

## HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

## 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.~~

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

26 HEADINGS ON HOUSE CALENDAR

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

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

1 FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILLS

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

10 ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

15 ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
16 GENERALLY

17 Election; Oath; Compensation

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

34  
35 SPEAKER

36 Speaker to Call Members to Order

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

1 Parliamentary Rulings; Referral to Parliamentary Committee

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

19 Speaker May Speak on Points of Order

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

27 Appeal from a Ruling of the Chair

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

32 Speaker Has General Supervision of Hall

33 Rule ~~[12.]~~ 11. The Speaker shall have general direction and  
34 supervision of the House and shall preserve decorum and order in the  
35 Hall.

36 Supervision of House Employees

37 Rule ~~[13.]~~ 12. The Speaker shall have general supervision and control  
38 over all employees of the House.

39 Speaker May Substitute Member to Perform Duties

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

3 Speaker Shall Sign Bills

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

9 Speaker May Clear Hall

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

16 Manner of Putting Questions

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

24 OTHER OFFICERS

25 Speaker Pro Tem

26 Rule ~~[18.]~~ 17. The Speaker Pro Tem shall perform the duties of  
27 Speaker during the sickness or absence of the Speaker, except while  
28 some member is discharging such duties as a substitute under Rule ~~[14]~~  
29 13.

30 Chief Clerk

31 Rule ~~[19.]~~ 18. It shall be the duty of the Chief Clerk to serve also  
32 as Chief Administrator of the House and to attend the House during its  
33 sittings. The Chief Clerk, under the direction of the Speaker, shall  
34 prepare and keep the House Journal and seasonably record the  
35 proceedings of the House; keep regular files of House papers; attest  
36 all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the House; keep  
37 an account of all fines imposed by the House; maintain a record of the  
38 members' attendance; keep an account of the traveling and expense  
39 allowances of all the members; transmit to the Senate messages,

1 communications, copies, and documents of the House; keep a docket of  
2 proceedings on all bills, resolutions, and acts; and execute the  
3 commands of the House from time to time.

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

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

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

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

25 Employees

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

31 COMMITTEES

32 By Whom Appointed; Composition of Membership

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

42 (2) The Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tem, the Majority  
43 Floor Leader, the Assistant Majority Floor Leader, the Majority Whip,

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

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

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

#### 31 Time of Sitting

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

#### 35 The Regular Standing Committees Enumerated

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

38 ~~[1.]~~ (1) Administration and Accounts.

39 ~~[2.]~~ (2) Agriculture Policy.

40 ~~[3. Appropriations - Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural~~  
41 ~~Resources.~~

42 ~~4. Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

43 ~~5. Appropriations - General Administration.~~

44 ~~6. Appropriations - Health, Mental Health, and Social Services.~~

45 ~~7. Appropriations - Higher Education.~~

46 ~~8. Appropriations - Public Safety and Corrections.~~



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

45 Duties of the Regular Standing Committees

46 Rule ~~[25.] 24.~~ (1) *Duties Generally.* Regular standing committees  
47 shall have the authority to consider bills and resolutions that have  
48 been referred to them and ~~[report the bill as "Do Pass", "without~~

1 ~~recommendation" or "Do Pass - as amended" to the appropriate select~~  
2 ~~standing committee along with any amendments that were adopted by the~~  
3 ~~committee. Regular standing committees shall not report committee~~  
4 ~~substitutes to the appropriate select standing committees.]:~~

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

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

9 (c) Report the bill or resolution as a "House Committee  
10 Substitute - Do Pass" or "House Committee Substitute - Without  
11 Recommendation" to the Speaker.

12 (2) *Administration and Accounts.*

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

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

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

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

1 (e) *Recognition of Caucuses.* The committee may approve and  
2 prescribe for the recognition of caucuses. Any group of five or more  
3 House members may seek designation as a caucus for the purpose of  
4 identifying and collaborating on issues within a common sphere of  
5 public interest.

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

10 (4) ~~【The Committee on Appropriations - Agriculture, Conservation,~~  
11 ~~and Natural Resources.~~ The Committee on Appropriations - Agriculture,  
12 ~~Conservation, and Natural Resources shall report to the Budget~~  
13 ~~Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by~~  
14 ~~the Speaker of the House pertaining to the appropriations and~~  
15 ~~disbursements of public money for the funding of the Department of~~  
16 ~~Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department~~  
17 ~~of Conservation.~~

18 ~~(5) The Committee on Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary~~  
19 ~~Education.~~ The Committee on Appropriations - Elementary and Secondary  
20 ~~Education shall report to the Budget Committee upon all bills,~~  
21 ~~measures, and questions referred to it by the Speaker of the House~~  
22 ~~pertaining to the appropriations and disbursements of public money for~~  
23 ~~the funding of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

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

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

39 ~~(8) The Committee on Appropriations - Higher Education.~~ The  
40 ~~Committee on Appropriations - Higher Education shall report to the~~  
41 ~~Budget Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to~~  
42 ~~it by the Speaker of the House pertaining to the appropriations and~~  
43 ~~disbursements of public money for the funding of the Department of~~  
44 ~~Higher Education.~~

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

1 ~~Corrections.~~

2 ~~—— (10) The Committee on Appropriations - Revenue, Transportation,~~  
3 ~~and Economic Development. The Committee on Appropriations - Revenue,~~  
4 ~~Transportation, and Economic Development shall report to the Budget~~  
5 ~~Committee upon all bills, measures, and questions referred to it by~~  
6 ~~the Speaker of the House pertaining to the appropriations and~~  
7 ~~disbursements of public money for the funding of the Department of~~  
8 ~~Transportation, the Department of Economic Development, the Department~~  
9 ~~of Revenue, the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and~~  
10 ~~Professional Registration, and the Department of Labor and Industrial~~  
11 ~~Relations.~~

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

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

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

47 (c) The Committee on Budget shall have the following  
48 subcommittees:

49 a. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Agriculture,  
50 Conservation, Natural Resources, and Economic Development.

1 b. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Education.

2 c. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - General Administration.

3 d. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Health, Mental Health,  
4 and Social Services.

5 e. The Subcommittee on Appropriations - Public Safety,  
6 Corrections, Transportation, and Revenue.

7 ~~[(12)]~~ (5) The Committee on Consent and House Procedure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

48 ~~—(14)]~~ (7) The Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources.  
49 The Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources may consider and  
50 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the functions

1 and operations of the Department of Conservation ~~[or]~~ and the  
2 Department of Natural Resources and all powers thereto conferred upon  
3 by the Missouri constitution and statutes.

4 ~~[(15) *The Committee on Consumer Affairs.* The Committee on~~  
5 ~~Consumer Affairs may consider and report on all bills and matters~~  
6 ~~referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of state~~  
7 ~~policies by the Secretary of State, Department of Insurance, Financial~~  
8 ~~Institutions and Professional Registration, or any agency or~~  
9 ~~governmental unit and all powers thereto conferred upon by the~~  
10 ~~Missouri constitution and statutes regarding the protection of~~  
11 ~~consumers within any commercial or financial transaction.~~

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

17 ~~[(17)]~~ (9) *The Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.*  
18 The Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety may consider and  
19 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to criminal  
20 laws, law enforcement, and public safety matters.

21 (10) *The Committee on Economic Development [and Business*  
22 *Attraction and Retention].* The Committee on Economic Development ~~[and~~  
23 ~~Business Attraction and Retention]~~ may consider and report upon bills  
24 and matters referred to it relating to commerce, industrial growth,  
25 expansion, and development.

26 ~~[(18)]~~ (11) *The Committee on Elections and Elected Officials.*  
27 The Committee on Elections and Elected Officials may consider and  
28 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to elections and  
29 election contests involving members of the House and on the  
30 qualifications and terms of elected officials.

31 ~~[(19)]~~ (12) *The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education.*  
32 The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education may consider and  
33 report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to elementary  
34 and secondary education and life-long learning in this state,  
35 including teachers, financing, property, indebtedness, and curriculum.

36 ~~[(20) *The Committee on Emerging Issues.* The Committee on Emerging~~  
37 ~~Issues may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it~~  
38 ~~relating to general or miscellaneous issues as determined by the~~  
39 ~~Speaker of the House.~~

40 ~~———(21) *The Committee on Emerging Issues in Education.* The~~  
41 ~~Committee on Emerging Issues in Education may consider matters~~  
42 ~~referred to it relating to financing facilities, staff, curriculum and~~  
43 ~~student learning in elementary and secondary education or higher~~  
44 ~~education in this state.~~

45 ~~———(22) *The Committee on Employment Security.* The Committee on~~  
46 ~~Employment Security may consider and report upon bills and matters~~  
47 ~~referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of~~  
48 ~~employment security systems by the Department of Labor and Industrial~~  
49 ~~Relations pursuant to the powers thereto conferred upon by the~~  
50 ~~Missouri constitution and statutes.~~

1 ~~———— (23) The Committee on Energy and the Environment. The~~  
2 ~~Committee on Energy and the Environment may consider and report upon~~  
3 ~~bills and matters referred to it regarding the regulation and~~  
4 ~~administration of state policies by any agency or governmental unit~~  
5 ~~conferred upon by the Missouri constitution or statutes regarding the~~  
6 ~~development and protection of energy and environmental resources.~~

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

16 ~~[(+25)] (14) The Committee on Financial Institutions. The~~  
17 ~~Committee on Financial Institutions may consider and report upon bills~~  
18 ~~and matters referred to it relating to banks, banking, savings and~~  
19 ~~loans, credit unions, and other financial institutions.~~

20 ~~(15) The Committee on Fiscal Review.~~

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

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

42 Any Senate or House bill amended so as to increase net  
43 expenditures or reduce net revenues shall, upon timely motion adopted  
44 by the members, be referred to the Committee on Fiscal Review. Such  
45 motion shall only be timely for a House bill when the sponsor or  
46 handler of the House bill moves that the bill be third read and passed  
47 and before the Speaker restates that motion. The primary sponsor or,  
48 in the case of a Senate bill, the floor handler of a bill referred to  
49 the Committee on Fiscal Review shall be entitled to a hearing on the  
50 bill but such hearing shall be limited to the reception of testimony

1 by the primary sponsor or floor handler, as the case may be, in person  
2 and none other, without leave of the committee chair.

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

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

12 (b) Every conference report for a House bill or a Senate bill,  
13 except appropriations bills, shall be referred to the Committee on  
14 Fiscal Review for its consideration prior to the submission of the  
15 report and any amendments, bill, or substitute the report recommends  
16 for passage by the House.

17 ~~[(26)]~~ (16) The Committee on General Laws. The Committee on  
18 General Laws may consider matters referred to it relating to general  
19 or miscellaneous issues as determined by the Speaker.

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

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

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

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

39 ~~—(30)]~~ (19) The Committee on Higher Education. The Committee on  
40 Higher Education may consider and report upon bills and matters  
41 referred to it related to higher education, including matters relating  
42 to financing, facilities, staff, curriculum, and related matters.

43 ~~[(31)]~~ (20) The Committee on Insurance Policy. The Committee on  
44 Insurance Policy may consider and report upon bills and matters  
45 referred to it relating to insurance, insurance companies, and the  
46 Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional  
47 Registration.

48 (21) The Committee on Judiciary. The Committee on Judiciary may  
49 consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to  
50 the judicial branch of the state and the practices and procedures of



1 the courts of this state, on matters pertaining to civil and  
2 administrative laws and procedures, and on matters relating to the  
3 ethics of public officials.

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

8 [+32+] (23) *The Committee on Pensions.* The Committee on  
9 Pensions may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it  
10 relating to the regulation and administration of state policies  
11 conferred upon any agency or governmental unit pursuant to the  
12 Missouri constitution and statutes of publicly financed or publicly  
13 supported pension systems.

14 [+33+] (24) *The Committee on Professional Registration and*  
15 *Licensing.* The Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing  
16 may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating  
17 to the licensing of professionals in this state.

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

26 ~~[(35) *The Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.*~~  
27 ~~The Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness may consider~~  
28 ~~and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to~~  
29 ~~regulation and administration of state policies conferred upon the~~  
30 ~~Department of Public Safety, the Missouri National Guard, or any~~  
31 ~~agency or governmental unit pursuant to the Missouri constitution or~~  
32 ~~statutes relating to public safety and emergency preparedness.~~

33 ~~[(36) *The Committee on Small Business.*~~ The Committee on Small  
34 Business may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it  
35 relating to the establishment, growth, development, expansion,  
36 retention, and operations of small businesses in the state.

37 ~~[(37) *The Committee on Telecommunications.*~~ The Committee on  
38 Telecommunications may consider and report upon bills and matters  
39 referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of state  
40 policies by the Public Service Commission or any agency or  
41 governmental unit thereto conferred upon by the Missouri constitution  
42 or statutes regarding the operation, transmission, or distribution of  
43 telecommunication technology services.

44 ~~[(38) *The Committee on Trade and Tourism.*~~ The Committee on  
45 Trade and Tourism may consider and report upon bills and matters  
46 referred to it relating to the regulation and administration of state  
47 policies by the Department of Economic Development or any agency or  
48 governmental unit thereto conferred upon by the Missouri constitution  
49 or statutes regarding the development and promotion of trade  
50 relations, retention, and expansion of national and international

1 ~~marketplaces, travel, tourism, recreation, the arts, and cultural~~  
2 ~~affairs.~~

3 ~~—(39)]~~ (25) The Committees on Rules.

4 (a) There shall be a Committee on Rules - Administrative  
5 Oversight and a Committee on Rules - Legislative Oversight. Each  
6 Committee on Rules shall have the same duties and shall consider and  
7 report upon all matters referred to it by any of its regular standing  
8 committees. The Speaker may assign special standing committees to  
9 either Committee on Rules.

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

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

27 (d) Duties generally.

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

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

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

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

42 b. If a bill is automatically referred to a Committee on Rules  
43 with a recommendation that it "Do Pass - Federal Mandate", the  
44 committee shall review the bill for the purpose of determining whether  
45 it should have federal mandate status. The committee may decide, by a  
46 majority of those present, whether to place the bill on the  
47 appropriate federal mandate calendar. If the committee declines to  
48 place the bill on the appropriate federal mandate calendar, it may  
49 consider whether to report the bill to the House with a "Do Pass"  
50 recommendation without federal mandate status. The authority of the

1 committee with respect to limiting debate shall apply to bills  
2 reported by it as "Do Pass - Federal Mandate".

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

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

19 e. If a committee has reported a bill "Do Pass" with committee  
20 amendments, a Committee on Rules shall take such action as it deems  
21 proper on the entire package of the bill with committee amendments as  
22 though the committee amendments were already incorporated into the  
23 bill.

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

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

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

46 ~~[(41)]~~ (28) The Committee on Veterans. The Committee on  
47 Veterans may consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it  
48 relating to terrorism and security against terrorism~~[+]~~ , veterans  
49 affairs ~~[and]~~ , the promotion and strengthening of states' rights, and  
50 military and naval affairs of the State.



1 ~~it by a regular standing committee. Such consideration may be limited~~  
2 ~~to a presentation of the bill and any amendments thereto, if~~  
3 ~~necessary, to the select standing committee by its sponsor, or the~~  
4 ~~House handler in the event of a Senate bill, or the chair of the~~  
5 ~~regular standing committee from which it was automatically referred.~~  
6 ~~Upon consideration, the select standing committee shall be authorized~~  
7 ~~to:~~

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

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

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

15 ~~—— (d) Report the bill or resolution as a "House Committee~~  
16 ~~Substitute — Do Pass" or "House Committee Substitute — without~~  
17 ~~recommendation" to the Speaker.~~

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

21 ~~—— (2) *The Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.* The Select~~  
22 ~~Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consider and report on all~~  
23 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
24 ~~Agriculture Policy and the Regular Standing Committee on Conservation~~  
25 ~~and Natural Resources.~~

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

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

41 ~~—— (b) *Other duties.* The Committee may consider and report upon~~  
42 ~~any bill or resolution referred to it which, in the opinion of the~~  
43 ~~Speaker, merits special consideration. The Committee may also~~  
44 ~~consider and report upon bills and matters referred to it relating to~~  
45 ~~the reorganization, consolidation, and abolition of boards, bureaus,~~  
46 ~~commissions, and other offices and buildings of the state, including~~  
47 ~~the Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction, the~~  
48 ~~capitol grounds, and the state and legislative library. The~~  
49 ~~Committee is empowered to study and investigate the efficiency and~~  
50 ~~economy of all branches of government including the possible existence~~

1 of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement,  
2 incompetence, corruption, waste, conflicts of interest, and the  
3 improper expenditure of government funds in transactions, contracts,  
4 and activities of government or government officials and employees.  
5 The Committee is authorized to hold hearings, sit and act at any time  
6 or place within the state of Missouri during the recess and  
7 adjournment periods of the House, administer oaths, and take  
8 testimony, either orally or by sworn written statement. If the  
9 Committee, after hearing, and upon findings incorporated in a report,  
10 deems that a particular activity, bureau, agency, committee,  
11 commission, department, or any other entity of state government should  
12 be discontinued, it shall report such finding to the House for further  
13 action by the House. The Committee shall also consider and report  
14 upon bills and matters referred to it relating to the efficiency of  
15 government in the state.

16 ~~—— (4) *The Select Standing Committee on Commerce.* The Select~~  
17 ~~Standing Committee on Commerce shall consider and report on all~~  
18 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Economic~~  
19 ~~Development and Business Attraction and Retention, the Regular~~  
20 ~~Standing Committee on Trade and Tourism, and the Regular Standing~~  
21 ~~Committee on Small Business.~~

22 ~~—— (5) *The Select Standing Committee on Education.* The Select~~  
23 ~~Standing Committee on Education shall consider and report on all~~  
24 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Elementary~~  
25 ~~and Secondary Education, the Regular Standing Committee on Higher~~  
26 ~~Education, and the Regular Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in~~  
27 ~~Education.~~

28 ~~—— (6) *The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation.* The~~  
29 ~~Select Standing Committee on Finance and Taxation shall consider and~~  
30 ~~report on all matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee~~  
31 ~~on Banking, the Regular Standing Committee on Ways and Means, and the~~  
32 ~~Regular Standing Committee on Pensions.~~

33 ~~—— (7) *The Select Standing Committee on General Laws.* The Select~~  
34 ~~Standing Committee on General Laws shall consider and report on all~~  
35 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
36 ~~Professional Registration, the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
37 ~~Government Efficiency, and the Regular Standing Committee on Emerging~~  
38 ~~Issues.~~

39 ~~—— (8) *The Select Standing Committee on Insurance.* The Select~~  
40 ~~Standing Committee on Insurance shall consider and report on all~~  
41 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Health~~  
42 ~~Insurance and the Regular Standing Committee on Property, Casualty,~~  
43 ~~and Life Insurance.~~

44 ~~—— (9) *The Select Standing Committee on Judiciary.* The Select~~  
45 ~~Standing Committee on Judiciary shall consider and report on all~~  
46 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on Civil and~~  
47 ~~Criminal Proceedings, the Regular Standing Committee on Corrections,~~  
48 ~~and the Regular Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs.~~

49 ~~—— (10) *The Select Standing Committee on Labor and Industrial*~~  
50 ~~*Relations.* The Select Standing Committee on Labor and Industrial~~

1 ~~Relations shall consider and report on all matters referred to it by~~  
2 ~~the Regular Standing Committee on Workforce Standards and Development~~  
3 ~~and the Regular Standing Committee on Employment Security.~~

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

5 ~~—— (a) *Duties generally.* The Select Standing Committee on Rules~~  
6 ~~shall formulate and present for consideration the rules of the House~~  
7 ~~and shall consider and report upon all propositions to amend or change~~  
8 ~~the rules, which propositions shall stand referred without reading or~~  
9 ~~consideration and without discussion, explanation, or debate to the~~  
10 ~~Select Standing Committee on Rules.~~

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

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

33 ~~—— (d) *Review of bills.*~~

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

36 ~~—— a. Automatically by virtue of consent status from a regular~~  
37 ~~standing committee.~~

38 ~~—— b. By direct referral from the Speaker if the legislation is a~~  
39 ~~resolution.~~

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

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

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

50 ~~—— 3. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a~~

1 ~~resolution upon direct referral from the Speaker, the Committee shall~~  
2 ~~use the powers given to it under Rule 27(1) to act upon the~~  
3 ~~resolution.~~

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

20 ~~5. If the Select Standing Committee on Rules has received a bill~~  
21 ~~from any special standing committee required to report to the~~  
22 ~~Committee, the Committee shall use the powers given to it under Rule~~  
23 ~~27(1) to act upon the bill.~~

24 ~~(12) The Select Standing Committee on Social Services. The~~  
25 ~~Select Standing Committee on Social Services shall consider and report~~  
26 ~~on all matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
27 ~~Health and Mental Health Policy, the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
28 ~~Children and Families, and the Regular Standing Committee on Veterans.~~

29 ~~(13) The Select Standing Committee on State and Local Government.~~  
30 ~~The Select Standing Committee on State and Local Government shall~~  
31 ~~consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Regular~~  
32 ~~Standing Committee on Elections, the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
33 ~~Local Government, the Regular Standing Committee on Public Safety and~~  
34 ~~Emergency Preparedness, and the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
35 ~~Transportation.~~

36 ~~(14) The Select Standing Committee on Utilities. The Select~~  
37 ~~Standing Committee on Utilities shall consider and report on all~~  
38 ~~matters referred to it by the Regular Standing Committee on~~  
39 ~~Telecommunications, the Regular Standing Committee on Energy and the~~  
40 ~~Environment, and the Regular Standing Committee on Utility~~  
41 ~~Infrastructure.]~~

#### 42 Subcommittees

43 Rule 25. (1) Establishment and Membership. The Speaker, or the  
44 chair of any regular or special standing committee with the advice and  
45 consent of the Speaker, may establish a subcommittee of a regular or  
46 special standing committee. A subcommittee shall consist of no more  
47 than one-half of the number of members of its regular or special  
48 standing committee. Members of the subcommittee shall be appointed by



1 the chair of the regular or special standing committee with the advice  
2 and consent of the Speaker, except the minority members of the  
3 subcommittee shall be appointed by the ranking minority member of the  
4 regular or special standing committee with the advice and consent of  
5 the Minority Floor Leader. The membership of all subcommittees shall  
6 be composed, as nearly as may be, of majority and minority party  
7 members in the same proportion as the number of majority and minority  
8 party members in the House bears to the total membership of the House.  
9 When establishing a subcommittee, the Speaker or chair of the regular  
10 or special standing committee shall designate a member of the  
11 subcommittee as chair and may designate another member as vice chair.

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

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

34 Duties of Committee Chair; Committee Organization

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

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

1 prior to the next regular session.

2 ~~[(e)]~~ (3) *Duty to preserve order.* The chair, while the  
3 committee is in session, shall preserve order and decorum in and  
4 adjacent to the committee room and shall conduct all hearings in  
5 accordance with the Rules of the House including the provisions that  
6 relate to decorum, debate, and dress code. The chair may punish  
7 breaches of order and decorum by censure and exclusion from the  
8 hearings.

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

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

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

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

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

25 A majority of the members appointed to the committee is required to  
26 sustain any motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider shall be a  
27 recorded vote.

## 28 Committee Hearings

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

## 37 Quorum

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

## 41 Meetings - How Announced

42 Rule ~~[31.]~~ 29. Announcement of all meetings of committees shall  
43 include a statement of all matters to be considered at the meeting,

1 shall include the bill or resolution numbers to be considered and  
2 shall be entered in the Journal prior to the day on which the meeting  
3 is to take place. Such journal entry shall reflect the date, time,  
4 and location of the meeting.

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

16 Committees shall comply with the requirements of the statutes  
17 pertaining to open meetings.

#### 18 Committee Substitutes

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

#### 29 House Committee Bills

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

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

45 (3) Upon motion, the committee is authorized to report that the  
46 draft House Committee Bill be introduced. After being read a first

1 and second time, the House Committee Bill shall stand automatically  
2 referred to its Committee on Rules.

3 (4) The Committee on Rules is hereby authorized to report the  
4 bill "Do Pass" to the House or send the bill back to the originating  
5 committee in its original form. If a Committee on Rules sends the  
6 bill back to the originating committee, that committee may amend the  
7 bill and report the bill again without the need to reconsider the  
8 initial vote. In reviewing bills automatically referred to it from  
9 another committee, a Committee on Rules may conduct a hearing and take  
10 such testimony as it deems appropriate to make its decisions. Upon  
11 the written request of any member of the House, a Committee on Rules  
12 shall conduct a hearing on any House Committee Bill in its possession.  
13 The Committee on Rules shall not amend any House Committee Bill.

#### 14 Other Duties

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

#### 23 Attendance

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

#### 32 Minority Views

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

#### 36 Committee Relieved of Bill - When

37 Rule ~~[36.]~~ 35. No bill shall be taken away from any regular standing  
38 committee~~[7]~~ or special standing committee~~[7, or select standing~~  
39 ~~committee of the House]~~, as provided by the Constitution, until after  
40 ten legislative days have expired after referral to the committee by  
41 the Speaker. Pursuant to the Constitution, one-third of the members

1 of the House shall have the power to relieve a committee of any bill.  
2 Such power may be exercised by filing a petition to that effect with  
3 the Chief Clerk [~~of the House~~]. Upon receipt of such petition  
4 containing the signatures of at least fifty-five members, the Chief  
5 Clerk shall publish such petition in the Journal and place the  
6 discharged bill upon the regular calendar of House Bills taken from  
7 Committee, as provided by the Constitution.

#### 8 Election Contest

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

#### 18 Ethics Committee

#### 19 Complaints of Ethical Misconduct

20 Rule [~~38.~~] 37. [~~(a)~~] (1) The Speaker shall appoint a Committee on  
21 Ethics and name the committee's chair. The Minority Floor Leader  
22 shall name the committee's vice chair and minority members. The  
23 committee shall have an equal number of members of the majority and  
24 minority party.

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

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

41 [~~(d)~~] (4) Upon receipt of a complaint, in writing and under  
42 oath, of ethical misconduct by a member of the House made by another  
43 member, the Speaker shall refer the same, within ten days, without  
44 discussion, to the Committee on Ethics. The complaint shall be  
45 confidential. The Committee shall examine the sufficiency of the

1 complaint and proceed to conduct an investigation as provided in the  
2 Committee's Rules of Procedure, if a majority of the Committee  
3 appointed so votes upon a roll call. When a motion to proceed to  
4 conduct an investigation fails on a recorded vote, the complaint shall  
5 be immediately dismissed.

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

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

19 BILLS

20 Referral

21 Rule 38. The Speaker shall refer all bills and resolutions to a  
22 committee. The Speaker may re-refer any bill or resolution previously  
23 referred to a committee prior to a public hearing being held on the  
24 bill.

25 Introduced - Manner of Setting Forth New and Old Material

26 Rule 39. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) *When.* Bills may be introduced only on the report  
27 of a committee or by any member of the House, in the administrative or  
28 regular order of business. No member shall file a bill, other than an  
29 appropriation bill, after March ~~[(45)]~~ 1, without leave of the House.  
30 No committee shall introduce upon report any House Committee Bill  
31 after April 1.

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

40 "EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets in the  
41 above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law.  
42 Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language."  
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44 Where a section is completely rewritten, the existing section  
45 shall be set forth in small type in bold-faced brackets in a note  
following the new section but the changes need not be distinguished.

1 Any House bill or substitute thereof which does not comply with this  
2 rule shall not be placed upon the calendar.

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

6 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) *Withdrawal.* Any bill may be withdrawn by the sponsor  
7 before the bill has been referred to any regular, select, or special  
8 standing committee.

9 Number of Copies Printed

10 Rule 40. The Chief Clerk shall print such number of copies of all  
11 House Bills and House Joint Resolutions as he or she shall deem  
12 appropriate.

13 Federal Mandate Calendar

14 Rule 41. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) When a federal mandate bill is reported from the  
15 appropriate committee with recommendation that it "Do Pass" or  
16 "Without Recommendation", it shall go upon the calendar of the House.

17 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) No bill shall be placed on the Federal Mandate  
18 Calendars unless it is federally mandated, immediate in nature, and  
19 reduces revenues or savings if not enacted. A federal mandate bill  
20 may only contain subject matter concerning the federal mandate. A  
21 member wishing for his or her bill to be considered for placement on  
22 the Federal Mandate Calendar shall request in writing to the chair of  
23 the committee where such bill has been referred. The written request  
24 shall state the deadline by which the state must comply with the  
25 federal mandate and what will happen if the state fails to take action  
26 by such date. A copy for each committee member of the federal statute  
27 or regulation mandating such action shall accompany the request.  
28 After the committee has voted "Do Pass" on a bill with such a request,  
29 it shall take a second recorded vote on whether ~~[or not]~~ to recommend  
30 that it be placed on the Federal Mandate Calendar. If said bill is  
31 reported "Do Pass" by a regular standing committee with a  
32 recommendation that same be placed on the Federal Mandate Calendar,  
33 ~~[and the appropriate select standing committee concurs therein,]~~ the  
34 chair of the ~~[appropriate select standing]~~ committee shall submit to  
35 the Speaker a copy of the original written request, along with a copy  
36 of the federal statute or regulation mandating State action. If the  
37 Speaker concurs with the ~~[committees]~~ committee that the bill complies  
38 with the requirements of this rule, he or she shall advise the Chief  
39 Clerk to place same on the Federal Mandate Calendar. If the Speaker  
40 does not concur, he or she may place the bill on the Perfection  
41 Calendar. Each bill placed upon the Federal Mandate Calendars shall  
42 have attached thereto a copy of the federal statute or regulation that  
43 mandates the bill, along with a copy of the request to place the bill  
44 on the Federal Mandate Calendar and shall be distributed to all  
45 members at least twenty-four hours prior to consideration by the  
46 entire House.

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Revision Bills

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

Motion To Place On Calendar

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

Timing of Placement on Calendar

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

Bills Laid Over Informally

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

To Appear In Order

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

Ten Day Rule

Rule 47. If a bill laid over informally is not taken up for further consideration within ten legislative days after being laid over, it



1 shall lie on the table and be dropped from the calendar of the House  
2 without further action of the House.

### 3 Consent Calendar

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

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

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

48 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) Procedure on Senate Bills. Senate Bills passed out of

1 the appropriate House regular standing committee and the [~~Select~~  
2 ~~Standing~~] Committee on [~~Rules~~] Consent and House Procedure with the  
3 request that the bill be placed on the Senate Bills for Third Reading  
4 and Final Passage - Consent Calendar are subject to the five member  
5 objection provision of this rule.

6 [~~(e)~~] (5) Deadline for Placing Senate Consent Bills on the  
7 Calendar. No Senate consent bills shall be placed on the consent  
8 calendar after April 15.

9 [~~(f)~~] (6) Amendments. House bills may be considered for consent  
10 after they are amended in committee but may not be amended on the  
11 floor of the House.

12 Senate consent bills may be amended in committee but not on the  
13 floor of the House unless the Senate Rules allow amendment of House  
14 consent bills on the floor of the Senate, in which case Senate consent  
15 bills may be amended on the floor of the House. House committee  
16 amendments to Senate consent bills shall be deemed adopted on the  
17 fifth legislative day.

#### 18 AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTES

19 Rule 49. [~~(a)~~] (1) In Writing and Distributed in Advance. Proposed  
20 amendments [~~must~~] shall be reduced to writing. Every amendment shall  
21 be distributed in advance of the time the bill is initially taken up  
22 for consideration. An amendment shall be considered to have been  
23 distributed if it has been either transmitted electronically and made  
24 available on each member's chamber laptop computer and a copy in paper  
25 form placed on the desk of the Majority Floor Leader and Minority  
26 Floor Leader or placed on the members' desks in paper form, except for  
27 the desk of any member who has waived receipt of amendments. The  
28 sponsor of an amendment that has been distributed may make technical  
29 corrections at the time the amendment is offered or under  
30 consideration. Any technical corrections shall be read in full by the  
31 clerk. Technical corrections shall be subject to a point of order  
32 that they are not truly technical in nature. The sponsor of an  
33 amendment shall not otherwise amend his or her own amendment. Every  
34 proposed amendment to the amendment and substitute amendment may be  
35 offered after the time a bill is initially taken up for consideration  
36 but shall be distributed prior to the offeror being recognized for a  
37 motion on such amendment.

38 [~~(b)~~] (2) What Amendments and Substitute Amendments are in  
39 Order. When a bill, motion, or proposition is under consideration, a  
40 motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in  
41 order, and it also shall be in order to offer a further amendment by  
42 way of substitute for the original motion to amend, to which one  
43 amendment may be offered. It shall not be in order to offer a  
44 substitute amendment to an amendment to an amendment. When an  
45 amendment is offered, a substitute for that amendment is offered, and  
46 an amendment to the substitute is offered, it shall not be in order to  
47 offer a substitute for the amendment to the substitute. Any proposed  
48 amendment in the third degree shall be out of order. Any motion to

1 adopt an amendment may be withdrawn by the sponsor before decision  
2 thereon. Once a bill has been amended, it shall be in the possession  
3 of the House. If a proposed amendment has been defeated, the same  
4 amendment shall not be proposed again. An amendment identical to one  
5 previously decided on the same bill is not in order, except for  
6 amendments to appropriations bills.

7 ~~[(e)]~~ (3) *Committee Substitutes Treated as Original.* A House  
8 Committee Substitute shall be considered as an original bill for  
9 purposes of amendment.

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

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

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

32 ~~[(2-)]~~ (b) If a member's decreasing amendment is adopted and the  
33 same member's increasing amendment is defeated, the decreasing  
34 amendment's adoption is void.

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

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

45 ~~[(5-)]~~ (e) Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, neither  
46 substitute amendments nor amendments to amendments shall be in order  
47 for any appropriations bill other than technical corrections under  
48 Rule ~~[(49(a))] 49(1).~~

49 Committee Substitute Printed

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

### 13 Order of Amendments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 39 Amendments Incorporated In Bill

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

1 who shall assure that the bill is truly perfected and the printed  
2 copies furnished to the members are correct.

### 3 4 Emergency Clauses

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

## 10 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

### 11 Ayes and Noes Taken

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

### 19 Repassage

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

### 26 Majority to Perfect

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

### 29 Amending After Perfection; Perfecting Amendments

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

### 36 Motion for Passage

37 Rule [~~57.~~] 58. When the Chief Clerk presents a bill as truly  
38 perfected and printed, it shall go upon the calendar to be agreed to

1 and passed. When the bill is taken up in its order, the question shall  
2 then be: "Shall the bill be third read and passed?". It shall require  
3 a constitutional majority to sustain the question.

#### 4 Course After Passage

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

#### 8 Perfecting Amendments on Bills Returned From the Senate

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

#### 18 Conference Reports

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

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

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

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

1 RESOLUTIONS

2 Joint and Concurrent Resolutions

3 Rule ~~[61.]~~ 62. All joint and concurrent resolutions designed to  
4 submit to the qualified voters of the state amendments to the  
5 Constitution of the State of Missouri, to be voted upon by such  
6 voters, shall be read on three separate days, and shall be reported  
7 upon by the committee of the House, and shall otherwise be proceeded  
8 upon in like manner as a bill.

9  
10 ~~[Joint and Concurrent]~~ Resolutions of Congress

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

19 Reference of Resolutions, etc. Stand Referred

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

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

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

42 SENATE BILLS

43 Referral

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

3 Go Upon The Calendar

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

15 Senate Bills Reported "Do Not Pass"

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

26 Amendments

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

31 BILLS NOT TO BE PASSED ON PREVIOUS ROLL CALL

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

35 MOTIONS, DEBATE, and FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

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

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



1 When In Possession of the House

2 Rule ~~[70.]~~ 71. When a motion is stated by the Speaker, it shall be  
3 deemed to be in possession of the House. The motion may be withdrawn  
4 by the author at any time before a decision ~~[or amendment]~~.

5 To Be Reduced to Writing

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

8 ~~[Must]~~ Shall Be Germane

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

11 Privileged

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

18 Dilatory

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

22 Privileged Motions In Order - When

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

27 Previous Question

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

1 as if the motion had not been made.

2 Not Debatable

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

7 Division of Questions

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

21 Indefinite Postponement

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

24 Question Laid on the Table - How Taken Up

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

28 Motion to Recommit to Committee

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

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

37 Rule ~~[82.]~~ 83. When a motion that a bill be perfected and printed, or  
38 that a bill be agreed to, read a third time, and placed upon its

1 passage fails, or when any other question is decided by the House, any  
2 member voting on the prevailing side may move to reconsider the vote,  
3 provided that the motion to reconsider is made within three  
4 legislative days after the day on which the vote was taken.

#### 5 Procedure for Motion to Reconsider

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

#### 17 ~~[DECORUM AND DEBATE]~~

#### 18 On Speaking

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

#### 30 Appeals

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

#### 35 Member to Rise or Seek Recognition

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

1 Member May Speak - How Often

2 Rule ~~[87.]~~ 88. No member shall speak more than twice on the same  
3 question without leave of the House, nor more than once until all  
4 other members desiring to speak have spoken. Except when reporting a  
5 bill or resolution from a committee, no member may speak or inquire  
6 for more than fifteen minutes unless by unanimous consent of the  
7 House. When the question is to third read and pass a House Bill or  
8 House Joint Resolution, no member may speak or inquire for more than  
9 ten minutes unless by unanimous consent of the House. When the  
10 question is to third read and pass a House Consent Bill or a Senate  
11 Consent Bill, the floor handler of the bill and the ranking committee  
12 member from the party not the same as the bill handler~~[7]~~ shall not  
13 speak or inquire for more than ten minutes. Other members shall not  
14 speak or inquire for more than five minutes on such bills. The  
15 provisions of this rule shall not take precedence over any limitations  
16 set pursuant to Rule ~~[27(11)]~~ 24(25).

17 No Member Shall Name Another Member in Debate

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

20 Members Not to Use Profanity

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

23 Members Not to Walk Across House - When

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

31  
32 Order of Questions

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

37 CONSTITUTIONAL MAJORITY AND QUORUM

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

## Voting

1  
2 Rule ~~[92.]~~ 94. ~~[(a)]~~ (1) Every member shall be present within the  
3 hall of the House during its sittings, unless excused or necessarily  
4 prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless he or she has a  
5 direct personal or pecuniary interest in such question. No member  
6 shall be recorded as voting when he or she was not present when the  
7 vote was taken. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit a member from  
8 voting "Present" on a question, and such vote shall be recorded in the  
9 Journal. In the case of equal division, the question shall be lost.  
10 In the event that a member's vote ~~[+]~~ or absence ~~[+]~~ is incorrectly  
11 recorded in the Journal, he or she shall file with the Chief Clerk an  
12 affidavit stating that he or she was in the chamber at the time the  
13 vote was taken, that he or she did in fact vote, that the vote ~~[+]~~ or  
14 absence ~~[+]~~ was incorrectly recorded, and the correct vote that should  
15 have been recorded. In addition to any other penalty provided by rule  
16 or law, the filing of a false affidavit shall subject that member to  
17 censure by the House.

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

## 23 Verification of the Roll

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

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

## 30 Demand for Verification

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

## 37 Bell to Signal Recorded Vote

38 Rule ~~[95.]~~ 97. At a reasonable time prior to the beginning of calling  
39 the ayes and noes on any question, a bell notifying the members of a  
40 roll call shall be sounded. After the votes are registered, the  
41 absentees shall be noted and upon demand of any member, another bell

1 signifying that a call of absentees is being taken shall be sounded  
2 and a reasonable time shall be allowed after the sounding of the bell  
3 before the voting is closed.

#### 4 Roll Call Votes

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

#### 18 Dress Code

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

#### 25 Eating, Smoking, Distracting Activities

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

#### 33 Sexual Harassment Complaints

34 Rule 101. In any instance of a complaint of sexual harassment made  
35 either by or against a member, the Chief Clerk of the House shall  
36 contract with outside legal counsel for the purpose of investigating  
37 the complaint. All complaints shall be kept confidential. The Chief  
38 Clerk shall ensure the complaint and any results of an investigation  
39 shall be referred within fourteen days of receipt of the complaint to  
40 the chair and ranking minority party member of the Committee on  
41 Ethics.



1 Interim Committees

2 Rule [~~103.~~] 106. All regular or special standing committees named  
3 during the first regular session of a General Assembly may meet to  
4 consider bills or perform any other necessary legislative function  
5 during the interim between the session ending on the thirtieth day of  
6 May and the session commencing on the first Wednesday after the first  
7 Monday of January; except the Speaker may appoint a subcommittee, made  
8 up of members of the regular or special standing committee, to act in  
9 place of the regular or special standing committee during the interim.  
10 The Speaker may appoint special interim committees to consider bills  
11 or perform other necessary legislative duties. Members of each of the  
12 committees, or any subcommittee thereof, shall be reimbursed for their  
13 necessary and actual expenses incurred while attending meetings of the  
14 committee or subcommittee, if approved by the Speaker.

15 CALL OF THE HOUSE

16 Names of Absentees to Be Called

17 Rule [~~104.~~] 107. A call of the House may be made at any time on  
18 motion seconded by ten members and sustained by a majority of those  
19 present; (names of members may be called orally or by electronic roll  
20 call) and under a call of the House a majority of those present may  
21 send for and compel the attendance of absent members; and a majority  
22 of all the members present shall be a sufficient number to adjourn.

23 Absent Members May Be Sent For

24 Rule [~~105.~~] 108. Upon the call of the House, the names of those  
25 members present shall be recorded and the absentees noted, and those  
26 whose names do not appear may be sent for and taken into custody  
27 wherever found by the Sergeant-at-Arms or special messenger appointed.

28 Prohibited While Voting In Progress

29 Rule [~~106.~~] 109. No call of the House shall be made after the Speaker  
30 has directed the clerk to open the electronic voting device to record  
31 the names of the members and until the vote be announced.

32 Majority Not Under Arrest May Censure And Fine Delinquent Members

33 Rule [~~107.~~] 110. The majority of those present, not under arrest, may  
34 make an order for the censure or fine of delinquent members and  
35 prescribe the terms under which they shall be discharged.

36 Release from Custody

37 Rule [~~108.~~] 111. When a member shall have been discharged from  
38 custody and admitted to his or her seat, the House shall decide



1 whether such discharge shall be with or without fees; and, in like  
2 manner, whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by a special  
3 messenger shall defray the expense of such special messenger.

#### 4 COMMITTEE OF WHOLE HOUSE

##### 5 When Permitted

6 Rule [~~109.~~] 112. On motion, the House may resolve itself into a  
7 Committee of the Whole House for consideration of any business which  
8 may properly come before it.

##### 9 Chair Appointed by Speaker

10 Rule [~~110.~~] 113. In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the  
11 Speaker shall leave his or her chair, and a chair preside in the  
12 Committee, who shall be appointed by the Speaker.

##### 13 Procedure upon Bills

14 Rule [~~111.~~] 114. Upon a bill being committed to a Committee of the  
15 Whole House, the same shall be [~~first~~] read [~~at length by the Clerk,~~  
16 ~~and then again read~~] and debated by clauses or sections, as determined  
17 by the committee, leaving the preamble to be last considered. After  
18 report, the bill shall again be subject to debate and [~~amended by~~  
19 ~~clauses, as before~~] amendment before being perfected and printed.

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

21 Rule [~~112.~~] 115. All amendments made to an original motion in  
22 Committee of the Whole House shall be incorporated with the motion and  
23 so reported.

##### 24 Amendments Shall Be Noted

25 Rule [~~113.~~] 116. All amendments made to reports, resolutions, or  
26 other matters committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall be  
27 noted and reported, as in case of bills.

##### 28 Rules of Proceedings

29 Rule [~~114.~~] 117. Rules and proceedings of the House shall be observed  
30 in Committee of the Whole House, as far as they are applicable, except  
31 that limiting the number of times of speaking.

##### 32 Quorum

33 Rule [~~115.~~] 118. A majority of the members elected shall be a quorum  
34 to do business, and if, at any time, a sufficient number shall not be  
35 present in Committee of the Whole House, and the Committee shall

1 arise, and the Speaker shall resume the chair and the chair report the  
2 cause of the rising of the Whole Committee.

3       VETO AND WITHHOLD OVERRIDE PROCEDURES

4 Rule 119. Veto Procedures. Any bill, or item or portion of an item  
5 in an appropriations bill, vetoed by the Governor and returned to the  
6 House by the Governor or received from the Senate shall stand as  
7 reconsidered and such action shall be taken as prescribed by the  
8 Constitution and the rules contained herein. Upon receipt, the  
9 message containing the Governor's actions may be read and shall be  
10 entered into the Journal. Consideration of a vetoed bill, or item or  
11 portion of an item in an appropriations bill, shall be in order at any  
12 time during sessions of the House. Consideration of a vetoed bill, or  
13 item or portion of an item in an appropriations bill, shall have  
14 priority of business and shall have precedence over and may supersede  
15 the order of business, but shall not interrupt a calling of the roll.

16 Rule 120. Withhold Override Procedures. (1) Any appropriation for  
17 which the rate of expenditure of allotments is not equal quarterly  
18 allotments, the sum of which shall be equal to the amount of the  
19 appropriation, shall stand as reconsidered with respect to such  
20 allotments and such action shall be taken as prescribed by the  
21 Constitution and the rules contained herein. Upon receipt, any  
22 proclamation issued by the Governor relating to such allotments may be  
23 read and shall be entered into the Journal. Reconsideration of the  
24 allotments of any appropriation shall be in order at any time during  
25 sessions of the House. Reconsideration of the allotments of any  
26 appropriation shall have priority of business and shall have  
27 precedence over and may supersede the order of business, but shall not  
28 interrupt a calling of the roll.

29       (2) Any appropriation for which the Governor reduces the  
30 expenditures of the state or any of its agencies below their  
31 appropriations shall stand as reconsidered with respect to such  
32 reductions and such action shall be taken as prescribed by the  
33 Constitution and the rules contained herein. Upon receipt, any  
34 proclamation issued by the Governor relating to such reductions may be  
35 read and shall be entered into the Journal. Reconsideration of the  
36 reduction of any appropriation shall be in order at any time during  
37 sessions of the House. Reconsideration of the reduction of any  
38 appropriation shall have priority of business and shall have  
39 precedence over and may supersede the order of business, but shall not  
40 interrupt a calling of the roll.

41       ADMISSION TO HALL

42       Definitions

43 Rule ~~[116.]~~ 121. The space between the granite columns shall be known  
44 as the floor of the House and the space beyond the granite columns on

1 either side shall be known as the lower gallery, and the space on the  
2 upper floor of the House shall be known as the upper gallery.

3 Admission to House Floor

4 Rule [~~117.~~] 122. No person shall be admitted to the floor of the  
5 House or the House East Gallery other than the officers and members of  
6 the House and the staffs of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem, Majority and  
7 Minority Floor Leaders, Assistant Majority and Minority Floor Leaders,  
8 Majority and Minority Whips, and Chair of the Budget Committee and, at  
9 the request of the Speaker, technical support staff needed to maintain  
10 data processing equipment and other equipment. Other persons may be  
11 admitted to the floor and East Gallery with the consent of the House.  
12 For the purposes of this rule, the Chief Clerk's staff, the Assistant  
13 Chief Clerk, any doormen, sergeant-at-arms and House Photographer are  
14 considered officers of the House. Guests may upon written request,  
15 submitted five days in advance and with the consent of the Speaker,  
16 address the House from the dais at the beginning or adjournment of a  
17 daily legislative session or any recess thereof.

18 Admission to Lower Gallery

19 Rule [~~118.~~] 123. No person shall be admitted to the lower gallery of  
20 the House except members of the General Assembly, spouses of members,  
21 employees of the General Assembly, Joint Committee staff, the  
22 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the State  
23 Auditor, the State Treasurer, the State Attorney General, Judges of  
24 the Supreme Court, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Courts of  
25 Appeal or Circuit Courts, Members of Congress, the Governor's Chief of  
26 Staff and former members of the General Assembly who are not  
27 registered lobbyists or who do not lobby for an individual or  
28 organization, and physically disabled persons. No official or other  
29 person, except current members of the General Assembly, otherwise  
30 allowed to enter the lower gallery by this rule shall engage in any  
31 activity supporting or opposing any bill or resolution before the  
32 House from the lower gallery. Other persons may be admitted to the  
33 gallery by the Speaker upon special request of any Representative when  
34 the House is in session. Members of the press may enter the lower  
35 galleries while the House is in session for the purpose of  
36 interviewing members of the House.

37 Admission to Upper Gallery

38 Rule [~~119.~~] 124. The gallery at the front of the chamber above the  
39 Speaker's dais shall be reserved for members of the Missouri Capitol  
40 News Association holding valid credentials issued by the Speaker and  
41 any other member of the press issued credentials by the Speaker. All  
42 other upper galleries shall be open to the public.

43 RULES



1 Introduced By: (Sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. # \_\_\_\_\_

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4 house computer or the house WEB Portal ([home.house.mo.gov](http://home.house.mo.gov)). Please call the office of the  
5 Assistant Chief Clerk at (573) 751-4503 if you have questions.