
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 11 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, ROTHMAN, GREINER, ECKER, MILLARD, TOOHL,
KEEFER, SANKEY, GREGORY AND JAMES, JANUARY 11, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 11, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives,
2 further providing for order of business; providing for
3 special order of business; and further providing for House
4 and concurrent resolutions.

5 RESOLVED, That the Permanent Rules of the House of
6 Representatives (2019-2020) be adopted as the Permanent Rules of
7 the House of Representatives for the 2021-2022 session of the
8 House of Representatives with the following amendments to the
9 heading and Rules 17 and 35 and adding Rule 17(a):

10 [2019-2020] 2021-2022

11 GENERAL OPERATING RULES

12 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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14 RULE 17

15 Order of Business

16 The daily order of business shall be:

- 17 (1) Prayer.
18 (2) Pledge of Allegiance.
19 (3) Correction and approval of the Journal.

1 (4) Leaves of absence.
2 (5) Master Roll Call.
3 (6) Reports of Committee.
4 (7) First consideration bills.
5 (8) Second consideration bills.
6 (9) Third consideration bills, final passage bills
7 (including both third consideration and final passage postponed
8 bills) and resolutions.

9 (10) Final passage bills recalled from the Governor.

10 (11) Messages from the Senate and communications from the
11 Governor.

12 (12) Reference to appropriate committees of bills,
13 resolutions, petitions, memorials, remonstrances and other
14 papers.

15 (13) Unfinished business on the Speaker's table.

16 (14) Announcements.

17 (15) Floor speeches by members, including speeches by
18 members to congratulate individuals or organizations on
19 achievements or urge awareness on a public issue.

20 [(15)] (16) Adjournment.

21 Any question may, by a majority vote of the members elected,
22 be made a special order of business. When the time arrives for
23 its consideration, the Speaker shall lay the special order of
24 business before the House.

25 In lieu of offering House Resolutions on topics of importance
26 to members, any member, without unanimous consent, may address
27 the House on such issue and have his or her remarks entered into
28 the record during a special period of time established each week
29 by the Speaker at the conclusion of House business on a specific
30 day.

1 appropriate committees. No House resolution shall be deemed
2 noncontroversial if an indictment is returned or a charge is
3 filed before a court of record against the prime sponsor of the
4 resolution, and the gravamen of the indictment or charge is
5 directly related to his or her conduct as a member or is one
6 which would render the member ineligible to the General Assembly
7 under section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of
8 Pennsylvania. If, during the same legislative term, the
9 indictment or charge is quashed, dismissed or withdrawn, or the
10 court finds that the member is not guilty of the offense
11 alleged, the member may be the prime sponsor of subsequently
12 introduced House resolutions deemed noncontroversial as provided
13 in this rule.

14 House resolutions deemed noncontroversial[, including, but
15 not limited to,] shall be limited to only condolence [and
16 congratulatory] resolutions for current or former members of the
17 House of Representatives or a line of duty fatality of a
18 firefighter, police officer, EMT, fire police officer or member
19 of the armed services[,] and shall be considered under the
20 proper order of business on the same day as introduced or within
21 two legislative days thereafter without being referred to
22 committee. The Speaker, in consultation with the Majority Leader
23 and the Minority Leader, shall place noncontroversial
24 resolutions[, except condolence or congratulatory resolutions,]
25 on an uncontested resolution calendar. Resolutions on the
26 uncontested calendar may be voted by a single roll-call vote.
27 Each resolution listed on the uncontested resolution calendar
28 shall be printed separately in the journal with the vote
29 recorded on the approval of the uncontested calendar as the vote
30 on final passage of each resolution contained therein.

1 No House resolution other than a concurrent or joint
2 resolution shall be considered by the House if the resolution
3 does any of the following:

4 (1) Recognizes or designates a calendar day which is not a
5 Federal or State holiday.

6 (2) Urges action on a public issue without any binding
7 action associated with the passage of the resolution.

8 (3) Congratulates any organization or an individual on an
9 achievement.

10 (4) Lacks a clear and specific legislative purpose.

11 The Speaker shall report to the House the committees to which
12 resolutions have been referred, either on the day introduced or
13 received or the next two legislative days the House is in
14 session.

15 A resolution introduced in the House and referred to
16 committee shall be printed and placed in the House files.

17 When a resolution (House or Senate) is reported from
18 committee, it shall be placed on the calendar and may be called
19 up by a member for consideration by the House under the order of
20 business of resolutions. A House resolution other than a
21 concurrent or joint resolution shall be adopted by a majority of
22 the members voting.