiency may consider matters referred to it relating to
17 reducing the size of state government and its programs.

18 ~~[(27) The Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability.~~
19 ~~The Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability may consider~~
20 ~~and report on bills and matters referred to it relating to the~~
21 ~~oversight of government programs and policies and to ensure~~
22 ~~accountability of the executive and judicial branches of government.~~

23 ~~—(28)]~~ (18) The Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy.
24 The Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy may consider and
25 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the health
26 care of the citizens of the State, including mental health, [and] the
27 Department of Health and Senior [Service] Services, and the Department
28 of Mental Health. The committee may also consider and report on bills
29 and matters referred to it relating to Medicaid and related matters.

30 ~~[(29) The Committee on Health Insurance. The Committee on~~
31 ~~Health Insurance may consider and report upon bills and matters~~
32 ~~referred to it relating to insurance coverage for health and medical~~
33 ~~issues.~~

34 ~~—(30)]~~ (19) The Committee on Higher Education. The Committee on
35 Higher Education may consider and report upon bills and matters
36 referred to it related to higher education, including matters relating
37 to financing, facilities, staff, curriculum, and related matters.

38 ~~[(31)]~~ (20) The Committee on Insurance Policy. The Committee on
39 Insurance Policy may consider and report upon bills and matters
40 referred to it relating to insurance, insurance companies, and the
41 Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional
42 Registration.

43 (21) The Committee on Judiciary. The Committee on Judiciary may
44 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
45 the judicial branch of the state and the practices and procedures of
46 the courts of this state, on matters pertaining to civil and
47 administrative laws and procedures, and on matters relating to the
48 ethics of public officials.

49 (22) The Committee on Local Government. The Committee on Local
50 Government may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to

1 it relating to counties, cities, towns, villages, other political
2 subdivisions of the state, and local government generally.

3 ~~[(32)]~~ (23) The Committee on Pensions. The Committee on
4 Pensions may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
5 relating to the regulation and administration of state policies
6 conferred upon any agency or governmental unit pursuant to the
7 Missouri constitution and statutes of publicly financed or publicly
8 supported pension systems.

9 ~~[(33)]~~ (24) The Committee on Professional Registration and
10 Licensing. The Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing
11 may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating
12 to the licensing of professionals in this state.

13 ~~[(34) The Committee on Property, Casualty, and Life Insurance.]~~
14 ~~The Committee on Property, Casualty, and Life Insurance may consider~~
15 ~~and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the~~
16 ~~regulation and administration of state policies conferred upon the~~
17 ~~Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional~~
18 ~~Registration or any agency or governmental unit pursuant to the~~
19 ~~Missouri constitution and statutes relating to the provision of~~
20 ~~property, casualty, and life insurance.~~

21 ~~— (35) The Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. —~~
22 ~~The Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness may consider~~
23 ~~and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to~~
24 ~~regulation and administration of state policies conferred upon the~~
25 ~~Department of Public Safety, the Missouri National Guard, or any~~
26 ~~agency or governmental unit pursuant to the Missouri constitution or~~
27 ~~statutes relating to public safety and emergency preparedness.~~

28 ~~— (36) The Committee on Small Business. — The Committee on Small~~
29 ~~Business may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it~~
30 ~~relating to the establishment, growth, development, expansion,~~
31 ~~retention, and operations of small businesses in the state.~~

32 ~~— (37) The Committee on Telecommunications. — The Committee on~~
33 ~~Telecommunications may consider and report upon bills and matters~~
34 ~~referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of state~~
35 ~~policies by the Public Service Commission or any agency or~~
36 ~~governmental unit thereto conferred upon by the Missouri constitution~~
37 ~~or statutes regarding the operation, transmission, or distribution of~~
38 ~~telecommunication technology services.~~

39 ~~— (38) The Committee on Trade and Tourism. — The Committee on~~
40 ~~Trade and Tourism may consider and report upon bills and matters~~
41 ~~referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of state~~
42 ~~policies by the Department of Economic Development or any agency or~~
43 ~~governmental unit thereto conferred upon by the Missouri constitution~~
44 ~~or statutes regarding the development and promotion of trade~~
45 ~~relations, retention, and expansion of national and international~~
46 ~~marketplaces, travel, tourism, recreation, the arts, and cultural~~
47 ~~affairs.~~

48 ~~— (39)]~~ (25) The Committees on Rules.

49 (a) There shall be a Committee on Rules - Administrative
50 Oversight and a Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight. Each

1 Committee on Rules shall have the same duties and shall consider and
2 report upon all matters referred to it by any of its regular standing
3 committees. The Speaker may assign special standing committees to
4 either Committee on Rules.

5 (b) The Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight shall have
6 the following regular standing committees report to it: Committee on
7 Conservation and Natural Resources; Committee on Elections; Committee
8 on Elementary and Secondary Education; Committee on Health and Mental
9 Health Policy; Committee on Higher Education; Committee on Local
10 Government; Committee on Pensions; Committee on Professional
11 Registration and Licensing; Committee on Transportation; Committee on
12 Utilities; Committee on Ways and Means; and Committee on Workforce
13 Development.

14 (c) The Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight shall have
15 the following regular standing committees report to it: Committee on
16 Agriculture Policy; Committee on Budget; Committee on Children and
17 Families; Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions; Committee
18 on Crime Prevention and Public Safety; Committee on Economic
19 Development; Committee on Financial Institutions; Committee on General
20 Laws; Committee on Government Efficiency; Committee on Insurance
21 Policy; Committee on Judiciary; and Committee on Veterans.

22 (d) Duties generally.

23 a. If a committee reports a bill, except an appropriations bill,
24 with a recommendation that it "Do Pass" or "Without Recommendation",
25 the bill shall stand automatically referred to its Committee on Rules.
26 The committee is hereby authorized to:

27 (i) Report the bill "Do Pass" to the House without a limitation
28 on time of debate on the bill or amendments.

29 (ii) Report the bill "Do Pass" to the House with a limitation on
30 the time of debate.

31 (iii) Send the bill back to the originating committee in the
32 form as originally referred by the Speaker. If a Committee on Rules
33 sends the bill back to the originating committee, that committee may
34 amend the bill and report the bill again without the need to
35 reconsider the initial vote by which the committee voted the bill "Do
36 Pass".

37 b. If a bill is automatically referred to a Committee on Rules
38 with a recommendation that it "Do Pass - Federal Mandate", the
39 committee shall review the bill for the purpose of determining whether
40 it should have federal mandate status. The committee may decide, by a
41 majority of those present, whether to place the bill on the
42 appropriate federal mandate calendar. If the committee declines to
43 place the bill on the appropriate federal mandate calendar, it may
44 consider whether to report the bill to the House with a "Do Pass"
45 recommendation without federal mandate status. The authority of the
46 committee with respect to limiting debate shall apply to bills
47 reported by it as "Do Pass - Federal Mandate".

48 c. If a Committee on Rules shall place a limitation on the time
49 of floor debate on a bill or on amendments, such time shall be divided
50 equally between and controlled by the floor handler of the bill and

1 the floor leader of the political party other than that of the floor
2 handler or their respective designees. The floor handler shall have
3 the right to have the final one minute of designated time. If time
4 has been allocated and unused by either side and no member from that
5 side is seeking recognition, the Speaker may declare additional time
6 waived and recognize the members of the other side to complete the use
7 of their time. Nothing in this rule shall entitle any member to speak
8 longer than the House Rules otherwise allow.

9 d. In reviewing bills automatically referred to it from another
10 committee, a Committee on Rules may, but is not required to, take such
11 testimony as it deems appropriate to make its decisions. The
12 committee shall not amend any bill that was not initially referred to
13 a Committee on Rules.

14 e. If a committee has reported a bill "Do Pass" with committee
15 amendments, a Committee on Rules shall take such action as it deems
16 proper on the entire package of the bill with committee amendments as
17 though the committee amendments were already incorporated into the
18 bill.

19 f. If a Committee on Rules is the original committee to which a
20 bill is referred, when the committee reports such bill as "Do Pass" or
21 "Without Recommendation", such bill shall not be subject to the
22 automatic referral referenced in Rule 24(25)(d)a. above. However, in
23 reporting such bill, the committee may take any action on such bill as
24 though the bill were referred to it after a "Do Pass" or "Without
25 Recommendation" report from another committee.

26 (26) The Committee on Transportation. The Committee on
27 Transportation may consider and report upon bills and matters referred
28 to it relating to the Department of Transportation, all means of
29 transportation, including roads, highways, bridges, ferries, airports,
30 railroads, and other means of transportation. The Committee may also
31 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to
32 motor vehicles and traffic regulations.

33 [+40+] (27) The Committee on ~~[Utility Infrastructure]~~ Utilities.
34 The Committee on ~~[Utility Infrastructure]~~ Utilities may consider and
35 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the
36 development, ~~[expansion, and preservation of public utility~~
37 ~~infrastructure]~~ use, and regulation of utilities, communications, and
38 technology and the development, use, and conservation of energy and
39 other energy-related concerns, environmental impact, pollution, and
40 public health and safety as it relates to the issue of energy.

41 [+41+] (28) The Committee on Veterans. The Committee on
42 Veterans may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it
43 relating to terrorism and security against terrorism~~[7]~~ , veterans
44 affairs ~~[and]~~ , the promotion and strengthening of states' rights, and
45 military and naval affairs of the State.

46 [+42+] (29) The Committee on Ways and Means. The Committee on
47 Ways and Means may consider and report upon bills and matters referred
48 to it relating to the taxes of the state, tax credits, revenue and
49 public debt of the state, and the interest thereon, and the
50 administration of taxation and revenue laws. The committee may also

1 inquire into and suggest to the House such changes, if any, that
2 should be made in respect to existing sources of revenue and such new
3 sources of revenue, if any, that in the judgment of the committee
4 should be considered by the House. The committee may also inquire
5 into and suggest to the House such changes, if any, that should be
6 made in respect to eliminating any existing sources of revenue, if
7 any, that in the judgment of the committee should be considered by the
8 House.

9 ~~[(43)]~~ (30) *The Committee on Workforce* ~~[Standards and]~~
10 *Development*. The Committee on Workforce ~~[Standards and]~~ Development
11 may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating
12 to the regulation and administration of state policies by the
13 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations regarding the attraction,
14 training, retention, and safety of the workforce.

15 ~~[The Select Standing Committees Enumerated~~

16 ~~Rule 26. The select standing committees of the House shall be as~~
17 ~~follows:~~

- 18 ~~1. Agriculture.~~
- 19 ~~2. Budget.~~
- 20 ~~3. Commerce.~~
- 21 ~~4. Education.~~
- 22 ~~5. Financial Institutions and Taxation.~~
- 23 ~~6. General Laws.~~
- 24 ~~7. Insurance.~~
- 25 ~~8. Judiciary.~~
- 26 ~~9. Labor and Industrial Relations.~~
- 27 ~~10. Rules.~~
- 28 ~~11. Social Services.~~
- 29 ~~12. State and Local Governments.~~
- 30 ~~13. Utilities.~~

31 ~~Duties of the Select Standing Committees~~

32 ~~Rule 27. (1) Duties of Select Standing Committees Generally. Except~~
33 ~~for the Select Standing Committee on Rules, the select standing~~
34 ~~committees shall consider and report upon all matters referred to them~~
35 ~~by their regular standing committees specifically enumerated in Rule~~
36 ~~25. Should any of these regular standing committees report a bill "Do~~
37 ~~Pass" or "without recommendation", such bill shall automatically stand~~
38 ~~referred to the regular standing committee's select standing~~
39 ~~committee. At the discretion of the chair, the select standing~~
40 ~~committees may examine and consider any bill automatically referred to~~
41 ~~it by a regular standing committee. Such consideration may be limited~~
42 ~~to a presentation of the bill and any amendments thereto, if~~
43 ~~necessary, to the select standing committee by its sponsor, or the~~
44 ~~House handler in the event of a Senate bill, or the chair of the~~
45 ~~regular standing committee from which it was automatically referred.~~

1 ~~Upon consideration, the select standing committee shall be authorized~~
2 ~~to:~~

3 ~~—— (a) Create a house committee substitute on any bill or resolution~~
4 ~~in its possession.~~

5 ~~—— (b) Report the bill or resolution "Do Pass" or "without~~
6 ~~recommendation" to the Speaker.~~

7 ~~—— (c) Report the bill or resolution "Do Pass with recommended~~
8 ~~committee amendment" to the Speaker provided that the Committee shall~~
9 ~~not consider any substitute under color of amendment.~~

10 ~~—— (d) Report the bill or resolution as a "House Committee~~
11 ~~Substitute - Do Pass" or "House Committee Substitute - without~~
12 ~~recommendation" to the Speaker.~~

13 ~~—— (e) Return the bill or resolution to the Regular Standing~~
14 ~~Committee from which it was referred in its original form as first~~
15 ~~read.~~

16 ~~—— (2) *The Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.* The Select~~
17 ~~Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consider and report on all~~
18 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~
19 ~~Agriculture Policy and the Regular Standing Committee on Conservation~~
20 ~~and Natural Resources.~~

21 ~~—— (3) *The Select Standing Committee on Budget.*~~

22 ~~—— (a) *Duties concerning appropriations.* The Select Standing~~
23 ~~Committee on Budget shall have the responsibility of filing all~~
24 ~~appropriations bills, and shall report upon all bills recommended to~~
25 ~~it by the Regular Standing Committee on Appropriations - Agriculture,~~
26 ~~Conservation, and Natural Resources; the Regular Standing Committee on~~
27 ~~Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary Education; the Regular~~
28 ~~Standing Committee on Appropriations - General Administration; the~~
29 ~~Regular Standing Committee on Appropriations - Health, Mental Health,~~
30 ~~and Social Services; the Regular Standing Committee on Appropriations~~
31 ~~- Higher Education; the Regular Standing Committee on Appropriations -~~
32 ~~Public Safety and Corrections; and the Regular Standing Committee on~~
33 ~~Appropriations - Revenue, Transportation, and Economic Development;~~
34 ~~and any other bills, measures, or questions referred to it pertaining~~
35 ~~to the appropriation and disbursement of public money.~~

36 ~~—— (b) *Other duties.* The Committee may consider and report upon~~
37 ~~any bill or resolution referred to it which, in the opinion of the~~
38 ~~Speaker, merits special consideration. The Committee may also~~
39 ~~consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to~~
40 ~~the reorganization, consolidation, and abolition of boards, bureaus,~~
41 ~~commissions, and other offices and buildings of the state, including~~
42 ~~the Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction, the~~
43 ~~capitol grounds, and the state and legislative library. The~~
44 ~~Committee is empowered to study and investigate the efficiency and~~
45 ~~economy of all branches of government including the possible existence~~
46 ~~of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement,~~
47 ~~incompetence, corruption, waste, conflicts of interest, and the~~
48 ~~improper expenditure of government funds in transactions, contracts,~~
49 ~~and activities of government or government officials and employees.~~
50 ~~The Committee is authorized to hold hearings, sit and act at any time~~

1 ~~or place within the state of Missouri during the recess and~~
2 ~~adjournment periods of the House, administer oaths, and take~~
3 ~~testimony, either orally or by sworn written statement. If the~~
4 ~~Committee, after hearing, and upon findings incorporated in a report,~~
5 ~~deems that a particular activity, bureau, agency, committee,~~
6 ~~commission, department, or any other entity of state government should~~
7 ~~be discontinued, it shall report such finding to the House for further~~
8 ~~action by the House. The Committee shall also consider and report~~
9 ~~upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the efficiency of~~
10 ~~government in the state.~~

11 ~~—— (4) *The Select Standing Committee on Commerce.* The Select~~
12 ~~Standing Committee on Commerce shall consider and report on all~~
13 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Economic~~
14 ~~Development and Business Attraction and Retention, the Regular~~
15 ~~Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism, and the Regular Standing~~
16 ~~Committee on Small Business.~~

17 ~~—— (5) *The Select Standing Committee on Education.* The Select~~
18 ~~Standing Committee on Education shall consider and report on all~~
19 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Elementary~~
20 ~~and Secondary Education, the Regular Standing Committee on Higher~~
21 ~~Education, and the Regular Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in~~
22 ~~Education.~~

23 ~~—— (6) *The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation.* The~~
24 ~~Select Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation shall consider and~~
25 ~~report on all matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee~~
26 ~~on Banking, the Regular Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and the~~
27 ~~Regular Standing Committee on Pensions.~~

28 ~~—— (7) *The Select Standing Committee on General Laws.* The Select~~
29 ~~Standing Committee on General Laws shall consider and report on all~~
30 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~
31 ~~Professional Registration, the Regular Standing Committee on~~
32 ~~Government Efficiency, and the Regular Standing Committee on Emerging~~
33 ~~Issues.~~

34 ~~—— (8) *The Select Standing Committee on Insurance.* The Select~~
35 ~~Standing Committee on Insurance shall consider and report on all~~
36 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Health~~
37 ~~Insurance and the Regular Standing Committee on Property, Casualty,~~
38 ~~and Life Insurance.~~

39 ~~—— (9) *The Select Standing Committee on Judiciary.* The Select~~
40 ~~Standing Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report on all~~
41 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Civil and~~
42 ~~Criminal Proceedings, the Regular Standing Committee on Corrections,~~
43 ~~and the Regular Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs.~~

44 ~~—— (10) *The Select Standing Committee on Labor and Industrial*~~
45 ~~*Relations.* The Select Standing Committee on Labor and Industrial~~
46 ~~Relations shall consider and report on all matters referred to it by~~
47 ~~the Regular Standing Committee on Workforce Standards and Development~~
48 ~~and the Regular Standing Committee on Employment Security.~~

49 ~~—— (11) *The Select Standing Committee on Rules.*~~

50 ~~—— (a) *Duties generally.* The Select Standing Committee on Rules~~

1 shall formulate and present for consideration the rules of the House
2 and shall consider and report upon all propositions to amend or change
3 the rules, which propositions shall stand referred without reading or
4 consideration and without discussion, explanation, or debate to the
5 Select Standing Committee on Rules.

6 ~~—— (b) Duties related to printing and proofing bills. The Chief~~
7 ~~Clerk, under the direction of the Committee shall supervise the~~
8 ~~printing of all bills ordered perfected and printed, assuring that~~
9 ~~procedures are followed in which all amendments to every such bill are~~
10 ~~incorporated therein before the bill is printed and that the printed~~
11 ~~copies of the bill on the desks of the members are true and accurate~~
12 ~~copies of the bill as ordered perfected and printed. The Committee~~
13 ~~shall also supervise the printing of all bills which are truly agreed~~
14 ~~and finally passed, assuring that procedures are followed in which~~
15 ~~every bill is a true copy of the bill as passed with clerical errors~~
16 ~~corrected.~~

17 ~~—— (c) Duties relating to the issuance of courtesy resolutions. A~~
18 ~~courtesy resolution is a noncontroversial resolution in the nature of~~
19 ~~congratulations on the birth of a child, celebration of a wedding~~
20 ~~anniversary, congratulations on an outstanding citizen achievement, or~~
21 ~~a similar event which is in the practice and procedure of the House to~~
22 ~~consider as a courtesy resolution shall require action by the House as~~
23 ~~provided for by the House Rules. The Chief Clerk, under the direction~~
24 ~~of the Committee, shall maintain a list of all courtesy resolutions~~
25 ~~issued under this rule for inspection. Any resolution that is not a~~
26 ~~courtesy resolution shall require action by the House as provided for~~
27 ~~by the House Rules.~~

28 ~~—— (d) Review of bills.~~

29 ~~—— 1. The Select Standing Committee on Rules shall have bills and~~
30 ~~resolutions reported to it:~~

31 ~~—— a. Automatically by virtue of consent status from a regular~~
32 ~~standing committee.~~

33 ~~—— b. By direct referral from the Speaker if the legislation is a~~
34 ~~resolution.~~

35 ~~—— c. By referral from the Speaker after the bill or resolution has~~
36 ~~been reported out of another select standing committee.~~

37 ~~—— d. By any special standing committee created by the Speaker and~~
38 ~~designated in its creation as required to report to the Select~~
39 ~~Standing Committee on Rules.~~

40 ~~—— 2. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a bill~~
41 ~~with consent status it may report it as "Do Pass — Consent" with a~~
42 ~~majority of the members present voting favorably or send the bill back~~
43 ~~to the regular standing committee from which it was received in the~~
44 ~~bill's original form.~~

45 ~~—— 3. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a~~
46 ~~resolution upon direct referral from the Speaker, the Committee shall~~
47 ~~use the powers given to it under Rule 27(1) to act upon the~~
48 ~~resolution.~~

49 ~~—— 4. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a bill~~
50 ~~by referral from the Speaker and the bill has been reported from~~

1 ~~another Select Standing Committee, the Committee may place a time~~
2 ~~limitation on the bill or amend an effective or implementation date by~~
3 ~~amendment only. When the Select Standing Committee shall place a~~
4 ~~limitation on the time of floor debate on a bill, or on amendments,~~
5 ~~such time shall be divided equally between, and controlled by, the~~
6 ~~floor handler of the bill and the floor leader of the political party~~
7 ~~other than that of the floor handler, or their respective designees.~~
8 ~~The floor handler shall always have the right to have the final one~~
9 ~~minute of designated time. If time has been allocated and unused by~~
10 ~~either side and no member from that side is seeking recognition, the~~
11 ~~Speaker may declare additional time waived and recognize the members~~
12 ~~of the other side to complete use of their time. Nothing in this~~
13 ~~rule shall entitle any member to speak longer than the House Rules~~
14 ~~otherwise allow.~~

15 ~~5. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a bill~~
16 ~~from any special standing committee required to report to the~~
17 ~~Committee, the Committee shall use the powers given to it under Rule~~
18 ~~27(1) to act upon the bill.~~

19 ~~(12) The Select Standing Committee on Social Services. The~~
20 ~~Select Standing Committee on Social Services shall consider and report~~
21 ~~on all matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~
22 ~~Health and Mental Health Policy, the Regular Standing Committee on~~
23 ~~Children and Families, and the Regular Standing Committee on Veterans.~~

24 ~~(13) The Select Standing Committee on State and Local Government.~~
25 ~~The Select Standing Committee on State and Local Government shall~~
26 ~~consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Regular~~
27 ~~Standing Committee on Elections, the Regular Standing Committee on~~
28 ~~Local Government, the Regular Standing Committee on Public Safety and~~
29 ~~Emergency Preparedness, and the Regular Standing Committee on~~
30 ~~Transportation.~~

31 ~~(14) The Select Standing Committee on Utilities. The Select~~
32 ~~Standing Committee on Utilities shall consider and report on all~~
33 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~
34 ~~Telecommunications, the Regular Standing Committee on Energy and the~~
35 ~~Environment, and the Regular Standing Committee on Utility~~
36 ~~Infrastructure.]~~

37 Subcommittees

38 Rule 25. (1) Establishment and Membership. The Speaker, or the
39 chair of any regular or special standing committee with the advice and
40 consent of the Speaker, may establish a subcommittee of a regular or
41 special standing committee. A subcommittee shall consist of no more
42 than one-half of the number of members of its regular or special
43 standing committee. Members of the subcommittee shall be appointed by
44 the chair of the regular or special standing committee with the advice
45 and consent of the Speaker, except the minority members of the
46 subcommittee shall be appointed by the ranking minority member of the
47 regular or special standing committee with the advice and consent of
48 the Minority Floor Leader. The membership of all subcommittees shall

1 be composed, as nearly as may be, of majority and minority party
2 members in the same proportion as the number of majority and minority
3 party members in the House bears to the total membership of the House.
4 When establishing a subcommittee, the Speaker or chair of the regular
5 or special standing committee shall designate a member of the
6 subcommittee as chair and may designate another member as vice chair.

7 (2) Duties. Subcommittees shall consider all issues or matters
8 referred to them by their respective regular or special standing
9 committee and shall report upon such issues or matters to their
10 respective regular or special standing committee. No bill or
11 substitute shall be taken up for consideration by any subcommittee.
12 Subcommittees, except for appropriations subcommittees, shall be
13 authorized to hold hearings, sit, and act only during the hearing
14 times allocated for their respective regular or special standing
15 committees, unless otherwise granted by the Speaker. Subcommittees
16 shall be authorized to administer oaths and take testimony, either
17 orally or by sworn written statement.

18 (3) Reports. Subcommittees may report to the House upon issues
19 or matters referred to them. The Majority Floor Leader may call for
20 reports from subcommittees at any time during the administrative order
21 of business or during the regular order of business. A quorum of the
22 House need not be present to receive a report from a subcommittee.
23 Reports from subcommittees shall not be amended, no vote shall be
24 taken, and no other motion shall be in order during receipt of a
25 subcommittee report. After receipt of a report from a subcommittee,
26 debate and inquiry shall be allowed, but no member shall be allowed to
27 speak or inquire for more than five minutes, except by leave of the
28 Speaker.

29 Duties of Committee Chair; Committee Organization

30 Rule ~~[28.]~~ 26. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) *Duty to preside.* It is the duty of the
31 chair to preside at all sessions of the committee. In the absence of
32 the chair, the vice chair of the committee or a designee of the chair
33 shall preside.

34 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) *Duty to maintain minute book.* The chair shall see
35 that a minute book is kept for his or her committee. The minute book
36 shall contain the attendance and voting records of the committee
37 members, a brief statement of the business that comes before the
38 committee, the names of the persons and witnesses appearing before the
39 committee and what side of a proposition they appeared on behalf of at
40 the committee hearing, or if the appearance was informational in
41 nature and neither for or against the proposition. The Chief Clerk
42 shall be the repository of the minute book after each session of the
43 general assembly and shall submit the same to the Secretary of State
44 prior to the next regular session.

45 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) *Duty to preserve order.* The chair, while the
46 committee is in session, shall preserve order and decorum in and
47 adjacent to the committee room and shall conduct all hearings in
48 accordance with the Rules of the House including the provisions that

1 relate to decorum, debate, and dress code. The chair may punish
2 breaches of order and decorum by censure and exclusion from the
3 hearings.

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

8 ~~[(e)]~~ (5) *When a bill fails.* Whenever a motion that a bill "Do
9 Pass" shall fail, or if there be an even division on the question, the
10 chair shall report such bill back to the House "Do Not Pass" unless
11 such bill is otherwise disposed of by another motion.

12 ~~[(f)]~~ (6) When a motion has been decided by a committee, any
13 member voting on the prevailing side may move to reconsider the vote
14 provided that:

15 ~~[(i)]~~ (a) The chair still has possession of the bill; and

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

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

23 Committee Hearings

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

32 Quorum

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

36 Meetings - How Announced

37 Rule ~~[31.]~~ 29. Announcement of all meetings of committees shall
38 include a statement of all matters to be considered at the meeting,
39 shall include the bill or resolution numbers to be considered and
40 shall be entered in the Journal prior to the day on which the meeting
41 is to take place. Such journal entry shall reflect the date, time,
42 and location of the meeting.

43 The chair of each committee shall give written notice of the

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

11 Committees shall comply with the requirements of the statutes
12 pertaining to open meetings.

13 Committee Substitutes

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

24 House Committee Bills

25 Rule 31. (1) Any regular or special standing committee shall have
26 the authority to introduce upon report a House Committee Bill. The
27 chair of the committee or his or her designee shall be the handler of
28 the bill. No committee shall introduce upon report any House
29 Committee Bill until February 15, and not after April 1. The number
30 of House Committee Bills allowed to be introduced by a regular or
31 special standing committee shall be limited by the Speaker. The total
32 number of House Committee Bills allowed to be introduced by all
33 regular and special standing committees shall not exceed twice the
34 number of regular standing committees.

35 (2) No House Committee Bill shall be taken up for consideration
36 by a committee unless a draft of such bill shall have been distributed
37 to the members of the committee at least one legislative day and
38 twenty-four hours in advance of such consideration. Electronic
39 distribution shall be an acceptable form of distribution.

40 (3) Upon motion, the committee is authorized to report that the
41 draft House Committee Bill be introduced. After being read a first
42 and second time, the House Committee Bill shall stand automatically
43 referred to its Committee on Rules.

44 (4) The Committee on Rules is hereby authorized to report the
45 bill "Do Pass" to the House or send the bill back to the originating
46 committee in its original form. If a Committee on Rules sends the

1 bill back to the originating committee, that committee may amend the
2 bill and report the bill again without the need to reconsider the
3 initial vote. In reviewing bills automatically referred to it from
4 another committee, a Committee on Rules may conduct a hearing and take
5 such testimony as it deems appropriate to make its decisions. Upon
6 the written request of any member of the House, a Committee on Rules
7 shall conduct a hearing on any House Committee Bill in its possession.
8 The Committee on Rules shall not amend any House Committee Bill.

9 Other Duties

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

18 Attendance

19 Rule ~~[34.]~~ 33. The secretary of each committee shall keep a record of
20 the attendance of each committee meeting in the minute book of the
21 committee, which shall be available to any person upon request. Any
22 member of a committee absent, without good cause, from three
23 consecutive meetings of the committee, as shown by the records of the
24 committee, may be dropped therefrom by a statement to that effect
25 entered into the House Journal by the Speaker. The roll shall be
26 recorded by the chair or secretary of a committee at each meeting.

27 Minority Views

28 Rule ~~[35.]~~ 34. The minority of a committee may not make a report or
29 present to the House an alternative report, but has the right to file
30 views to accompany the report.

31 Committee Relieved of Bill - When

32 Rule ~~[36.]~~ 35. No bill shall be taken away from any regular standing
33 committee~~[,] or~~ special standing committee~~[, or select standing~~
34 ~~committee of the House]~~, as provided by the Constitution, until after
35 ten legislative days have expired after referral to the committee by
36 the Speaker. Pursuant to the Constitution, one-third of the members
37 of the House shall have the power to relieve a committee of any bill.
38 Such power may be exercised by filing a petition to that effect with
39 the Chief Clerk ~~[of the House]~~. Upon receipt of such petition
40 containing the signatures of at least fifty-five members, the Chief
41 Clerk shall publish such petition in the Journal and place the

1 discharged bill upon the regular calendar of House Bills taken from
2 Committee, as provided by the Constitution.

3 Election Contest

4 Rule ~~[37.]~~ 36. Whenever there shall be filed with the Speaker a
5 notice of contest of the election of a member of the House, he or she
6 shall refer the same, without discussion, either to the regular
7 standing Committee on Elections or a special standing committee
8 appointed to hear the matter. Such committee shall examine the
9 timeliness and sufficiency of the notice, the depositions, and other
10 documents submitted and report to the House its recommendations,
11 whereupon the House shall act by resolution to sustain or reject the
12 committee recommendations.

13 Ethics Committee

14 Complaints of Ethical Misconduct

15 Rule ~~[38.]~~ 37. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) The Speaker shall appoint a Committee on
16 Ethics and name the committee's chair. The Minority Floor Leader
17 shall name the committee's vice chair and minority members. The
18 committee shall have an equal number of members of the majority and
19 minority party.

20 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) The committee may consider and report upon complaints
21 referred to it relating to a member of the House involving the
22 commission of a crime, misconduct, willful neglect of duty, corruption
23 in office, or other complaints relating to the ethical conduct of a
24 member. The committee is authorized to sit and act at any time or
25 place within the State of Missouri during the recess and adjournment
26 periods of the House, administer oaths, and take testimony, either
27 orally or by sworn written statement.

28 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) Within twenty calendar days of the commencement of the
29 first regular session of each general assembly, the Committee on
30 Ethics shall adopt Rules of Procedure for the investigation of
31 complaints of ethical misconduct referred to it involving a member of
32 the House. The proposed Rules of Procedure shall be filed by the
33 committee in the form of a House Resolution with the Clerk of the
34 House, reported in the Journal, and placed on the House Resolutions
35 Calendar.

36 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) Upon receipt of a complaint, in writing and under
37 oath, of ethical misconduct by a member of the House made by another
38 member, the Speaker shall refer the same, within ten days, without
39 discussion, to the Committee on Ethics. The complaint shall be
40 confidential. The Committee shall examine the sufficiency of the
41 complaint and proceed to conduct an investigation as provided in the
42 Committee's Rules of Procedure, if a majority of the Committee
43 appointed so votes upon a roll call. When a motion to proceed to
44 conduct an investigation fails on a recorded vote, the complaint shall
45 be immediately dismissed.

1 ~~[(e)]~~ (5) At the conclusion of the investigation, the Committee
2 shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the
3 House, whereupon the House shall act by resolution to sustain or
4 reject the Committee recommendations. The Committee may recommend
5 that the House expel the member as provided in Article III, Section 18
6 of the Missouri Constitution, or that the House punish the member as
7 provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution, by
8 reprimand on the adoption of the resolution or by censure by the
9 Speaker in open session.

10 ~~[(f)]~~ (6) All rules that pertain to regular or special standing
11 committees shall apply to the Committee on Ethics to the extent
12 consistent with this rule and any rules of procedure adopted pursuant
13 to this rule.

14 BILLS

15 Referral

16 Rule 38. The Speaker shall refer all bills and resolutions to a
17 committee. The Speaker may re-refer any bill or resolution previously
18 referred to a committee prior to a public hearing being held on the
19 bill.

20 Introduced - Manner of Setting Forth New and Old Material

21 Rule 39. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) *When.* Bills may be introduced only on the report
22 of a committee or by any member of the House, in the administrative or
23 regular order of business. No member shall file a bill, other than an
24 appropriation bill, after March ~~[(15)]~~ 1, without leave of the House.
25 No committee shall introduce upon report any House Committee Bill
26 after April 1.

27 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) *Manner of Printing.* Any bill shall have the matter
28 which is being repealed from current law enclosed in bold-faced
29 brackets and the matter which is being added to the law underscored
30 when typewritten and in bold-faced type when printed. In addition,
31 the Chief Clerk may adjust the formatting of printed bills in the
32 House in order to increase readability. A footnote shall be annexed
33 to the first page of each bill which contains material enclosed in
34 bold-faced brackets to the following effect:

35 "EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets in the
36 above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law.
37 Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language."

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

43 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) *Numbering of Bills.* The Chief Clerk shall number
44 bills in the order of their filing, reserving numbers for
45 appropriations bills.

1 committee on legislative research, and additional material may not be
2 amended thereto, unless needed as a technical correction.

3 Motion To Place On Calendar

4 Rule 43. If any bill is reported from committee with the
5 recommendation that it "Do Not Pass" it shall not go on the calendar
6 of the House unless ordered by a constitutional majority. At the same
7 time the bill is reported to the House, the committee chair shall
8 notify the sponsor or handler of the bill that such report is being
9 made. A motion to have a bill placed upon the calendar ~~[must]~~ shall
10 be made within three legislative days after the bill is reported and
11 when the sponsor of the bill is present or the motion is made by a
12 member upon the sponsor's written request. If no such action is taken
13 within such time, the bill shall lie on the table. If such a motion
14 is sustained, the bill shall stand automatically referred to ~~[the~~
15 ~~Select Standing]~~ a Committee on Rules for further action thereon.

16 Timing of Placement on Calendar

17 Rule 44. No House bill shall be taken up for consideration by the
18 House unless it has been upon the calendar for at least one
19 legislative day.

20 Bills Laid Over Informally

21 Rule 45. When a bill is reached, in its order, to be perfected and
22 printed, or to be ~~[agreed to and read a third time and placed upon its~~
23 ~~final passage]~~ third read and finally passed, it may, upon the request
24 of the Majority Floor Leader~~[7]~~ or the sponsor or handler thereof~~[7]~~
25 if a House Bill, ~~[+]~~ or upon the request of its handler in the House~~[7]~~
26 if a Senate Bill~~[7]~~ hold its place on the calendar~~[7]~~ or be laid
27 over informally~~[7]~~ and thereafter be called up at any time when
28 otherwise in order.

29 To Appear In Order

30 Rule 46. All bills laid over informally and not taken up and disposed
31 of the same day~~[7]~~ shall appear in order upon the calendar for the
32 next legislative day following.

33 Ten Day Rule

34 Rule 47. If a bill laid over informally is not taken up for further
35 consideration within ten legislative days after being laid over, it
36 shall lie on the table and be dropped from the calendar of the House
37 without further action of the House.

38 Consent Calendar

1 Rule 48. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) *Which Bills May Be Placed on the Consent*
2 *Calendar.* Each regular standing committee, after a favorable vote on
3 a bill, may further determine by a second and affirmative vote of
4 every member present whether or not such bill is of a noncontroversial
5 nature. Any bill which increases net expenditures of the state,
6 reduces net revenue of the state, or creates or expands a penalty
7 provision~~[7]~~ shall not be considered by the committee for consent;
8 provided however, any bill which specifically authorizes an easement
9 or right-of-way involving state property may be considered by the
10 committee for placement on the Consent Calendar. If it has been
11 determined by the regular standing committee that such bill is of a
12 noncontroversial nature and meets all consent requirements, the
13 regular standing committee shall report the bill to the ~~[Select~~
14 ~~Standing]~~ Committee on ~~[Rules]~~ Consent and House Procedure as "Do Pass
15 - Consent". The ~~[Select Standing]~~ Committee on ~~[Rules]~~ Consent and
16 House Procedure may decide by a majority affirmative vote of those
17 present whether to place the bill on the appropriate consent calendar.

18 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) *Procedure on House Bills.* If the regular standing
19 committee shall so determine, the appropriate committee report shall
20 include a request that a bill be placed on the ~~["]~~House Consent
21 Calendar for Perfection~~["]~~. Any bill so reported shall automatically
22 be referred to the ~~[Select Standing]~~ Committee on ~~[Rules]~~ Consent and
23 House Procedure. Any bill reported by the ~~[Select Standing]~~ Committee
24 on ~~[Rules]~~ Consent and House Procedure with the recommendation that it
25 be placed on the House Consent Calendar for Perfection ~~[shall]~~ may be
26 placed on that calendar ~~[and]~~ if the Speaker concurs with the
27 recommendation. If the Speaker does not concur, he or she may place
28 the bill on the Perfection Calendar. After such bill has remained on
29 the ~~["]~~House Consent Calendar for Perfection~~["]~~ for five legislative
30 days, it shall be ordered perfected and advanced to the ~~["]~~House
31 Consent Calendar for Third Reading and Final Passage~~["]~~ without
32 further action of the House, unless five members, with at least two
33 from each political party, have filed written objection with the Chief
34 Clerk. If such objections are filed, the bill shall be placed on the
35 House Bills to be Perfected and Printed Calendar. An objection made
36 by five members under this rule cannot be rescinded.

37 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) *Senate Bills - Consent.* When the Senate passes a bill
38 by its procedure for consent bills, such bill shall be considered for
39 treatment as a consent bill by the House committee without further
40 request; provided however, that the same committee procedures, votes,
41 and requirements for House Bills being considered for consent shall be
42 applied to Senate Bills being considered for consent. A Senate Bill
43 may be considered by the committee for consent even if it was not a
44 consent bill in the Senate.

45 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) *Procedure on Senate Bills.* Senate Bills passed out of
46 the appropriate House regular standing committee and the ~~[Select~~
47 ~~Standing]~~ Committee on ~~[Rules]~~ Consent and House Procedure with the
48 request that the bill be placed on the Senate Bills for Third Reading
49 and Final Passage - Consent Calendar are subject to the five member
50 objection provision of this rule.

1 amendments to appropriations bills.

2 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) *Committee Substitutes Treated as Original.* A House
3 Committee Substitute shall be considered as an original bill for
4 purposes of amendment.

5 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) *House Substitute.* No House Substitute will be in
6 order. A House Substitute is an amendment which, in the opinion of
7 the Speaker, is effectually replacing the underlying bill or committee
8 substitute.

9 ~~[(e)]~~ (5) *When Federal Mandate Bills can be Amended.* Amendments
10 to House and Senate bills-Federal Mandate are permitted only within
11 the scope of the federal mandate. Perfecting amendments are permitted
12 to make technical amendments.

13 ~~[(f)]~~ (6) *Appropriations Bills.* ~~[(1)]~~ (a) No amendment to the
14 appropriations bills of the state budget shall be in order if it
15 increases the total amount of general revenue or general revenue
16 equivalent appropriated in the House appropriations bills. Any
17 amendment that increases the amount of general revenue or general
18 revenue equivalent appropriated in the House appropriations bills
19 shall be required to be submitted with a separate amendment that makes
20 an equal reduction in general revenue or general revenue equivalent in
21 the same bill or any other of the bills still pending. If the
22 reduction is in another bill, the decreasing amendment shall be taken
23 up first, and the increasing amendment may be taken up only if the
24 decreasing amendment is adopted. When a pair of amendments is
25 submitted, the decreasing amendment shall be required to clearly
26 identify the corresponding increasing amendment.

27 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) If a member's decreasing amendment is adopted and the
28 same member's increasing amendment is defeated, the decreasing
29 amendment's adoption is void.

30 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) The offering and adoption of an amendment decreasing
31 the amount of general revenue or general revenue equivalent
32 appropriated without a balancing increase creates no right of another
33 member to offer an increasing amendment in any amount up to the amount
34 of the decrease effected by the decreasing amendment, and no member
35 may be recognized for the purpose of making such an amendment.

36 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) For the perfection of the House appropriations bills of
37 the state budget only, it shall be permissible to amend any line item
38 as often as the House pleases, as long as prior adopted amendments to
39 the line item are taken into account.

40 ~~[(5)]~~ (e) Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, neither
41 substitute amendments nor amendments to amendments shall be in order
42 for any appropriations bill other than technical corrections under
43 Rule ~~[(49(a))]~~ 49(1).

44 Committee Substitute Printed

45 Rule 50. When a ~~[select standing]~~ committee recommends a substitute
46 for a bill, the original bill will accompany the substitute. The
47 substitute shall be handled on the floor of the House by the committee
48 chair or any member designated by the committee chair. The Chief

1 Clerk shall have an appropriate number of copies of the substitute
2 printed. No committee substitute shall be called from the calendar of
3 the House until the printed copies have been distributed for at least
4 one legislative day. Amendments, if any, may be offered to the
5 substitute before the vote on the motion to adopt the substitute is
6 taken. If the substitute is defeated, the original bill shall be
7 before the House for perfection and shall be considered and shall be
8 handled on the floor by the original sponsor of the bill.

9 Order of Amendments

10 Rule 51. When amendments to any bill, motion, or proposition are
11 pending, they shall be voted on in the following order:

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

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

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

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

28 (5) The House Committee Substitute is next voted upon, after
29 opportunity for amendment. If the House Committee Substitute is
30 adopted, there shall be an additional vote for the perfection of the
31 bill, as amended.

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

35 Amendments Incorporated In Bill

36 Rule 52. All amendments adopted by the House to a bill originating in
37 the House shall be incorporated in the bill as perfected, and the
38 bill, as thus perfected, shall be printed for the use of the members
39 before its final passage, provided that the bill shall be subject to a
40 titling motion before the vote on perfection is taken. The perfecting
41 and printing shall be done under the supervision of the Chief Clerk
42 who shall assure that the bill is truly perfected and the printed
43 copies furnished to the members are correct.

44 Emergency Clauses

1 Rule 53. Any House bill which has been amended on the floor prior to
2 being perfected or any Senate bill which has been amended on the floor
3 prior to being third read and passed to contain an emergency clause
4 shall be automatically referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review to
5 consider whether the emergency clause is appropriate.

6 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

7 Ayes and Noes Taken

8 Rule ~~[53.]~~ 54. When a bill shall have passed the House and been
9 returned from the Senate with amendments, such amendments may be
10 concurred in collectively by a constitutional majority, unless
11 objection be made, in which case the vote shall be taken severally,
12 and no amendment or amendments shall be concurred in by the House
13 except by a constitutional majority and the names of those voting for
14 and against recorded upon the Journal of the House.

15 Repassage

16 Rule ~~[54.]~~ 55. When all Senate amendments to House Bills have been
17 concurred in by a constitutional majority of the House, the question
18 shall then be put: "Shall the bill as amended be passed?". On this
19 question the ayes and noes shall be called for, and as on first
20 passage, a constitutional majority shall be necessary to the final
21 passage of the bill.

22 Majority to Perfect

23 Rule ~~[55.]~~ 56. A quorum being present, a majority of those voting aye
24 and no shall be sufficient to perfect a bill and order it printed.

25 Amending After Perfection; Perfecting Amendments

26 Rule ~~[56.]~~ 57. No bill shall be amended after being perfected and
27 printed without a reconsideration of the vote by which it was ordered
28 perfected and printed and if such bill be amended, it shall again be
29 perfected and printed, except that a perfecting amendment to make
30 technical corrections is in order after the bill has been ordered
31 perfected and printed and before it has been read the third time.

32 Motion for Passage

33 Rule ~~[57.]~~ 58. When the Chief Clerk presents a bill as truly
34 perfected and printed, it shall go upon the calendar to be agreed to
35 and passed. When the bill is taken up in its order, the question shall
36 then be: "Shall the bill be third read and passed?". It shall require
37 a constitutional majority to sustain the question.

38 Course After Passage

1 Rule ~~[58.]~~ 59. When a bill or joint or concurrent resolution passes
2 the House, it shall be certified by the Chief Clerk, noting the day of
3 its passage at the foot thereof.

4 Perfecting Amendments on Bills Returned From the Senate

5 Rule ~~[59.]~~ 60. No bill or joint or concurrent resolution that has
6 been returned from the Senate may be further amended without placing
7 the bill in conference, except that a perfecting amendment to make
8 technical corrections is in order in the house of origin when the bill
9 is taken up for final passage as amended by the other house. The
10 perfecting amendment may be directed to the bill or to amendments to
11 the bill. If a perfecting amendment is adopted, the bill as finally
12 passed with the perfecting amendment shall be returned to the other
13 house for its concurrence in the perfecting amendment.

14 Conference Reports

15 Rule ~~[60.—(a)]~~ 61. (1) *Signatures on a Conference Report.* All
16 conference committees shall be composed of five conferees from each
17 house. No conference report shall be submitted to either house unless
18 approved by a majority vote of the full committee with not less than
19 three conferees from the House and two conferees from the Senate
20 signing the report.

21 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) *Review for Correctness.* Before a conference report is
22 referred to the Regular Standing Committee on Fiscal Review, it shall
23 be reviewed for the technical correctness of the report and of any
24 amendments, bill, or substitute the report recommends for passage by
25 the House.

26 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) *Notice Requirements.* No conference committee report
27 shall be taken up and considered unless the same has been distributed
28 to the members, except members who have waived receipt of conference
29 committee reports, at least one legislative day prior to
30 consideration.

31 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) *Exceeding the Differences.* Unless authority is
32 granted by the House to exceed the differences, the conferees ~~[must]~~
33 shall confine themselves to matters that are within the scope of the
34 differences between the House position and the Senate position. When
35 a report is offered for adoption, the point of order that the
36 conferees have exceeded the differences shall be in order. The
37 Speaker may rule on the point of order or may place the question of
38 whether the conferees have exceeded the differences before the House
39 for a vote. A majority of members voting prevails on the question.

40 RESOLUTIONS

41 Joint and Concurrent Resolutions

42 Rule ~~[61.]~~ 62. All joint and concurrent resolutions designed to

1 submit to the qualified voters of the state amendments to the
2 Constitution of the State of Missouri, to be voted upon by such
3 voters, shall be read on three separate days, and shall be reported
4 upon by the committee of the House, and shall otherwise be proceeded
5 upon in like manner as a bill.

6
7 ~~[Joint and Concurrent]~~ Resolutions of Congress

8 Rule ~~[62.]~~ 63. All joint and concurrent resolutions of the Congress
9 of the United States designed to submit to the legislature an
10 amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be submitted
11 as a Concurrent Resolution and read on three separate days, shall be
12 reported upon by a committee, shall be adopted only by a
13 constitutional majority and shall otherwise be proceeded upon in like
14 manner as a bill. The text of the amendment as proposed by the
15 Congress of the United States shall not be amended.

16 Reference of Resolutions, etc. Stand Referred

17 Rule ~~[63.]~~ 64. (1) All petitions, memorials, remonstrances,
18 resolutions, and other papers offered shall stand referred, without
19 reading, consideration, discussion, explanation, or debate, to the
20 ~~[Select Standing]~~ Committee on ~~[Rules]~~ Consent and House Procedure
21 unless timely referred to some other appropriate committee by the
22 Speaker ~~[; provided however, that]~~ . Resolutions informing the
23 Governor or the Senate that the House has convened, taken some action,
24 or adjourned, resolutions to elect officers of the House, resolutions
25 expressing the appreciation of the House to public officials,
26 resolutions to adopt temporary rules, and concurrent resolutions to
27 convene joint sessions may be adopted by the House upon introduction
28 without referral to committee. Those papers that are favorably
29 recommended by the committee for adoption by the House shall be listed
30 in the Journal and placed upon a resolutions calendar.

31 (2) Joint courtesy resolutions shall be allowed if established
32 by the rules of the Senate.

33 (3) Any resolution offered to request an investigation of a
34 state official for the purposes of impeachment shall be referred to
35 ~~[the Select Standing Committee on Rules or to any other committee as]~~
36 any committee designated by the Speaker. Articles of impeachment
37 shall only be introduced by the committee designated to investigate
38 the matter and shall be read by title on three separate days.

39 SENATE BILLS

40 Referral

41 Rule ~~[64.]~~ 65. Each Senate Bill shall, upon second reading, be
42 referred to the appropriate committee of the House.

43 Go Upon The Calendar

1 Rule ~~[65.]~~ 66. When a Senate Bill is reported from the committee to
2 which it was referred with the recommendation that it "Do Pass", or
3 "Without Recommendation", it shall ~~[be referred to the appropriate~~
4 ~~select standing committee, as delineated by Rule 27]~~ stand
5 automatically referred to its Committee on Rules. When a Senate Bill
6 is reported from ~~[the Select Standing]~~ a Committee on Rules ~~[or the~~
7 ~~appropriate select standing committee]~~ with the recommendation that it
8 "Do Pass", or "Without Recommendation", it shall go upon the House
9 Calendar for the third reading and final passage, provided that no
10 Senate Bill shall be taken up for consideration by the House unless it
11 has been upon the Calendar for at least one legislative day.

12 Senate Bills Reported "Do Not Pass"

13 Rule ~~[66.]~~ 67. If a Senate Bill is reported from the committee to
14 which it was referred with the recommendation that it "Do Not Pass" it
15 shall not go upon the calendar of the House for third reading and
16 final passage, unless so ordered by a constitutional majority of the
17 House. In such case, the motion to place the bill on the calendar
18 shall be made within three legislative days of the report and by a
19 member who has been requested by the Senate sponsor of the bill. If
20 such a motion is sustained, the bill shall stand automatically
21 referred to ~~[the Select Standing]~~ a Committee on Rules for further
22 action thereon.

23 Amendments

24 Rule ~~[67.]~~ 68. Senate Bills may be amended by the House when placed
25 upon third reading and final passage, and any Senate bill so amended
26 shall be subject to a titling motion before the final vote is taken
27 thereon.

28 BILLS NOT TO BE PASSED ON PREVIOUS ROLL CALL

29 Rule ~~[68.]~~ 69. No bill shall be passed by any roll call previously
30 taken on another bill, nor shall more than one bill be passed on any
31 one roll call.

32 MOTIONS, DEBATE, and FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

33 ~~[Must]~~ Shall Be Read or Stated Before Debate

34 Rule ~~[69.]~~ 70. When a motion is made, it shall be stated by the chair
35 before being debated.

36 When In Possession of the House

37 Rule ~~[70.]~~ 71. When a motion is stated by the Speaker, it shall be
38 deemed to be in possession of the House. The motion may be withdrawn

1 by the author at any time before a decision [~~or amendment~~].

2 To Be Reduced to Writing

3 Rule [~~71.~~] 72. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the
4 Speaker or any member demands it.

5 [~~Must~~] Shall Be Germane

6 Rule [~~72.~~] 73. No motion or proposition on a subject different from
7 that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

8 Privileged

9 Rule [~~73.~~] 74. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be
10 entertained but to adjourn; to take a recess; to lay on the table; for
11 the previous question; to postpone to a certain day; to recommit to
12 committee; [~~or~~] to postpone indefinitely; or to consider a veto or
13 withhold override; which several motions shall have precedence in the
14 order herein set forth.

15 Dilatory

16 Rule [~~74.~~] 75. When any [~~of the motions enumerated in the preceding~~
17 ~~rule have~~] motion has been made and lost, no similar motion shall be
18 entertained until some other business is transacted by the House.

19 Privileged Motions In Order - When

20 Rule [~~75.~~] 76. Except as otherwise limited herein, and except when a
21 member is speaking or the roll is being called, the privileged motions
22 set forth in Rule [~~73~~] 74 are always in order, and pending the result
23 of such a motion, no member shall leave his or her seat in the House.

24 Previous Question

25 Rule [~~76.~~] 77. Any member may move the previous question. The motion
26 shall be restated by the Speaker in this form: "Shall the question
27 under immediate consideration be now put?". It may be moved like any
28 other question but it shall only prevail when supported by a
29 constitutional majority and until decided shall preclude amendments
30 and debate. If the motion is sustained, the proponent of the matter
31 under consideration shall be allowed one minute in which to make a
32 closing statement before the House votes on the question. A failure
33 to sustain the motion shall not take the matter under consideration
34 from further consideration of the House; but the House shall proceed
35 as if the motion had not been made.

36 Not Debatable

1 Rule ~~[77.]~~ 78. Motions to adjourn and for the previous question shall
2 be decided without debate; provided however, that a motion to adjourn
3 is subject to a request by five members for a roll call vote. All
4 other privileged motions are debatable.

5 Division of Questions

6 Rule ~~[78.]~~ 79. Any member may have, as a personal right, a division
7 of the question where the sense will admit of it. The question shall
8 be divided into clearly separate and distinct propositions. The
9 Speaker may take a division of the question under advisement; provided
10 that, he or she rules on the division before any other action on the
11 question. When the question having been divided is a Senate Bill for
12 Third Reading, each part of the bill shall be voted upon separately
13 and a subsequent separate vote shall be taken on the entire bill.
14 When a bill is divided for consideration, the title and enacting
15 clause shall be considered a separate part and shall, unless otherwise
16 amended, be technically changed to reflect any amendments or deletions
17 to the bill. No House Bill shall be subject to a division of the
18 question after its perfection.

19 Indefinite Postponement

20 Rule ~~[79.]~~ 80. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same
21 shall not be acted upon again during the session.

22 Question Laid on the Table - How Taken Up

23 Rule ~~[80.]~~ 81. When a question has been laid on the table, the same
24 cannot be taken up again without a vote of two-thirds of the members
25 present.

26 Motion to Recommit to Committee

27 Rule ~~[81.]~~ 82. Any member may make a motion, at any time prior to the
28 time such bill is third read and passed, that a bill be recommitted to
29 the ~~[select standing]~~ committee from which it was reported or that a
30 bill be committed to another specifically named committee in the
31 original form of the bill as it was referred to the committee of
32 origin, which shall be sustained if a majority of the members present
33 vote in the affirmative.

34 Motion to Reconsider - ~~[Must]~~ Shall Be Made Within Three Days

35 Rule ~~[82.]~~ 83. When a motion that a bill be perfected and printed, or
36 that a bill be agreed to, read a third time, and placed upon its
37 passage fails, or when any other question is decided by the House, any
38 member voting on the prevailing side may move to reconsider the vote,
39 provided that the motion to reconsider is made within three
40 legislative days after the day on which the vote was taken.

1 Procedure for Motion to Reconsider

2 Rule ~~[83.]~~ 84. A constitutional majority is required to sustain any
3 motion to reconsider. If the motion to reconsider is sustained, the
4 House shall proceed to the original question or motion immediately
5 before proceeding to other questions; whereupon the original question
6 shall be voted upon before any other business of the House is
7 transacted. This shall not preclude further debate or amendment of the
8 proposition, if otherwise appropriate. Any motion to reconsider
9 having failed once shall not be reconsidered again, except to
10 reconsider the vote by which an appropriation bill failed to pass. In
11 the case of an appropriation bill, the motion to reconsider may be
12 considered as many times as the House chooses.

13 ~~[DECORUM AND DEBATE]~~

14 On Speaking

15 Rule ~~[84.]~~ 85. When any member is about to speak in a debate or
16 deliver a matter to the House, he or she shall rise from his or her
17 seat and respectfully address himself or herself to "Mr. Speaker" or
18 "Madam Speaker". The member shall refer, as appropriate, to other
19 members as "Lady", "Gentleman" or "Representative". The member shall
20 confine himself or herself to the questions under debate and avoid
21 personality and derogatory personal comments. If any member violates
22 the rules of the House, the Speaker, or any member, may call him or
23 her to order. Any member called to order shall immediately sit down,
24 unless permitted to explain, and the House shall, if appealed to,
25 decide the case.

26 Appeals

27 Rule ~~[85.]~~ 86. If there is no appeal, the decision of the Speaker is
28 final. If the decision of the Speaker is in favor of the member called
29 to order, he or she may proceed; if otherwise, and the case requires
30 it, he or she shall be liable to the censure of the House.

31 Member to Rise or Seek Recognition

32 Rule ~~[86.]~~ 87. The Speaker shall not recognize any member desiring to
33 speak unless such member arises or appropriately seeks recognition at
34 or near his or her desk. When two or more members seek recognition at
35 the same time, the Speaker shall name the member who is to speak
36 first, the other members having the preference next to speak.

37 Member May Speak - How Often

38 Rule ~~[87.]~~ 88. No member shall speak more than twice on the same
39 question without leave of the House, nor more than once until all
40 other members desiring to speak have spoken. Except when reporting a

1 bill or resolution from a committee, no member may speak or inquire
2 for more than fifteen minutes unless by unanimous consent of the
3 House. When the question is to third read and pass a House Bill or
4 House Joint Resolution, no member may speak or inquire for more than
5 ten minutes unless by unanimous consent of the House. When the
6 question is to third read and pass a House Consent Bill or a Senate
7 Consent Bill, the floor handler of the bill and the ranking committee
8 member from the party not the same as the bill handler~~[7]~~ shall not
9 speak or inquire for more than ten minutes. Other members shall not
10 speak or inquire for more than five minutes on such bills. The
11 provisions of this rule shall not take precedence over any limitations
12 set pursuant to Rule ~~[27(11)]~~ 24(25).

13 No Member Shall Name Another Member in Debate

14 Rule ~~[88.]~~ 89. No member shall name another member in debate, but
15 shall refer to the member by district number or county.

16 Members Not to Use Profanity

17 Rule ~~[89.]~~ 90. No member may use profanity either while speaking on
18 the floor or in committee.

19 Members Not to Walk Across House - When

20 Rule ~~[90.]~~ 91. While the Speaker is putting any question or
21 addressing the House, no one shall walk out of or cross the House.
22 When a member is speaking or the Journal is being read, no member
23 shall engage in any private conversation; nor while a member is
24 speaking shall anyone pass between him or her and the Speaker. No
25 member shall walk between two members who are engaged in debate or
26 inquiries in the Hall of the House.

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28 Order of Questions

29 Rule ~~[91.]~~ 92. Except as otherwise set forth in these rules, all
30 questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved
31 except privileged questions, which shall be propounded as stated in
32 Rule ~~[73]~~ 74.

33 CONSTITUTIONAL MAJORITY AND QUORUM

34 Rule 93. The term "constitutional majority", as used herein, shall
35 mean eighty-two members of the House. A quorum shall be required at
36 any time bills are considered, motions are made, or votes are taken.

37 Voting

38 Rule ~~[92.]~~ 94. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) Every member shall be present within the
39 hall of the House during its sittings, unless excused or necessarily

1 prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless he or she has a
2 direct personal or pecuniary interest in such question. No member
3 shall be recorded as voting when he or she was not present when the
4 vote was taken. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit a member from
5 voting "Present" on a question, and such vote shall be recorded in the
6 Journal. In the case of equal division, the question shall be lost.
7 In the event that a member's vote [~~+~~] or absence [~~+~~] is incorrectly
8 recorded in the Journal, he or she shall file with the Chief Clerk an
9 affidavit stating that he or she was in the chamber at the time the
10 vote was taken, that he or she did in fact vote, that the vote [~~+~~] or
11 absence [~~+~~] was incorrectly recorded, and the correct vote that should
12 have been recorded. In addition to any other penalty provided by rule
13 or law, the filing of a false affidavit shall subject that member to
14 censure by the House.

15 [~~(b)~~] (2) A member may not authorize any other person to cast
16 his or her vote or record his or her presence. No other person may
17 cast a member's vote or record a member's presence. A vote by a
18 member of a committee with respect to any measure or matter may not be
19 cast by proxy.

20 Verification of the Roll

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

22 Rule [~~93.~~] 95. Except as otherwise specifically allowed by these
23 rules, no member shall be permitted to interrupt a roll call, and no
24 member shall be allowed to vote or change his or her vote [~~+~~] except
25 to have his or her vote correctly recorded [~~+~~] after a verification
26 has begun [~~+~~] or after the final vote is announced.

27 Demand for Verification

28 Rule [~~94.~~] 96. Any five members may demand a verification of the roll
29 call if such is made at any time prior to the time the voting has
30 ended; which, in the event of electronic voting, shall be when the
31 Speaker orders the voting board closed. A demand for verification and
32 a call for absentees are the only reasons for which a member may
33 interrupt a roll call vote.

34 Bell to Signal Recorded Vote

35 Rule [~~95.~~] 97. At a reasonable time prior to the beginning of calling
36 the ayes and noes on any question, a bell notifying the members of a
37 roll call shall be sounded. After the votes are registered, the
38 absentees shall be noted and upon demand of any member, another bell
39 signifying that a call of absentees is being taken shall be sounded
40 and a reasonable time shall be allowed after the sounding of the bell
41 before the voting is closed.

42 Roll Call Votes

1 Rule ~~[96.]~~ 98. In all cases where a rule of the House of
2 Representatives refers to the "calling of the names of the members" or
3 "calling of the ayes or noes" or "calling of the roll", such reference
4 shall be understood to refer also to the "taking" of the vote by
5 electronic roll call system. There shall be a taking of the vote by
6 electronic roll call system on the motion of any one member which is
7 seconded by four other members immediately standing. A vote by
8 electronic roll call shall be limited to thirty minutes, except in the
9 cases of quorum calls. In the event that the electronic roll call
10 system is inoperable, the taking and recording of such vote shall be
11 done by calling the name of each member and recording the respective
12 aye, no, or present votes. Any member not responding when his or her
13 name is called shall be recorded as absent.

14 Dress Code

15 Rule ~~[97.]~~ 99. At all times when the House is seated, proper attire
16 for gentlemen shall be business attire, including coat, tie, dress
17 trousers, and dress shoes or boots. Proper attire for women shall be
18 dresses or skirts or slacks worn with a blazer or sweater and
19 appropriate dress shoes or boots. This rule shall apply to all
20 members and staff on the floor of the House and lower gallery.

21 Eating, Smoking, Distracting Activities

22 Rule ~~[98.]~~ 100. No food, newspapers, or other items or activities
23 distracting to House deliberations shall be permitted on the floor of
24 the House while the House is in session. Smoking is prohibited in the
25 Hall of the House, upper and lower galleries. The majority and
26 minority caucuses shall adopt policies for its individual member's
27 office space within the Capitol as it relates to the use of tobacco
28 and alcohol products.

29 Electronic Devices

30 Rule ~~[99.]~~ 101. Tape recorders, portable phones, video equipment,
31 television equipment, photography equipment, or any other electronic
32 recording devices are not authorized for use on the floor of the House
33 or in any gallery of the House unless permission has been granted by
34 the Speaker and notice has been given to the body. Nothing contained
35 in this rule shall prevent any member from using a portable laptop
36 computer, which is hereby specifically authorized.

37 Ascending the Dais

38 Rule ~~[100.]~~ 102. No person shall ascend to the Dais without first
39 being recognized to do so by the Speaker. The Speaker may invite any
40 person to ascend the dais.
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1 INTERIM PROCEDURE

2 Bills - End of First Regular Session

3 Rule [~~101.~~] 103. All House Bills or House Joint and Concurrent
4 Resolutions in possession of the House and not finally acted upon
5 shall, at 5:59 p.m. on the first Friday following the second Monday in
6 May in odd-numbered years, be laid on the Speaker's desk. All Senate
7 Bills and Senate Joint and Concurrent Resolutions in possession of the
8 House and not finally acted upon shall, at 5:59 p.m. on the first
9 Friday following the second Monday in May in odd-numbered years, be
10 laid on the President Pro Tem's desk.

11 Bills - Pre-Filing

12 Rule [~~102.~~] 104. A member or member-elect of the House of
13 Representatives may file a bill or joint resolution by mail or in
14 person with the Chief Clerk of the House at any time during the period
15 beginning on December first and ending on the day before a regular
16 session begins which next precedes the session at which the bill or
17 joint resolution is to be considered. Upon receiving a bill or joint
18 resolution filed during the pre-filing period preceding a regular
19 session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Chief Clerk
20 of the House shall immediately date, number, and have the bill or
21 joint resolution printed in the most economical manner as approved by
22 the [~~House Rules~~] Committee on Consent and House Procedure and made
23 available according to the rules and practices of the General Assembly
24 next preceding that for which the bill or joint resolution is filed
25 and those bills and joint resolutions received during the filing
26 period preceding a regular session in an even-numbered year shall be
27 printed and made available according to the then effective rules of
28 that General Assembly. All bills or joint resolutions that are
29 pre-filed shall be deemed filed on the day the House begins its
30 regular session.

31 Interim Committees

32 Rule [~~103.~~] 105. All regular or special standing committees named
33 during the first regular session of a General Assembly may meet to
34 consider bills or perform any other necessary legislative function
35 during the interim between the session ending on the thirtieth day of
36 May and the session commencing on the first Wednesday after the first
37 Monday of January; except the Speaker may appoint a subcommittee, made
38 up of members of the regular or special standing committee, to act in
39 place of the regular or special standing committee during the interim.
40 The Speaker may appoint special interim committees to consider bills
41 or perform other necessary legislative duties. Members of each of the
42 committees, or any subcommittee thereof, shall be reimbursed for their
43 necessary and actual expenses incurred while attending meetings of the
44 committee or subcommittee, if approved by the Speaker.

1 CALL OF THE HOUSE

2 Names of Absentees to Be Called

3 Rule [~~104.~~] 106. A call of the House may be made at any time on
4 motion seconded by ten members and sustained by a majority of those
5 present; (names of members may be called orally or by electronic roll
6 call) and under a call of the House a majority of those present may
7 send for and compel the attendance of absent members; and a majority
8 of all the members present shall be a sufficient number to adjourn.

9 Absent Members May Be Sent For

10 Rule [~~105.~~] 107. Upon the call of the House, the names of those
11 members present shall be recorded and the absentees noted, and those
12 whose names do not appear may be sent for and taken into custody
13 wherever found by the Sergeant-at-Arms or special messenger appointed.

14 Prohibited While Voting In Progress

15 Rule [~~106.~~] 108. No call of the House shall be made after the Speaker
16 has directed the clerk to open the electronic voting device to record
17 the names of the members and until the vote be announced.

18 Majority Not Under Arrest May Censure And Fine Delinquent Members

19 Rule [~~107.~~] 109. The majority of those present, not under arrest, may
20 make an order for the censure or fine of delinquent members and
21 prescribe the terms under which they shall be discharged.

22 Release from Custody

23 Rule [~~108.~~] 110. When a member shall have been discharged from
24 custody and admitted to his or her seat, the House shall decide
25 whether such discharge shall be with or without fees; and, in like
26 manner, whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by a special
27 messenger shall defray the expense of such special messenger.

28 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE HOUSE

29 When Permitted

30 Rule [~~109.~~] 111. On motion, the House may resolve itself into a
31 Committee of the Whole House for consideration of any business which
32 may properly come before it.

33 Chair Appointed by Speaker

34 Rule [~~110.~~] 112. In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the
35 Speaker shall leave his or her chair, and a chair preside in the

1 Committee, who shall be appointed by the Speaker.

2 Procedure upon Bills

3 Rule ~~[111.]~~ 113. Upon a bill being committed to a Committee of the
4 Whole House, the same shall be ~~[first]~~ read ~~[at length by the Clerk,~~
5 ~~and then again read]~~ and debated by clauses or sections, as determined
6 by the committee, leaving the preamble to be last considered. After
7 report, the bill shall again be subject to debate and ~~[amended by~~
8 ~~clauses, as before]~~ amendment before being perfected and printed.

9 Amendment to Motion ~~[Must]~~ Shall Be Incorporated in Original Motion

10 Rule ~~[112.]~~ 114. All amendments made to an original motion in
11 Committee of the Whole House shall be incorporated with the motion and
12 so reported.

13 Amendments Shall Be Noted

14 Rule ~~[113.]~~ 115. All amendments made to reports, resolutions, or
15 other matters committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall be
16 noted and reported, as in case of bills.

17 Rules of Proceedings

18 Rule ~~[114.]~~ 116. Rules and proceedings of the House shall be observed
19 in Committee of the Whole House, as far as they are applicable, except
20 that limiting the number of times of speaking.

21 Quorum

22 Rule ~~[115.]~~ 117. A majority of the members elected shall be a quorum
23 to do business, and if, at any time, a sufficient number shall not be
24 present in Committee of the Whole House, and the Committee shall
25 arise, and the Speaker shall resume the chair and the chair report the
26 cause of the rising of the Whole Committee.

27 VETO AND WITHHOLD OVERRIDE PROCEDURES

28 Rule 118. Veto Procedures. Any bill, or item or portion of an item
29 in an appropriations bill, vetoed by the Governor and returned to the
30 House by the Governor or received from the Senate shall stand as
31 reconsidered and such action shall be taken as prescribed by the
32 Constitution and the rules contained herein. Upon receipt, the
33 message containing the Governor's actions may be read and shall be
34 entered into the Journal. Consideration of a vetoed bill, or item or
35 portion of an item in an appropriations bill, shall be in order at any
36 time during sessions of the House. Consideration of a vetoed bill, or
37 item or portion of an item in an appropriations bill, shall have
38 priority of business and shall have precedence over and may supersede

1 the order of business, but shall not interrupt a calling of the roll.

2 Rule 119. Withhold Override Procedures. (1) Any appropriation for
3 which the rate of expenditure of allotments is not equal quarterly
4 allotments, the sum of which shall be equal to the amount of the
5 appropriation, shall stand as reconsidered with respect to such
6 allotments and such action shall be taken as prescribed by the
7 Constitution and the rules contained herein. Upon receipt, any
8 proclamation issued by the Governor relating to such allotments may be
9 read and shall be entered into the Journal. Reconsideration of the
10 allotments of any appropriation shall be in order at any time during
11 sessions of the House. Reconsideration of the allotments of any
12 appropriation shall have priority of business and shall have
13 precedence over and may supersede the order of business, but shall not
14 interrupt a calling of the roll.

15 (2) Any appropriation for which the Governor reduces the
16 expenditures of the state or any of its agencies below their
17 appropriations shall stand as reconsidered with respect to such
18 reductions and such action shall be taken as prescribed by the
19 Constitution and the rules contained herein. Upon receipt, any
20 proclamation issued by the Governor relating to such reductions may be
21 read and shall be entered into the Journal. Reconsideration of the
22 reduction of any appropriation shall be in order at any time during
23 sessions of the House. Reconsideration of the reduction of any
24 appropriation shall have priority of business and shall have
25 precedence over and may supersede the order of business, but shall not
26 interrupt a calling of the roll.

27 ADMISSIION TO HALL

28 Definitions

29 Rule [~~116.~~] 120. The space between the granite columns shall be
30 known as the floor of the House and the space beyond the granite
31 columns on either side shall be known as the lower gallery, and the
32 space on the upper floor of the House shall be known as the upper
33 gallery.

34 Admission to House Floor

35 Rule [~~117.~~] 121. No person shall be admitted to the floor of the
36 House or the House East Gallery other than the officers and members of
37 the House and the staffs of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem, Majority and
38 Minority Floor Leaders, Assistant Majority and Minority Floor Leaders,
39 Majority and Minority Whips, and Chair of the Budget Committee and, at
40 the request of the Speaker, technical support staff needed to maintain
41 data processing equipment and other equipment. Other persons may be
42 admitted to the floor and East Gallery with the consent of the House.
43 For the purposes of this rule, the Chief Clerk's staff, the Assistant
44 Chief Clerk, any doormen, sergeant-at-arms and House Photographer are

1 considered officers of the House. Guests may upon written request,
2 submitted five days in advance and with the consent of the Speaker,
3 address the House from the dais at the beginning or adjournment of a
4 daily legislative session or any recess thereof.

5 Admission to Lower Gallery

6 Rule [~~118.~~] 122. No person shall be admitted to the lower gallery of
7 the House except members of the General Assembly, spouses of members,
8 employees of the General Assembly, Joint Committee staff, the
9 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State
10 Auditor, the State Treasurer, the State Attorney General, Judges of
11 the Supreme Court, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Courts of
12 Appeal or Circuit Courts, Members of Congress, the Governor's Chief of
13 Staff and former members of the General Assembly who are not
14 registered lobbyists or who do not lobby for an individual or
15 organization, and physically disabled persons. No official or other
16 person, except current members of the General Assembly, otherwise
17 allowed to enter the lower gallery by this rule shall engage in any
18 activity supporting or opposing any bill or resolution before the
19 House from the lower gallery. Other persons may be admitted to the
20 gallery by the Speaker upon special request of any Representative when
21 the House is in session. Members of the press may enter the lower
22 galleries while the House is in session for the purpose of
23 interviewing members of the House.

24 Admission to Upper Gallery

25 Rule [~~119.~~] 123. The gallery at the front of the chamber above the
26 Speaker's dais shall be reserved for members of the Missouri Capitol
27 News Association holding valid credentials issued by the Speaker and
28 any other member of the press issued credentials by the Speaker. All
29 other upper galleries shall be open to the public.

30 RULES

31 May Be Rescinded or Amended - How

32 Rule [~~120.~~] 124. Any motion or resolution purporting to rescind or
33 change the standing rules of the House or to introduce a new rule
34 shall stand without reading or consideration and without discussion,
35 explanation, or debate to the [~~Select Standing~~] Committee on [~~Rules~~]
36 Consent and House Procedure. Such motions or resolutions as shall be
37 favorably recommended by such committee for adoption by the House
38 shall, upon such recommendation, be printed in the Journal and shall
39 be placed upon a Resolutions Calendar. A constitutional majority
40 shall be required to pass such a resolution. Nothing herein shall
41 prohibit a member from offering substitute rules or amendments to
42 rules recommended by the committee.

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May Be Dispensed With

2 Rule ~~[121.]~~ 125. Rules ~~[73, 82, 83,]~~ 74, 83, 84, and ~~[121]~~ this rule
3 of the House shall not be suspended or dispensed with, unless by
4 unanimous consent or unless two-thirds (2/3) of the elected members
5 concur therein. No other standing rule or order of the House shall be
6 dispensed with, except by unanimous consent or unless a constitutional
7 majority concurs therein and motions for that purpose shall be limited
8 to the question or proposition under consideration.

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JEFFERSON'S MANUAL

10 Rule ~~[122.]~~ 126. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in
11 "Jefferson's Manual" and the "Rules of the House of Representatives of
12 the United States", and the official collection of precedents and
13 interpretations of the rules by parliamentary authorities of the
14 United States House of Representatives shall govern the House in all
15 cases in which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the
16 standing rules and orders of the House and the joint rules of the
17 Senate and House of Representatives. The Chief Clerk, the Speaker,
18 the Speaker Pro Tem, the Majority Floor Leader, the Assistant Majority
19 Floor Leader, the Minority Floor Leader, and the Assistant Minority
20 Floor Leader will make available copies of these documents in their
21 offices to any member who so requests. Three copies of these
22 documents shall be available during sessions of the House: one copy
23 shall be at a location determined by the majority party and one copy
24 shall be at a location determined by the minority party and one copy
25 shall be in the possession of the Chief Clerk or his or her designee.
26 The documents shall be purchased by the House and shall be the
27 property of the House and not of the individual holding office. The
28 Manual, Rules, precedents, and interpretations above referred to shall
29 be taken as authority in deciding questions not otherwise provided for
30 in these rules.

31 Introduced By: (Sponsor) _____
32 Signature Dist. #

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