

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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No. 22

Special Session No. 1 of
2023-2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for the Operating Rules for Special Session No. 1
2 (2023) on Providing Justice to Otherwise Barred Victims of
3 Childhood Sexual Abuse.

4 RESOLVED, That the business of the House of Representatives
5 during Special Session No. 1 (2023) be confined to the subject
6 contained in the Governor's Proclamation of a Special and
7 Extraordinary Session issued January 6, 2023; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the following be adopted as the Operating
9 Rules of the House of Representatives for Special Session No. 1
10 (2023) on Providing Justice to Otherwise Barred Victims of
11 Childhood Sexual Abuse:

12 2023-2024

13 OPERATING RULES FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON PROVIDING JUSTICE TO
14 OTHERWISE BARRED VICTIMS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE (SPECIAL
15 SESSION No. 1)

16 The following words and phrases when used in the Operating
17 Rules for the Special Session on Providing Justice to Otherwise
18 Barred Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse shall have the meanings
19 given to them in this section unless the context clearly

1 indicates otherwise:

2 "Bill" shall mean a bill or joint resolution providing
3 justice to otherwise barred victims of childhood sexual abuse.

4 "Committee" shall mean the Committee to Provide Justice to
5 Otherwise Barred Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse.

6 "Day" shall mean any calendar day.

7 "Floor of the House" shall be that area within the Hall of
8 the House between the Speaker's rostrum and the brass rail
9 behind the Members' seats.

10 "Formal Action" shall mean any vote or motion of a member of
11 the Committee to report or not report, amend, consider or table
12 a bill or resolution and the discussion and debate thereof.

13 "Hall of the House" shall be the floor space within its four
14 walls and does not include the adjoining conference rooms, the
15 lobbies or the upper gallery of the House.

16 "Legislative Day" shall mean any day that the House shall be
17 in session.

18 "Officers of the House" shall mean the Chief Clerk, the
19 Comptroller and the Parliamentarian of the House of
20 Representatives.

21 "Press Gallery" shall be within that area known as the Hall
22 of the House as designated by the Speaker.

23 "Roll Call Vote" shall be a vote taken and displayed by and
24 on the electric roll call board or in the event of a malfunction
25 of the electric roll call board, by such method as shall be
26 determined by the Speaker.

27 "Session" shall mean when the House of Representatives is
28 sitting in Special Session.

29 "Special Session" shall mean Special Session No. 1 (2023) on
30 Providing Justice to Otherwise Barred Victims of Childhood

1 Sexual Abuse.

2 "Special Session Rules" shall mean the Operating Rules for
3 Special Session.

4 RULE 1

5 Speaker Presiding

6 The Speaker shall preside over the Special Session of the
7 House. The Speaker may name a member to preside, but the
8 substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. The Speaker
9 may appoint a member as Speaker pro tempore to act in the
10 Speaker's absence for a period not exceeding ten consecutive
11 legislative days.

12 RULE 1 (a)

13 (Reserved)

14 RULE 2

15 Taking the Chair

16 The Speaker shall take the Chair and call the members to
17 order on every legislative day at the hour to which the House
18 adjourned at the last sitting of the House in Special Session.
19 On the appearance of a quorum, the Speaker shall proceed to the
20 regular order of business as prescribed by the Special Session
21 Rules and the limited scope of the Governor's Proclamation of a
22 Special and Extraordinary Session issued January 6, 2023.

23 RULE 3

24 Order and Decorum

25 The Speaker or Presiding Officer shall preserve order and
26 decorum. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the
27 galleries or lobbies, the Speaker shall have the power order the
28 same to be cleared.

29 The Speaker or Presiding Officer shall have the right to
30 summon Legislative Security Officers to enforce in the

1 preservation of order and decorum, and if needed, to summon the
2 Capitol and State Police to assist.

3 The Sergeant-at-Arms and Legislative Security Officers under
4 the direction of the Speaker or the Presiding Officer shall,
5 while the House is in session, maintain order on the floor and
6 its adjoining rooms and shall enforce the rule with respect to
7 the conduct of members, staff and visitors.

8 RULE 4

9 Questions of Order

10 The Speaker shall decide all questions of order subject to an
11 appeal by two members. The decision of the Speaker shall stand
12 as the decision of the House unless so appealed and overturned
13 by a majority of the members elected to the House. The Speaker
14 may, in the first instance, submit the question to the House.
15 Questions involving the constitutionality of any matters shall
16 be decided by the House. On questions of order there shall be no
17 debate except on an appeal from the decision of the Speaker or
18 on reference of a question to the House. In either case, no
19 member shall speak more than once except by leave of the House.
20 Unless germane to the appeal, a second point of order is not in
21 order while an appeal is pending; but, when the appeal is
22 disposed of, a second point of order is in order and is subject
23 to appeal.

24 RULE 5

25 Conference Committee Appointments

26 All Committees of Conference shall be appointed by the
27 Speaker and shall be composed of three members, with no more
28 than two being from the same political party.

29 RULE 6

30 Signature of the Speaker

1 The Speaker shall, in the presence of the House, sign all
2 bills and joint resolutions passed by the General Assembly after
3 their titles have been publicly read immediately before signing,
4 and the fact of signing shall be entered on the Journal.

5 Resolutions, addresses, orders, writs, warrants and subpoenas
6 issued by order of the House shall be signed by the Speaker and
7 attested by the Chief Clerk.

8 RULE 7

9 (Reserved)

10 RULE 8

11 Supervision of Hall of the House and Committee Rooms

12 Subject to the direction of the Speaker, the Chief Clerk
13 shall have supervision and control over the Hall of the House,
14 the caucus rooms and the committee rooms.

15 In accordance with the act of January 10, 1968 (1967 P.L.925,
16 No.417), referred to as the Legislative Officers and Employes
17 Law, the Bipartisan Management Committee shall develop rules or
18 regulations for the assignment, allocation and use of all other
19 rooms assigned to the House in the East Wing and Main Capitol.

20 During the sessions of the Legislature, the Hall of the House
21 shall not be used for public or private business other than
22 legislative matters except by consent of the House. During
23 periods of recess of the House such use may be authorized by the
24 Speaker without the consent of the House.

25 RULE 9

26 Decorum

27 While the Speaker is putting a question or addressing the
28 House and during debate or voting, no member shall disturb
29 another by talking or walking up and down or crossing the floor
30 of the House.

1 subject before the House.

2 RULE 12

3 Personal Privilege

4 Any member may by leave of the Speaker rise and explain a
5 matter personal to the member, but the member shall not discuss
6 a pending question in the explanation. Questions of personal
7 privilege shall be limited to questions affecting the rights,
8 reputation and conduct of members of the House in their
9 respective capacity.

10 RULE 13

11 Transgression of House Rules

12 If any member in speaking or otherwise transgresses the
13 Special Session Rules, the Speaker or any member through the
14 Speaker shall call the member to order, in which case the member
15 shall immediately sit down unless permitted by the House to
16 explain.

17 The House upon appeal shall decide the case without debate.
18 If the decision is in favor of the member, the member may
19 proceed. If the case requires it, the member shall be liable to
20 censure or other punishment as the House deems proper.

21 RULE 14

22 Members' and Employees' Expenses

23 A member who attends a duly called meeting of the Committee
24 of which he or she is a member when the House is not in session
25 or who is summoned to the State Capitol or elsewhere by the
26 Speaker, or either of the Leaders of the House, to perform
27 legislative services when the House is not in session shall be
28 reimbursed per day for each day of service, plus mileage to and
29 from the member's residence, at such rates as are established
30 from time to time, but not in excess of the applicable maximum

1 mileage rate authorized by the Federal Government. For travel to
2 any location for committee meetings or for travel to the State
3 Capitol for any reason, members cannot receive reimbursement in
4 excess of the applicable maximum per diem rate authorized by the
5 Federal Government. These expenses shall be paid by the Chief
6 Clerk from appropriation accounts under the Chief Clerk's
7 exclusive control and jurisdiction, upon a written request
8 approved by the Speaker of the House or either of the Leaders of
9 the House.

10 An employee of the House summoned by the Speaker or either of
11 the Leaders of the House to perform legislative services outside
12 of Harrisburg shall be reimbursed for actual expenses and
13 mileage to and from the employee's residence. Such expenses may
14 be paid by the Speaker or the Leaders, if they agree to do so,
15 or shall be paid by the Chief Clerk from appropriation accounts
16 under the Chief Clerk's exclusive control and jurisdiction upon
17 a written request approved by the Speaker or the Leaders.
18 District office employees are only permitted to be reimbursed
19 from an account under the control of the Chief Clerk when
20 traveling to Harrisburg for a training program sponsored by
21 either caucus or for travel to a legislative conference approved
22 by the Speaker or a Leader.

23 All other travel by district office employees may be
24 reimbursed from the member's accountable expenses or an account
25 under the control of the Speaker, or either of the Leaders.

26 Members and employees traveling outside the Commonwealth of
27 Pennsylvania who receive any reimbursement for expenses or
28 travel which reimbursement is from public funds shall file with
29 the Chief Clerk a statement containing his or her name and the
30 name, place, date and the purpose of the function.

1 Money appropriated specifically to and allocated under a
2 specific symbol number for allowable expenses of members of the
3 House of Representatives shall be reimbursed to each member upon
4 submission of vouchers and any required documentation by each
5 member on forms prepared by the Chief Clerk of the House. No
6 reimbursement shall be made from this account where a member is
7 directly reimbursed for the same purpose from any other
8 appropriation account.

9 Such allowable expenses of members may be used for any
10 legislative purpose or function, including, but not limited to,
11 the following:

12 (1) Travel expense on legislative business.

13 (a) Mileage on session or nonsession days at a rate as may
14 be approved from time to time, but not in excess of the maximum
15 mileage rate authorized by the Federal Government for travel;
16 voucher only.

17 (b) Miscellaneous transportation on legislative business
18 (taxi, airport limousine parking, tolls), and expenses of a
19 similar nature; voucher only for any single expense not in
20 excess of \$10.

21 (c) Travel on legislative business by common carrier other
22 than taxi and airport limousine; voucher and receipt from common
23 carrier.

24 (d) Car rental; voucher and receipt from rental agency but
25 reimbursement not to exceed in any month an amount as may be
26 approved from time to time. Any amount in excess of the said
27 amount shall be paid by the person renting the car. In no event
28 shall other than American manufactured cars be rented.

29 (e) Lodging, restaurant charges and other miscellaneous and
30 incidental expenses while away from home. Vouchers only for per

1 diem allowance approved from time to time, but not in excess of
2 the applicable maximum per diem rate authorized by the Federal
3 Government or for actual expenses not in excess of such per diem
4 rate.

5 (2) Administrative, clerical and professional services for
6 legislative business, except for employment of spouses or any
7 relatives, by blood or marriage.

8 (a) Administrative and clerical services; voucher and
9 receipt from person employed.

10 (b) Professional services; voucher and receipt and copy of
11 agreement or contract of employment.

12 (3) Rent for legislative office space; purchase of office
13 supplies; postage; telephone and answering services; printing
14 services and rental only of office equipment; voucher and
15 vendor's receipt, except for postage expense.

16 (4) Official entertainment—restaurant and beverage charges;
17 voucher only for expenses. Receipts for entertainment expenses,
18 together with a statement of the reason for the expense, shall
19 be submitted with the request for reimbursement.

20 (5) Purchase of flags, plaques, publications, photographic
21 services, books and other similar items in connection with
22 legislative activities; voucher and vendor's receipt.

23 (6) Communications and donations in extending
24 congratulations or sympathy of illness or death; voucher only on
25 expenses not in excess of \$35.

26 No money appropriated for members' and employees' expenses
27 shall be used for contributions to political parties or their
28 affiliated organizations.

29 No money appropriated for members' and employees' expenses
30 shall be used for contributions to charitable organizations or

1 for charitable advertisements. This paragraph shall not prevent
2 a de minimis use of legislative resources, in connection with
3 legislative activities, to benefit a bona fide charitable
4 organization that serves a member's district.

5 All disbursements made, debts incurred or advancements paid
6 from any appropriation account made to the House or to a member
7 or nonmember officer under a General Appropriation Act or any
8 other appropriation act shall be recorded in a monthly report
9 and filed with the Chief Clerk by the person authorized to make
10 such disbursement, incur any debt or receive any advancement on
11 a form prescribed by the Chief Clerk.

12 The Chief Clerk shall prescribe the form of all such reports
13 and make such forms available to those persons required to file
14 such reports. Such report form shall include:

15 (1) As to personnel:

16 (a) The name, home address, job title, brief description of
17 duties and where they are performed, department or member or
18 members to whom assigned, the name of immediate supervisor and
19 minimum hours of employment per week of each employee.

20 (b) The appropriation account from which such employee is
21 compensated, the amount of compensation and whether such person
22 is on salary, per diem or contract.

23 (2) As to all other expenditures:

24 (a) To whom it was paid, the amount thereof, and the nature
25 of the goods, services or other purpose for which the
26 expenditure was made.

27 (b) The appropriation account from which the expenditure was
28 made and the name or names of the person or persons requesting
29 and/or authorizing the same.

30 The reporting requirements as to personnel may be fulfilled

1 by the maintenance in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the House
2 of an alphabetized file containing the current information for
3 each employee as set forth above.

4 All monthly reports filed on disbursements made or debts
5 incurred by any officer or member or employee from
6 appropriations made to the House or to a member or nonmember
7 officer under any General Appropriation Act, and the
8 documentation for each disbursement, shall be public information
9 and shall be available in accordance with the act of February
10 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

11 All vouchers and requisitions relating to all expenditures,
12 expenses, disbursements and other obligations out of all
13 appropriated funds of the House, and the documentation
14 evidencing payment of the vouchers and requisitions, shall be
15 available in accordance with the Right-to-Know Law.

16 All requests for reimbursement out of any appropriation shall
17 be accompanied by a voucher, or other documents where required,
18 evidencing payment or approval. All requests for reimbursement
19 out of any appropriation payable to a member, nonmember officer
20 or employee shall be void if not submitted within 90 days of the
21 date that the otherwise allowable expense is incurred for any
22 and all otherwise allowable expenses, including without
23 limitation, per diem, mileage and actual expenses incurred. Any
24 such void request for reimbursement may not be paid except
25 pursuant to a motion to suspend this rule for good cause
26 specific to the voided request for reimbursement. In no event
27 shall any payment or reimbursement be made for any otherwise
28 allowable expense incurred on or before March 12, 2007. The
29 voucher form shall be approved and supplied by the Chief Clerk.
30 Receipts or documentation of every expenditure or disbursement

1 which is in excess of the maximum amount as set forth herein
2 shall be attached to the voucher. Where a request for payment is
3 made in advance of an expense actually incurred, the Chief Clerk
4 before making such advance payment shall require a description
5 satisfactory to the Chief Clerk of the item or service to be
6 purchased or the expense to be incurred, and a receipt or other
7 documentation shall be given to the Chief Clerk after the item
8 or service has been purchased or expense incurred as evidence
9 that such advancement was in fact expended for such purpose.

10 All reports, vouchers and receipts from which reports are
11 prepared and filed shall be retained by the Chief Clerk, officer
12 or member, as the case may be, for such period of time as may be
13 necessary to enable the Legislative Audit Advisory Commission
14 created pursuant to the act of June 30, 1970 (P.L.442, No.151),
15 entitled "An act implementing the provisions of Article VIII,
16 section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by designating
17 the Commonwealth officers who shall be charged with the function
18 of auditing the financial transactions after the occurrence
19 thereof of the Legislative and Judicial branches of the
20 government of the Commonwealth, establishing a Legislative Audit
21 Advisory Commission, and imposing certain powers and duties on
22 such commission," to conduct, through certified public
23 accountants appointed by it, annual audits to assure that such
24 disbursements made or debts incurred were in accordance with
25 Legislative Audit Advisory Commission guidelines and standards
26 as approved or for a minimum of three years, whichever is
27 longer. All annual audit reports shall be available for public
28 inspection. Photocopies of such reports shall be available for a
29 fee established by the Chief Clerk not to exceed the cost of
30 duplication.

1 RULE 14 (a)

2 (Reserved)

3 RULE 14 (b)

4 Electronic Availability of Reports

5 In addition to the other methods of availability under Rule
6 14, all expense reports existing in electronic form shall be
7 provided electronically by the Chief Clerk upon request.

8 RULE 15

9 Time of Meeting

10 The House shall convene on the first legislative day of the
11 week at 12:00 noon prevailing time, unless otherwise ordered by
12 a roll call vote of the majority of those elected to the House.

13 On other days the House shall convene at the discretion of
14 the House. No session of the House may begin before 8:00 A.M.
15 nor may any roll call votes be taken after 11:00 P.M. unless
16 exigent circumstances exist, as determined by an affirmative
17 vote of three-fourths of the members elected to the House, by a
18 roll call vote on a motion to extend session. A motion to extend
19 session may be made to extend session generally or to conclude
20 business on a specific question or questions. If a motion to
21 extend session is made prior to 10:15 P.M. and a roll call vote
22 has not been ordered, the arrival of 10:45 P.M. shall put an end
23 to all debate and shall bring the House to an immediate roll
24 call vote on the question to extend session.

25 Nothing in this rule shall prevent the House from conducting
26 administrative matters, including the making of announcements
27 regarding the House schedule for the benefit of members or in
28 order to comply with 65 Pa.C.S. § 709 (relating to public
29 notice) after 11:00 P.M. Upon the Speaker's determination that
30 all administrative matters are concluded, the Speaker shall

1 adjourn the House.

2 RULE 16

3 Quorum

4 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, but a
5 smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the
6 attendance of absent members. (Constitution, Article II, Section
7 10).

8 When less than a quorum vote on any question, the Speaker
9 shall forthwith order the doors of the House closed and the
10 names of the members present shall be recorded. If it is
11 ascertained a quorum is present, either by answering to their
12 names or by their presence in the House, the Speaker shall again
13 order the yeas and nays. If any member present refuses to vote,
14 refusal shall be deemed a contempt. Unless purged, the House may
15 order the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove the member or members
16 without the bar of the House. All privileges of membership shall
17 be refused the member or members so offending until the contempt
18 is purged.

19 RULE 17

20 Order of Business

21 The daily order of business shall be:

- 22 (1) Prayer.
- 23 (2) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 24 (3) Correction and approval of the Journal.
- 25 (4) Leaves of absence.
- 26 (5) Master Roll Call.
- 27 (6) Reports of Committee.
- 28 (7) First consideration bills.
- 29 (8) Second consideration bills.
- 30 (9) Third consideration bills, final passage bills

1 (including both third consideration and final passage postponed
2 bills) and resolutions.

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

4 (11) Messages from the Senate and communications from the
5 Governor.

6 (12) Reference to appropriate committees of bills,
7 resolutions, petitions, memorials, remonstrances and other
8 papers.

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

10 (14) Announcements.

11 (15) Adjournment.

12 Any question may, by a majority vote of the members elected,
13 be made a special order of business. When the time arrives for
14 its consideration, the Speaker shall lay the special order of
15 business before the House.

16 RULE 18

17 Introduction and Printing of Bills

18 Bills shall be introduced in quadruplicate, signed and dated
19 by each member who is a sponsor of the bill, and filed with the
20 Chief Clerk on any day that the offices of the House of
21 Representatives are open for business. A sponsor may be added or
22 withdrawn, but in the case of withdrawals, the names shall be
23 withdrawn if and when the bill is reprinted.

24 Bills introduced when received at the Chief Clerk's desk
25 shall be numbered consecutively and delivered to the Speaker,
26 who shall refer each bill to the Committee on any day whether or
27 not the House is in session. The Speaker shall report to the
28 House the bills referred to the Committee, either on the day
29 introduced or received or on the next two legislative days the
30 House is in session, unless the House is in recess for more than

1 four consecutive days in which case the Speaker shall provide a
2 list to both Leaders, within two calendar days, of all bills
3 which were referred during such period when the House was not in
4 session.

5 If the Speaker neglects or refuses to refer to the Committee
6 any bill or bills (whether House or Senate) as above after
7 introduction or presentation by the Senate for concurrence, any
8 member may move for the reference of the bill to the Committee.

9 If the motion is carried, said bill or bills shall be
10 immediately surrendered by the Speaker to the Committee.

11 The first copy of each bill introduced shall be for the
12 Committee, the second copy shall be for the printer, the third
13 copy shall be for the news media and the fourth copy shall be
14 for the Legislative Reference Bureau.

15 Every bill, after introduction and reference to the
16 Committee, shall be printed and shall also be posted on the
17 Internet with the hyperlink to the web page for the members of
18 the House of Representatives.

19 Bills may not be withdrawn after reference to the Committee.

20 RULE 19

21 Bills Referred to Committees

22 No bill shall be considered unless referred to the Committee,
23 printed for the use of the members and returned therefrom.

24 (Constitution, Article III, Section 2).

25 RULE 19(a)

26 Fiscal Notes

27 The Committee shall prepare a fiscal note for a bill or
28 amendment to a bill considered by the Committee or the House
29 which may require an expenditure of Commonwealth funds or funds
30 of any political subdivision or which may entail a loss of

1 revenues overall, or to any separately established fund.

2 The fiscal note shall accompany the bill and provide all of
3 the following information in connection with the Commonwealth
4 and its political subdivisions:

5 (a) The designation of the fund out of which the
6 appropriation providing for expenditures under the bill shall be
7 made.

8 (b) The probable cost of the bill for the fiscal year of its
9 enactment.

10 (c) A projected cost estimate of the program for each of the
11 five succeeding fiscal years.

12 (d) The fiscal history of the program for which expenditures
13 are to be made.

14 (e) The probable loss of revenue from the bill for the
15 fiscal year of its enactment.

16 (f) A projected loss of revenue estimate from the bill for
17 each of the five succeeding fiscal years.

18 (g) The line item, if any, of the General Fund, special fund
19 or other account out of which expenditures or losses of
20 Commonwealth funds shall occur as a result of the bill.

21 (h) The recommendation, if any, of the Committee and the
22 reasons therefor relative to the passage or defeat of the bill.

23 (i) A reference to the source of the data from which the
24 foregoing fiscal information was obtained, and an explanation of
25 the basis upon which it is computed.

26 RULE 19(b)

27 (Reserved)

28 RULE 20

29 Bills Confined to One Subject

30 No bill shall be passed containing more than one subject,

1 which shall be clearly expressed in its title, except a general
2 appropriation bill or a bill codifying or compiling the law or a
3 part thereof. (Constitution, Article III, Section 3).

4 RULE 21

5 Consideration of Bills

6 (a) Every bill and every joint resolution shall be
7 considered on three different days. All amendments made thereto
8 shall be printed for the use of the members before the final
9 vote is taken thereon, and before the final vote is taken, upon
10 written request addressed to the presiding officer by at least
11 25% of the members elected to the House, any bill shall be read
12 at length. No bill shall become law and no joint resolution
13 adopted unless, on its final passage, the vote is taken by yeas
14 and nays, the names of the persons voting for and against it are
15 entered on the Journal, and a majority of the members elected to
16 the House is recorded thereon as voting in its favor.
17 (Constitution, Article III, Section 4).

18 (b) Members shall be notified of bills and resolutions
19 scheduled to be voted no later than prior to the close of
20 business at 4:30 P.M. the second legislative day prior to the
21 date of second consideration for legislation that has no legal
22 deadline. (The General Appropriation Act and non-preferred bills
23 are included within the definition of legislation that has no
24 legal deadline.) Except as provided in subsection (d), all
25 amendments shall be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk
26 by 1:00 P.M. of the last legislative day preceding the scheduled
27 date for second consideration. Members shall be notified of
28 bills scheduled to be voted on third consideration. A change in
29 the printer's number as a result of third consideration shall
30 not require an additional notice of final passage. No vote on

1 final passage can occur before the date of the scheduled vote.

2 (c) If the amendment cannot be submitted in accordance with
3 the above subsection because it is still being prepared by the
4 Legislative Reference Bureau, the member must provide the Office
5 of the Chief Clerk with a statement, by the above-noted 1:00
6 P.M. deadline, prepared by the member containing the factual
7 content of said amendment along with certification from the
8 Legislative Reference Bureau that the amendment was submitted to
9 the Legislative Reference Bureau for drafting prior to the
10 above-noted 1:00 P.M. deadline. The Legislative Reference Bureau
11 may not issue a certificate for an amendment to a bill as
12 amended by another amendment unless the requesting member can
13 identify by number the underlying amendment.

14 (d) In cases where an amendment alters a bill so as to
15 effectively rule out of order an amendment which was timely
16 filed pursuant to the provisions of this rule, a replacement
17 amendment may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk
18 provided that the subject matter of the replacement amendment is
19 not substantially different from the intent of the original
20 amendment. The replacement amendment shall be deemed to have met
21 the timely filed conditions provided for in this rule. The
22 member shall notify the Speaker of the member's intent to file a
23 replacement amendment and shall file a certificate with the
24 Office of the Chief Clerk. The bill in question may continue to
25 receive consideration but shall not be moved to third
26 consideration until the replacement amendment is available for a
27 vote. If consideration of the bill is delayed to a new
28 legislative day due solely to delay in receipt of replacement
29 amendments, then only amendments timely filed for the date of
30 the originally scheduled vote and replacement amendments shall

1 be considered. This limitation on amendments shall not apply to
2 the bill in question if consideration of the bill is rescheduled
3 beyond the new legislative day.

4 (e) A bill may not receive action on concurrence until at
5 least three hours have elapsed from the time the bill and its
6 amendatory language was available to the public, unless the
7 amendment was a technical amendment as described under the first
8 paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
9 members elected to the House indicates they have had sufficient
10 time to review the language and thereby approve proceeding with
11 the bill. A brief description of every bill on concurrence shall
12 be given prior to a vote. Additionally, members shall be
13 notified and conference committee reports shall be available to
14 members at least three hours prior to the adoption of all
15 conference committee reports. When these reports are considered
16 on the first legislative day of the week, said notice shall be
17 provided no later than the close of business on the last
18 business day preceding the vote. Notwithstanding notice
19 provided, members may, by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
20 members elected to the House, indicate that they have had
21 sufficient time to review a conference committee report and that
22 they approve proceeding with a vote.

23 RULE 22

24 First Consideration Bills

25 Bills reported from committees shall be considered for the
26 first time when reported and shall be immediately placed upon
27 the calendar.

28 Bills shall not be considered beyond first consideration
29 until the latest print thereof is on the desks of the members.

30 Amendments shall not be proposed nor is any other motion in

1 order on first consideration.

2 RULE 23

3 Second Consideration Bills

4 Bills on second consideration shall be considered in their
5 calendar order and shall be subject to amendment.

6 No House bill on second consideration shall be considered
7 until called up by a member.

8 RULE 24

9 Third Consideration and Final Passage Bills

10 Bills on third consideration shall be considered in their
11 calendar order and shall be subject to amendment only when an
12 amendment is necessary to make the document internally
13 consistent, to clear up an ambiguity, to correct grammar or to
14 correct a drafting error or is necessary for purposes of
15 statutory construction. An amendment under this paragraph shall
16 not be subject to the filing deadlines under Rule 21. A bill
17 having received consideration by the House on three different
18 days and having been agreed to may be called by the Speaker to
19 receive action on final passage; however, a bill may not receive
20 action on final passage until at least three hours have elapsed
21 from the time the bill and its amendatory language was available
22 to the public, unless the amendment was a technical amendment
23 permitted under the first paragraph of this rule or an
24 affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members elected to the House
25 indicates that they have had sufficient time to review the
26 language of the bill and thereby approve proceeding with the
27 bill. Upon being called to receive action on final passage, the
28 title and a brief description of a bill shall be read. A bill on
29 final passage shall not be subject to amendment, but shall be
30 subject to debate. At the conclusion of debate, the Speaker

1 shall then state the question as follows:

2 "This bill has been considered on three different days and
3 agreed to and is now on final passage. The question is, shall
4 the bill pass finally? Agreeable to the provision of the
5 Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken."

6 When more than one bill shall be called for action on final
7 passage at the same time, prior to voting, the title or a brief
8 analysis of each bill shall be read.

9 The Speaker shall then state the question as follows:

10 "These bills have been considered on three different days and
11 agreed to and are now on final passage. The question is, shall
12 the bills on the uncontested calendar pass finally? Agreeable to
13 the provision of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be
14 taken."

15 RULE 25

16 (Reserved)

17 RULE 26

18 Reconsideration

19 A motion to reconsider the vote by which a bill, resolution
20 or other matter was passed or defeated shall be made in writing
21 and filed by two members. The motion shall be in order only
22 under the order of business in which the vote proposed to be
23 reconsidered occurred and shall be decided on a roll-call vote
24 by a majority vote. No motion to reconsider shall be in order
25 when the bill, resolution or other matter is no longer in the
26 possession of or is not properly before the House.

27 A motion to reconsider any such vote must be filed on the
28 same day on which the initial vote was taken or within the
29 succeeding five days in which the House is in session, provided
30 such bill, resolution or other matter is still in the possession

1 of or is properly before the House.

2 When a motion to reconsider any such vote is filed within the
3 aforesaid time limits, put before the House by the Speaker and
4 decided by the affirmative vote prescribed herein, the question
5 recurs on the bill, resolution or other matter reconsidered.

6 Where a bill, resolution or other matter has been initially
7 defeated and a motion to reconsider is not timely made, then
8 such bill, resolution or other matter shall carry the status of
9 "defeated finally" and not properly before the House. Therefore,
10 it shall not be in order to entertain a motion to reconsider any
11 such vote.

12 Where a timely made motion to reconsider is lost, it shall
13 not be in order to again entertain a motion to reconsider any
14 such vote, even though such second motion to reconsider is
15 timely made.

16 The vote on a bill or resolution recalled from the Governor
17 may be reconsidered at any time after the bill or resolution has
18 been returned to the House.

19 No bill, resolution or other matter may be reconsidered more
20 than twice on the same legislative day.

21 RULE 27

22 Amendments

23 No bill shall be amended so as to change its original purpose
24 (Constitution, Article III, Section 1) or amended so as to go
25 beyond the subject contained in the Governor's Proclamation of a
26 Special and Extraordinary Session issued January 6, 2023.

27 No motion or proposition on a subject different from that
28 under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.
29 Any member may move to amend a bill or resolution, provided the
30 proposed amendment is germane to the subject. Questions

1 involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall
2 be decided by the House.

3 No amendment to an amendment shall be admitted nor
4 considered.

5 The sponsor of an amendment shall explain the amendment prior
6 to consideration by the House.

7 Before consideration, six typewritten copies of a proposed
8 amendment signed by its sponsor shall be submitted to the Office
9 of the Chief Clerk, one copy of which shall be delivered to the
10 news media and a printed copy in typewritten form prepared by
11 the Legislative Reference Bureau shall be placed on the desk of
12 each member if the amendment is not available on the Legislative
13 Data Processing floor system.

14 Amendments adopted or defeated may not be considered again
15 without first reconsidering the vote.

16 RULE 28

17 Bills Amending Existing Law

18 Bills amending existing law shall indicate present language
19 to be omitted by placing it within brackets and new language to
20 be inserted by underscoring. (Constitution, Article III, Section
21 6).

22 RULE 29

23 Form for Printing Amendments

24 In printing amendments to bills and resolutions, all new
25 matter added shall be in CAPITAL LETTERS, and matter to be
26 eliminated shall be indicated by strike-out type.

27 In reprinting House bills previously amended by the House and
28 in reprinting Senate bills previously amended by the Senate, but
29 not in Senate bills previously amended by the House, all matters
30 appearing in strike-out type shall be dropped from the new print

1 and all matter appearing in CAPITAL LETTERS shall be reset in
2 lower case Roman type.

3 RULE 30

4 Bills Amended by the Senate

5 When a bill or joint resolution has been amended by the
6 Senate and returned to the House for concurrence, it shall be
7 referred automatically to the Committee immediately upon the
8 reading of the message from the Senate by the Clerk.

9 The consideration of any bill or joint resolution containing
10 Senate amendments may include amendments by the Committee. The
11 vote on concurring in amendments by the House to bills or joint
12 resolutions amended by the Senate shall not be taken until said
13 bills or joint resolutions have been favorably reported, as
14 committed or as amended, by the Committee.

15 When said bill or joint resolution has been favorably
16 reported by the Committee, either as committed or as amended,
17 said bill or joint resolution shall be placed on the calendar.

18 When acting on bills or joint resolutions amended by the
19 Senate, the bill and the amendments shall be read and the
20 question put on the concurrence in all amendments to the bill
21 since it was last considered by the House.

22 Any two members may object to the report of any bill or joint
23 resolution containing amendments by the Committee. The objection
24 must be raised prior to the bill or joint resolution being put
25 to a roll call vote. The question shall be decided by a majority
26 vote of the members elected to the House. If the House rejects
27 the report of any such bill or joint resolution, the bill or
28 joint resolution shall be automatically returned to the
29 Committee as last passed by the Senate.

30 The House shall not consider any proposed amendment to any

1 amendment made by the Senate to a bill or joint resolution, nor
2 consider any amendment to any amendment made by the Committee.

3 A majority vote of the members elected to the House taken by
4 yeas and nays shall be required to concur in amendments made by
5 the Senate, except for appropriations to charitable and
6 educational institutions not under the absolute control of the
7 Commonwealth, where a vote of two-thirds of all the members
8 elected to the House shall be required to concur. (Constitution,
9 Article III, Sections 5 and 30).

10 Unless the Leaders shall agree otherwise, the offering of an
11 amendment in the Committee shall not be in order until at least
12 one hour after the filing of a copy of the amendment as prepared
13 by the Legislative Reference Bureau with the office of the Chief
14 Clerk. Upon the filing of such an amendment, the Chief Clerk
15 shall immediately time stamp the amendment and forthwith forward
16 a timestamped copy of the amendment to the offices of the
17 Leaders. Except as provided under this paragraph, it shall not
18 be in order to suspend or otherwise waive the requirements of
19 this paragraph.

20 RULE 31

21 Bills Vetoed by the Governor

22 When the Governor has returned a bill to the House with
23 objections, the veto message shall be read and the House shall
24 proceed to reconsider it. (Constitution, Article IV, Section
25 15).

26 RULE 32

27 (Reserved)

28 RULE 33

29 Special Legislation

30 No local or special bill shall be passed by the House unless

1 notice of the intention to apply therefor has been published in
2 the locality where the matter or the thing to be affected may be
3 situated, which notice shall be at least 30 days prior to the
4 introduction into the General Assembly of such bill and in the
5 manner provided by law; the evidence of such notice having been
6 published shall be exhibited in the General Assembly before the
7 act shall be passed. (Constitution, Article III, Section 7).

8 No local or special bill shall be considered in violation of
9 Article III, Section 32, of the Constitution.

10 RULE 34

11 (Reserved)

12 RULE 35

13 House and Concurrent Resolutions

14 Members introducing resolutions other than concurrent
15 resolutions shall file five copies thereof; seven copies of
16 concurrent resolutions shall be filed. All resolutions shall be
17 signed by their sponsors, dated and filed with the Chief Clerk.
18 After being numbered, one copy of all resolutions shall be given
19 to the news media and all other copies delivered to the Speaker.
20 A sponsor may not be added or withdrawn after a resolution has
21 been printed. Resolutions may not be withdrawn after reference
22 to a committee.

23 The Speaker shall refer House resolutions (except discharge
24 resolutions) and Senate resolutions presented to the House for
25 concurrence to the Committee.

26 A House resolution other than a concurrent or joint
27 resolution shall not:

28 (a) recognize or designate a day or other period of time
29 which is not a Federal or Pennsylvania state holiday for any
30 purpose;

1 (b) encourage action on a public issue unless either the
2 resolution has legal force or effect concerning such action or
3 such action would be taken by a public body;

4 (c) congratulate individuals or entities for achievements;
5 or

6 (d) be offered for any non-legislative purpose or function.

7 The Speaker shall report to the House when resolutions have
8 been referred to the Committee, either on the day introduced or
9 received or the next two legislative days the House is in
10 session.

11 A resolution introduced in the House and referred to the
12 Committee shall be printed and placed in the House files. When a
13 resolution (House or Senate) is reported from the Committee, it
14 shall be placed on the calendar and may be called up by a member
15 for consideration by the House under the order of business of
16 resolutions. A House resolution other than a concurrent or joint
17 resolution shall be adopted by a majority of the members voting.

18 RULE 36

19 Privileged Resolutions

20 Resolutions privileged for the immediate consideration of the
21 House are those:

22 (1) Recalling from or returning bills to the Governor.

23 (2) Recalling from or returning bills to the Senate.

24 (3) Originating from the Committee.

25 (4) Providing for a Joint Session of the Senate and House
26 and its procedure.

27 (5) Placing bills negatived by the Committee on the
28 calendar.

29 (6) Adjournment or recess.

30 RULE 37

1 (Reserved)

2 RULE 38

3 (Reserved)

4 RULE 39

5 (Reserved)

6 RULE 40

7 Messages

8 Messages from the Senate and communications from the Governor
9 shall be received and read in the House within one legislative
10 day thereafter.

11 All House and Senate bills shall be delivered to the Senate
12 with appropriate messages no later than the close of the next
13 legislative day of the Senate which follows the fifth
14 legislative day after which the House acted on such bill.

15 All House bills returned by the Senate after final passage
16 therein without amendment, and all conference committee reports
17 on House bills received from the Senate and adopted by the
18 House, shall be signed by the Speaker within one legislative day
19 after receipt or adoption, respectively, and shall be delivered
20 to the Senate before the close of the next legislative day of
21 the Senate.

22 All House bills and all conference committee reports on House
23 bills signed by the Speaker shall be delivered to the Governor
24 within 24 hours after return from the Senate with the signature
25 of the appropriate Senate officer.

26 RULE 41

27 (Reserved)

28 RULE 42

29 (Reserved)

30 RULE 43

1 Committee to Provide Justice to Otherwise Barred Victims of
2 Childhood Sexual Abuse

3 There shall be one committee established, known as the
4 Committee to Provide Justice to Otherwise Barred Victims of
5 Childhood Sexual Abuse whose members shall be appointed by the
6 Speaker under Rule 44.

7 RULE 44

8 Organization of Committee

9 The Committee shall consist of five members, including the
10 Democratic and Republican leaders or their designees, the
11 Democratic and Republican Chairs of the Committee on
12 Appropriations or their designees, and a fifth member appointed
13 by the Speaker who shall serve as chair of the Committee. The
14 Speaker may not be appointed to the Committee.

15 The Speaker shall designate a secretary of the Committee from
16 among the members of the Committee.

17 The membership of the Committee shall first meet upon the
18 call of its chair and perfect its organization. A majority of
19 the members to which the Committee is entitled shall constitute
20 a quorum for it to proceed to business. The Committee shall have
21 the power to promulgate rules not inconsistent with these rules
22 which may be necessary for the orderly conduct of its business.

23 RULE 45

24 Powers and Duties of Committee

25 The chair of the Committee shall schedule meetings for the
26 transaction of business before the Committee. The chair of the
27 Committee shall notify all members, at least 24 hours in advance
28 of the date, time and place of regular meetings, and, insofar as
29 possible, the subjects on the agenda. In addition to regular
30 meetings, special meetings may be called from time to time by

1 the chair of the Committee as they deem necessary. No recess or
2 combination of recesses shall exceed 48 hours for any committee
3 meeting. The Committee may not meet during any session of the
4 House without first obtaining permission of the Speaker. During
5 any such meeting, no vote shall be taken on the Floor of the
6 House on any amendment, recommittal motion, final passage of any
7 bill, or any other matter requiring a roll call vote. Any
8 committee meeting called off the Floor of the House shall meet
9 in a committee room. In addition to the specific provisions of
10 this rule, all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open
11 meetings) relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.
12 At a scheduled meeting, or upon the call of the chair, the
13 membership of the Committee shall meet to consider any bill,
14 resolution, or other matter on the agenda. The secretary of the
15 Committee shall record:

16 (1) the minutes of the meeting;

17 (2) all votes taken;

18 (3) a roll or attendance of members at the committee meeting
19 showing the names of those present, absent or excused from
20 attendance, and the chair shall verify by signature all votes
21 taken and the roll or attendance of those members present,
22 absent or excused before said records are submitted to the Chief
23 Clerk; and

24 (4) dispatch of bills and resolutions before the Committee.

25 Such records shall be open to public inspection. On the first
26 legislative day of each week the House is in session, the chair
27 of the Committee shall submit to the Chief Clerk for inclusion
28 in the House Journal only, the roll or record of attendance of
29 members at the committee meetings held prior thereto and not yet
30 reported, along with the record of all votes taken at such

1 meetings. All reports from the Committee shall be prepared in
2 writing by the secretary of the Committee. Members of the
3 Committee may prepare in writing and file a minority report,
4 setting forth the reasons for their dissent. Such committee
5 reports shall be filed with the Chief Clerk within five days of
6 the meeting. All meetings at which formal action is taken by the
7 Committee shall be open to the public, making such reports as
8 are required under this rule.

9 Whenever the chair of the Committee shall refuse to call a
10 regular meeting, then a majority of the members of the Committee
11 may vote to call a meeting by giving two days written notice to
12 the Speaker of the House, setting the time and place for such
13 meeting. Such notice shall be read in the House and the same
14 posted by the Chief Clerk in the House Chamber. Thereafter, the
15 meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in the
16 notice. In addition, all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7
17 (relating to open meetings) relative to notice of meetings shall
18 be complied with.

19 Records, bills and other papers in the possession of the
20 Committee upon final adjournment of the House shall be filed
21 with the Chief Clerk.

22 No committee report shall be recognized by the House, unless
23 the same has been acted upon by a majority vote of the members
24 of the Committee present at a committee session actually
25 assembled and meeting as a committee, provided such majority
26 vote numbers at least three members, and provided further a
27 quorum is present.

28 When the majority of the members of the Committee believe
29 that a certain bill or resolution in the possession of the
30 Committee should be considered and acted upon by the Committee,

1 they may request the chair to include the same as part of the
2 business of a committee meeting. Upon failure of the chair to
3 comply with such request, the membership may require that such
4 bill be considered by written motion made and approved by a
5 majority vote of the entire membership to which the Committee is
6 entitled.

7 RULE 45 (a)

8 (Reserved)

9 RULE 46

10 (Reserved)

11 RULE 47

12 Status of Members Indicted or Convicted of a Crime

13 When an indictment is returned or a charge is filed before a
14 court of record against a member of the House, and the gravamen
15 of the indictment or charge is directly related to the member's
16 conduct as a committee chair or in a position of leadership or
17 is one which would render the member ineligible to the General
18 Assembly under section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of
19 Pennsylvania, the member shall be relieved of committee chair
20 status or leadership position until the indictment or charge is
21 disposed of, but the member shall otherwise continue to function
22 as a Representative, including voting, and shall continue to be
23 paid.

24 If, during the same legislative term, the indictment or
25 charge is quashed, dismissed or withdrawn, or the court finds
26 that the member is not guilty of the offense alleged, the member
27 shall immediately be restored to committee chair status or the
28 leadership position retroactively from which he or she was
29 suspended.

30 Upon a finding or verdict of guilt by a judge or jury, plea

1 or admission of guilt or plea of nolo contendere of a member of
2 the House of a crime, the gravamen of which relates to the
3 member's conduct as a Representative or which would render the
4 member ineligible to the General Assembly under section 7 of
5 Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the
6 Parliamentarian of the House shall prepare a resolution of
7 expulsion under the sponsorship of the Speaker or the Leaders.
8 The resolution shall be printed and placed on the calendar for
9 the next day of House session.

10 Upon a finding or verdict of guilt by a judge or jury, plea
11 or admission of guilt or plea of nolo contendere of a member of
12 the House of embezzlement of public moneys, bribery or perjury,
13 and upon imposition of sentence, the member shall no longer be
14 eligible to serve in the General Assembly.

15 RULE 48

16 Conference Committee

17 All Committees of Conference shall be appointed by the
18 Speaker and shall be composed of three members, no more than two
19 coming from the same political party.

20 The conferees shall confine themselves to the differences
21 which exist between the House and Senate.

22 The presentation of reports of Committees of Conference shall
23 be in order after having been signed by a majority of members of
24 the Committee of Conference of each House.

25 Consideration of a report of a Committee of Conference by the
26 House shall be in order when it has been printed, placed on the
27 desks of the members and listed on the calendar.

28 RULE 49

29 Committee Action

30 Whenever a bill, resolution or other matter has been referred

1 by the Speaker of the House to the Committee, the Committee
2 shall have full power and control over such bill, resolution or
3 other matter, except that the Committee shall not change the
4 subject of the bill nor any amendments adopted by the House. The
5 recommendations by the committee that a bill or resolution be
6 reported negatively shall not affect its consideration by the
7 House. The words "negative recommendation" shall be printed
8 conspicuously on a line above the title of this bill. After a
9 bill is reported out of the Committee, all committee votes taken
10 with respect to the bill shall be posted on the Internet as soon
11 as practicable.

12 RULE 50

13 Public Hearings

14 When a proposed bill, resolution or any matter is referred to
15 the Committee, the Committee shall have full power and authority
16 to study said bill, resolution or other matter before it, as the
17 Committee, shall determine is necessary to enable it to report
18 properly to the House thereon. To this end the Committee may, as
19 hereinafter provided, conduct public hearings. The Committee may
20 not hold any public hearings without prior approval by a
21 majority vote of the members of the Committee and the Speaker of
22 the House. The Speaker of the House shall withhold approval of
23 public hearings based only on budgetary consideration.

24 When a public hearing has been authorized as aforesaid, the
25 chair of the Committee shall instruct the Chief Clerk to give
26 written notice thereof to each House Member not less than five
27 calendar days before the proposed hearings and post the same in
28 or immediately adjacent to the House Chambers.

29 Such notice, which shall contain the day, hour and place of
30 the hearing and the number or numbers of bills or other subject

1 matter to be considered at such hearing, shall also be given the
2 supervisor of the news room and to the news media. In addition,
3 all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings),
4 relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.

5 Public hearings held by the Committee shall be chaired by the
6 chair of the Committee, unless absent, in which case an acting
7 chair shall be selected by the chair.

8 All public hearings shall be open to the public and
9 reasonable opportunity to be heard shall be afforded to all
10 interested parties who have requested an appearance before the
11 Committee. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the
12 Committee in conducting its hearing to request the presentation
13 of testimony by any person who, in the opinion of the Committee,
14 is qualified to present pertinent and important testimony.

15 The Committee shall, so far as practicable, request all
16 witnesses appearing before it to file written statements of
17 their proposed testimony. The chair shall have the right to fix
18 the order of appearance and the time to be allotted to
19 witnesses. Witnesses may submit brief pertinent statements in
20 writing for inclusion in the record. The Committee is the sole
21 judge of the pertinency of testimony and evidence adduced at its
22 hearings.

23 The chair, in presiding at such public hearings, shall
24 preserve order and decorum, in and adjacent to the committee
25 room while the hearing is being conducted and shall have the
26 authority to direct the removal from the committee room of any
27 person who fails to comply with order and decorum of the
28 Committee.

29 Proceedings of all public hearings shall be either
30 stenographically or electronically recorded. The committee shall

1 determine which parts of such recorded proceedings, if any,
2 shall be transcribed and the distribution thereof. Except as
3 hereinafter provided, no more than four copies of any transcript
4 shall be made. Such stenographic or electronic records and at
5 least one copy of any transcription shall be preserved by the
6 Chief Clerk until authorized to dispose of same by an
7 affirmative vote of three-quarters of the entire membership of
8 the Committee and shall be made available to any member upon
9 written request for the purpose of copying or transcription at
10 that member's expense. Any transcribed records and any reports
11 of the Committee shall be filed with the Chief Clerk or his
12 designee and shall be made available to any person in accordance
13 with reasonable rules and regulations prescribed by the Chief
14 Clerk. Upon payment of a reasonable cost to be determined by the
15 Chief Clerk, a person may obtain a copy of such transcribed
16 records or reports.

17 All written testimony and all transcribed testimony at
18 committee hearings shall be posted on the Internet as soon
19 thereafter as practicable.

20 The Chief Clerk shall not make payment of any expenses
21 incurred as a result of a public hearing without the prior
22 written approval of the Speaker of the House.

23 RULE 51

24 (Reserved)

25 RULE 52

26 Possession of Bills by Committee

27 When the Committee has ordered that a bill, resolution or
28 other matter be reported to the House, the member to whom it is
29 assigned shall make the report thereof to the House either on
30 the same day or at the next meeting of the House.

1 Failure of a member to comply with this rule shall be
2 reported to the House by the Committee, provided the official
3 copy of the bill, resolution or other matter has not been
4 obtained. Upon a motion agreed to by the House, a duplicate
5 certified copy of a House bill, House resolution or other House
6 matter shall be furnished to the Committee by the Chief Clerk.

7 The Committee shall not consider a bill, resolution or other
8 matter which is not in its possession.

9 When the Committee reports to the House that a House bill,
10 House resolution or other House matter referred to it is lost,
11 upon a motion agreed to by the House, a duplicate certified copy
12 thereof shall be furnished by the Chief Clerk.

13 If a Senate bill, Senate resolution or other Senate matter
14 received from the Senate is lost, upon a motion agreed to by the
15 House, a request shall be made to the Senate to furnish the
16 House with a duplicate certified copy thereof.

17 If a bill, resolution or other matter is lost before it has
18 been referred to the Committee, the fact shall be reported to
19 the House and the procedure provided by this rule shall be
20 followed.

21 RULE 53

22 Discharge of Committees

23 A member may present to the Chief Clerk a resolution in
24 writing to discharge the Committee from the consideration of a
25 bill or resolution which has been referred to it 15 legislative
26 days prior thereto (but only one motion may be presented for
27 each bill or resolution). The discharge resolution shall be
28 placed in the custody of the Chief Clerk, who shall arrange some
29 convenient place for the signature of the members. A signature
30 may be withdrawn by a member in writing at any time before the

1 discharge resolution is entered in the Journal. When 25 members
2 of the House shall have signed the resolution, it shall be
3 entered in the Journal and the title of the bill or resolution
4 and the name of the Committee to be discharged shall be printed
5 on the calendar.

6 Any member who has signed a discharge resolution which has
7 been on the calendar at least one legislative day prior thereto
8 and seeks recognition, shall be recognized for the purpose of
9 calling up the discharge resolution and the House shall proceed
10 to its consideration without intervening motion except one
11 motion to adjourn; however, no discharge resolution shall be
12 considered during the last six legislative days of any session
13 of the House. A majority vote of all the members elected to the
14 House shall be required to agree to a resolution to discharge
15 the Committee. When any perfected discharge resolution has been
16 acted upon by the House and defeated it shall not be in order to
17 entertain during the same session of the House any other
18 discharge resolution from the Committee of said measure, or from
19 any other committee of any other bill or resolution
20 substantially the same, relating in substance to or dealing with
21 the same subject matter.

22 RULE 54

23 Presentation and Withdrawal of Motions

24 When a motion which is in order has been made, the Speaker
25 shall state it or (if it is in writing) cause it to be read by
26 the Clerk. It shall then be in the possession of the House, but
27 it may be withdrawn by the maker at any time before decision or
28 amendment.

29 The Speaker shall put the question in the following form,
30 viz: "those in favor of the motion will say 'aye'." After the

1 affirmative is expressed, "those who are opposed will say 'no'."

2 All motions, except for the previous question and a motion
3 for reconsideration, may be made without a second.

4 No dilatory motion shall be entertained by the Speaker.

5 RULE 55

6 Privileged Motions

7 When a question is under debate or before the House, no
8 motion shall be received but the following, which shall take
9 precedence in the order named:

- 10 (1) To adjourn, or recess.
- 11 (2) To extend session.
- 12 (3) A call of the House.
- 13 (4) For the previous question.
- 14 (5) To lay on the table.
- 15 (6) To postpone.
- 16 (7) To commit or recommit.
- 17 (8) To amend.

18 Debate on the motion to postpone shall be confined to the
19 question of the postponement and shall not include discussion of
20 the main question.

21 The motion to commit or recommit is open to debate only as to
22 the reasons for or against reference to the Committee and shall
23 not include a discussion of the merits of the main question.

24 Debate on the motion to amend shall be limited to the
25 amendment and shall not include the general merits of the main
26 question.

27 RULE 56

28 Adjourn

29 A motion to adjourn or recess is debatable, cannot be amended
30 and is always in order, except:

1 (1) when another member has the floor; or

2 (2) when the House is voting.

3 RULE 57

4 Call of the House

5 If a question of the absence of a quorum is raised by a
6 member, the Speaker shall order the Sergeant-at-Arms to close
7 the doors of the House. No member shall be permitted to leave
8 the House, except by permission of the House. The names of the
9 members present shall be recorded and absentees noted. Those for
10 whom no leave of absence has been granted or no sufficient
11 excuse is made may, by order of a majority of the members
12 present, be sent for and taken into custody by the Sergeant-at-
13 Arms and assistants appointed for that purpose, and brought
14 before the bar of the House where, unless excused by a majority
15 of the members present, they shall be censured or punished for
16 neglect of duty as the House may direct.

17 Further proceedings under a call of the House may be
18 dispensed with at any time after the completion of the roll call
19 and the announcement of the result.

20 These proceedings shall be without debate, and no motion,
21 except to adjourn, shall be in order.

22 RULE 58

23 Persons Admitted Under a Call of the House

24 Members who voluntarily appear during a call of the House
25 shall be admitted to the House. Upon recognition by the Speaker
26 they shall announce their presence and their names shall be
27 recorded on the roll.

28 Officers of the House, accredited correspondents and
29 employees designated by the Chief Clerk shall be admitted to the
30 House during a call.

1 Visitors shall not be admitted to the House after the doors
2 are closed and until the proceedings under the call are
3 terminated, but they shall be permitted to leave.

4 RULE 59

5 Lay on the Table

6 A motion to lay on the table is debatable by the Leaders, the
7 maker of the motion, the maker of the amendment under
8 consideration and the prime sponsor of the bill under
9 consideration. It is not subject to amendment and carries with
10 it the main question and all other pending questions which
11 adhere to it, except when an appeal is laid on the table. The
12 passage of a motion to lay an amendment on the table shall not
13 cause the subject bill or resolution and all other amendments to
14 be laid on the table.

15 RULE 60

16 Motion to Take from the Table

17 A motion to take from the table a bill or other subject is in
18 order under the same order of business in which the matter was
19 laid on the table. It shall be decided without amendment and is
20 debatable by the Leaders, the maker of the motion, the maker of
21 the amendment under consideration and the prime sponsor of the
22 bill under consideration.

23 RULE 61

24 Previous Question

25 A motion for the previous question, seconded by 20 members
26 and sustained by a majority of the members present, shall put an
27 end to all debate and bring the House to an immediate vote on
28 the question then pending, or the questions on which it has been
29 ordered.

30 A motion for the previous question may be made to embrace any

1 or all pending amendments or motions and to include the passage
2 or rejection of a bill or resolution.

3 RULE 62

4 Call for Yeas and Nays-Reasons for Vote

5 The yeas and nays of the members on any question shall, at
6 the desire of any two of them, be entered on the Journal.
7 (Constitution, Article II, Section 12).

8 When the Speaker or any member is not satisfied with a voice
9 vote on a pending question, the Speaker may order a roll call
10 vote; or, upon request of two members, before the result of the
11 vote is announced, the Speaker shall order a roll call vote.

12 A member may submit a written explanation of his or her vote
13 immediately following the announcement of the result of the vote
14 and have it printed in the Journal.

15 RULE 63

16 Division of a Question

17 Any member may call for a division of a question by the
18 House, if it comprehends propositions so distinct and separate
19 that one being taken away, the other will stand as a complete
20 proposition for the decision of the House. Bills and resolutions
21 shall not be subject to division.

22 RULE 64

23 Members Required to be Present and Vote

24 Except as provided in these Special Session rules, the
25 provisions of this rule shall apply.

26 Every member shall be present within the Hall of the House
27 during its sittings, unless excused by the House or unavoidably
28 prevented, and shall vote for or against each question put,
29 unless he or she has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in
30 the determination of the question or unless excused.

1 A member may exit the Hall of the House for brief periods
2 without being placed on leave to attend to the member's
3 immediate personal needs. In such instances, the member shall
4 not leave the vicinity of the Hall of the House in the Capitol
5 Complex and shall return to the Hall of the House promptly if
6 requested.

7 No member shall be permitted to vote and have his or her vote
8 recorded on the roll unless present in the Hall of the House
9 during the roll call vote, except that a member may provide
10 direction for his or her vote if the member is in the vicinity
11 of the Hall of the House in the Capitol Complex attending to the
12 member's immediate personal need.

13 The Legislative Journal shall show the result of each roll
14 call by yeas and nays and those absent and those not voting.

15 RULE 64 (a)

16 Chronic Absenteeism

17 For purposes of this rule, the term "chronic absenteeism"
18 shall mean the unexcused absence of a representative for a
19 period of five consecutive legislative days from official
20 sessions of the House of Representatives or the absence of a
21 committee member for a period of five consecutive days from a
22 committee meeting which meeting qualifies as a regular committee
23 meeting under the rules of the House of Representatives and the
24 Sunshine Law of the Commonwealth.

25 Any representative who is absent without excuse from House
26 sessions for a period of five consecutive legislative days or is
27 absent for a period of five consecutive committee meetings shall
28 be deemed a chronic absentee and may, on a vote of the full
29 House, be held in contempt of this House upon motion of five
30 members of the House for chronic absence from House sessions and

1 by motion of three members of the committee to which such
2 representative is assigned for chronic absence from regularly
3 scheduled committee meetings.

4 The term "chronic absenteeism" shall not include:

5 (1) Absence due to the personal illness or bodily injury of
6 a representative.

7 (2) Absence due to personal illness or bodily injury of a
8 member of the immediate family of the representative.

9 (3) Death of a member of the immediate family of a
10 representative.

11 (4) Absence due to military service.

12 (5) Any excused absence approved by the House pursuant to
13 its rules.

14 RULE 65

15 Member Having Private Interest

16 (1) A member who has a personal or private interest in any
17 measure or bill proposed or pending before the House shall
18 disclose the fact to the House and shall not vote thereon.
19 (Constitution, Article III, Section 13).

20 (2) A member who, for remuneration, represents any
21 organization required to register under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13A
22 (relating to lobbying disclosure) shall file a statement of that
23 fact with the Chief Clerk.

24 RULE 65 (a)

25 Professionals-Legislators

26 (1) Except as hereinafter provided, any member or employee
27 of the House or its agencies shall not be retained for
28 compensation to appear in his or her professional capacity to
29 represent the interest of any client in any proceeding before
30 any Commonwealth department, board, agency, bureau or

1 commission, except that such member or employee is authorized to
2 represent the interest of a client at any stage of a proceeding
3 before the Commonwealth or its agencies where such proceeding
4 was initially taken or brought as a ministerial action, as
5 defined by this rule, and as originally taken was not initially
6 adverse in nature to the interest of the Commonwealth or its
7 agencies.

8 (2) The provisions of this rule shall not be applicable to
9 professionals-legislators:

10 (a) Representing clients on criminal matters before the
11 courts of the Commonwealth.

12 (b) Representing clients on civil matters before the courts
13 of the Commonwealth.

14 (c) Representing clients in all stages of a proceeding
15 before the Commonwealth or its agencies which was initially
16 commenced as a ministerial action. The term "ministerial action"
17 means and includes any proceeding or action before the
18 Commonwealth or its agencies where the proceeding, as initially
19 commenced involved solely:

20 (i) the uncontested or routine action by the Commonwealth's
21 administrative officers or employees in issuing or renewing
22 licenses, charters, certificates or any other documents of a
23 similar nature;

24 (ii) the preparation, filing and review of tax returns and
25 supporting documents required by law;

26 (iii) the preparation, filing and review of engineering and
27 architectural plans, drawings, specifications and reports; or

28 (iv) any other initially routine or uncontested preparation,
29 filing, review or other action not enumerated above and
30 considered and normally handled by the Commonwealth or its

1 agencies as a ministerial action.

2 (d) Representing clients in workmen's compensation
3 proceedings before the bureau, its referees or the Workmen's
4 Compensation Appeals Board.

5 (3) This rule shall not apply to the other members of the
6 firm of such member and/or employee.

7 RULE 65 (b)

8 (Reserved)

9 RULE 66

10 Electric Roll Call

11 The names of the members shall be listed on the electric roll
12 call boards by party affiliation in alphabetical order, except
13 the name of the Speaker shall be last.

14 On any question requiring the "yeas" and "nays", the electric
15 roll call system shall be used. On all other questions to be
16 voted upon, the Speaker may order the yeas and nays taken by the
17 electric roll call system or voice vote or, upon demand of two
18 members before the result of a vote has been declared, the yeas
19 and nays shall be taken by the electric roll call system. In the
20 event the electric roll call system is not in operating order,
21 the Speaker shall order all yea and nay votes be taken by
22 calling the roll, as provided in the Rules of the House.

23 The vote of any member which has not been recorded because of
24 mechanical malfunction of the electric roll call system shall be
25 entered on the Journal, if said member was in the Hall of the
26 House at the time of the vote and did cast his or her vote at
27 the appropriate time, and the fact of such malfunction is
28 reported to the Speaker of the House prior to the announcement
29 of the result of the vote.

30 When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring

1 the yeas and nays and the vote is to be taken by the electric
2 roll call system, the Speaker shall state: "The
3 question (Designating the matter to be voted
4 upon.)" The Speaker shall then unlock the voting machine and
5 announce, "The members shall now proceed to vote." Once the
6 voting has begun, it shall not be interrupted, except for the
7 purpose of questioning the validity of a member's vote or, if
8 the voting switch of a member present in the Hall of the House
9 is locked or otherwise inoperative, a request that such switch
10 be rendered operative or such members vote be officially
11 recorded, before the result is announced.

12 When, in the judgment of the Speaker, reasonable time has
13 been allowed all members present in the House to vote (in no
14 event shall such time exceed ten minutes) the Speaker shall ask
15 the question: "Have all members present voted?" After a pause,
16 the Speaker shall lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to
17 record the vote, and the Speaker shall announce the result of
18 the vote.

19 No member or other person shall be allowed at the Clerk's
20 desk while the yeas and nays are being recorded, or the vote
21 counted.

22 After the voting machine is locked, no member may change a
23 vote and the votes of tardy members will not be recorded.
24 The vote as electrically recorded on the roll of members shall
25 not in any manner be altered or changed by any person.

26 Except as provided in these Special Session rules, no member
27 shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member
28 vote for a member.

29 Any member or other person who willfully tampers with or
30 attempts to disarrange, deface, impair or destroy in any manner

1 whatsoever the electrical voting equipment used by the House, or
2 who instigates, aids or abets with the intent to destroy or
3 change the record of votes thereon shall be punished in such
4 manner as the House determines.

5 A member who has been appointed by the Speaker to preside
6 as Speaker pro tempore may designate either Whip to cast his or
7 her vote on any question while presiding in accordance with
8 instructions from the Chair.

9 The Chief Clerk shall post all votes by the electric roll
10 call system on the Internet no later than the close of business
11 on the day they are made.

12 A prime sponsor of a bill, the Leaders or a member designated
13 to act on their behalf may request that the roll call remain
14 open for the maximum time allowed in accordance with this rule.
15 During such roll call, no vote shall be recorded unless the
16 member is at his or her regularly assigned seat.

17 RULE 67

18 Verification and Challenge

19 Upon completion of a roll call and before the result is
20 announced, if there appears to be need for verification, the
21 Speaker may direct the Clerk to verify it, or three members may
22 demand a verification.

23 Any member may challenge in writing the yea or nay or
24 electrically recorded vote of other members. The allegations
25 made shall be investigated by a committee composed of the
26 Speaker and a member of each party appointed by the Speaker, who
27 shall submit a report to the House not later than its next
28 session. The House shall then decide whether the challenged vote
29 shall be recorded or not.

30 If the challenged vote would change the result, the

1 announcement of the vote shall be postponed until the House
2 decides the case.

3 RULE 68

4 Changing Vote

5 No member may change a vote, or have a vote recorded after
6 the result of a roll call vote has been announced, nor after an
7 affirmative or negative roll has been declared verified.

8 RULE 69

9 Journal

10 The Chief Clerk shall keep a Journal of the proceedings of
11 the House, which shall be printed and shall be made available to
12 the members.

13 The Journal of the proceedings of the last day's session
14 shall not be read unless so ordered by a majority vote of the
15 House.

16 RULE 70

17 History of House Bills and
18 House Resolutions

19 A weekly History, showing the title and action on House bills
20 and the text and action on non-privileged resolutions, shall be
21 compiled and indexed under the direction of the Chief Clerk and
22 shall be printed and placed on each member's desk.

23 The House History shall include a cumulative index of laws
24 enacted during the session and the text of vetoes by the
25 Governor.

26 RULE 71

27 House Calendar

28 Bills and non-privileged resolutions reported from the
29 Committee to the House with an affirmative recommendation shall
30 be listed on the calendar.

1 A marked calendar shall be provided to all members on each
2 legislative day on which votes are scheduled on the calendar.

3 RULE 72

4 Journal, Transcribing and Document Rooms

5 No person, except members and employees of the House having
6 official business, shall be permitted in the Transcribing, the
7 Legislative Journal, and the Bills and Documents Rooms of the
8 House without the consent of the Chief Clerk.

9 RULE 73

10 Correspondents

11 Admission to and administration of the Press Galleries of the
12 Senate and House of Representatives shall be vested in a
13 Committee on Correspondents consisting of the President pro
14 tempore of the Senate, or a designee; the Speaker of the House
15 of Representatives, or a designee; the Supervisor of the Capitol
16 Newsroom; the President of the Pennsylvania Legislative
17 Correspondents' Association, or a designee and the Executive
18 Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters, or a
19 designee.

20 Persons desiring admission to the press sections of the
21 Senate and House of Representatives shall make application to
22 the Chair of the Committee on Correspondents. Such application
23 shall state the newspaper, press association or licensed radio
24 or television station, its location, times of publication or
25 hours of broadcasting, and be signed by the applicant.

26 The Committee on Correspondents shall verify the statements
27 made in such application, and, if the application is approved by
28 the Committee on Correspondents, shall issue a correspondent's
29 card signed by the members of the Committee on Correspondents.
30 The gallery assigned to newspaper correspondents or recognized

1 press association correspondents or representatives of licensed
2 radio and television stations, systems or newsgathering agencies
3 shall be for their exclusive use and persons not holding
4 correspondents cards shall not be entitled to admission thereto.

5 Employees of the General Assembly, representatives and
6 employees of state departments, boards, commissions and
7 agencies, visitors and members of the families of correspondents
8 entitled to admission to the press gallery shall, at no time, be
9 permitted to occupy the seats or be entitled to the privileges
10 of the press gallery.

11 Accredited representatives of newspapers, wire, newsreel
12 services and licensed radio or television stations, systems or
13 newsgathering agencies, may be authorized by the Speaker of the
14 House to take photographs, make audio or video recordings or
15 tapes, and to broadcast or televise in the House of
16 Representatives. Applications to take photographs, make audio or
17 video recordings or tapes, or to broadcast or televise at public
18 hearings of committees shall be approved by the Committee chair
19 conducting such hearing. However, the Committee chair conducting
20 the hearing may make such orders to such representatives as may
21 be necessary to preserve order and decorum.

22 No photographs shall be taken nor any recordings or tapes
23 made, nor any broadcasting or televising done in the House of
24 Representatives during sessions, being at ease or recessed,
25 without prior notice to the Representatives. When possible, such
26 notice shall be given at the beginning of the session, at ease
27 or recess, during which the photographs, recordings or taping,
28 broadcasting or televising are scheduled to be taken or made.

29 No more than one representative of each newspaper, press
30 association or licensed radio or television station, system or

1 newsgathering agency shall be admitted to the press gallery at
2 one time. Members of the Pennsylvania Legislative
3 Correspondents' Association and representatives of licensed
4 radio and television stations, systems or newsgathering
5 agencies, assigned to the House of Representatives on a daily
6 basis shall have permanent assigned seating in the press gallery
7 with identification plates. Visiting representatives of daily
8 newspapers, press associations, Sunday newspapers as well as
9 radio and television stations, systems or newsgathering agencies
10 shall coordinate seating accommodations with the supervisor of
11 the Capitol Newsroom.

12 Persons assigned to the press gallery on a permanent or
13 temporary basis, shall at all times, refrain from loud talking
14 or causing any disturbance which tends to interrupt the
15 proceedings of the House of Representatives.

16 Persons assigned to the press gallery on a permanent or
17 temporary basis shall not walk onto the floor of the House of
18 Representatives nor approach the rostrum or the clerks' desks
19 during session or while being at ease.

20 Persons assigned to the press gallery on a permanent or
21 temporary basis wishing to confer with a Representative shall
22 disclose this fact by having a message delivered by a page to
23 the Representative. Such conversation shall be conducted off the
24 floor of the House of Representatives.

25 Representatives of the Pennsylvania Public Broadcasting
26 System may, subject to regulations of the Speaker, televise or
27 make video tapes of proceedings of sessions of the House of
28 Representatives and meetings of all committees of the House of
29 Representatives.

30 RULE 74

1 postponed, committed or amended and may be debated by the
2 Leaders, the maker of the motion, the maker of the amendment
3 under consideration and the prime sponsor of the bill under
4 consideration.

5 A brief description of the underlying bill or amendment shall
6 be given whenever a member moves to suspend the rules of the
7 House in order to consider such bill or amendment.

8 The existing rules of the House shall not be changed, added
9 to, modified or deleted except by written resolution and the
10 same approved by a majority vote of the members elected to the
11 House by a roll call vote.

12 Except where such resolution originates with the Committee,
13 no resolution proposing any change, addition, modification or
14 deletion to existing House rules shall be considered until such
15 resolution has been referred to the Committee, reported
16 therefrom, printed, filed on the desk of each member and placed
17 on the calendar.

18 Any proposed change, addition, modification or deletion
19 offered by a member on the floor of the House to such resolution
20 shall be considered, in effect, a change, addition, modification
21 or deletion to existing House rules and shall require for
22 approval a majority vote of the members by a roll call vote.

23 RULE 78

24 Parliamentary Authority

25 Mason's Manual supplemented by Jefferson's Manual of
26 Legislative Procedure shall be the parliamentary authority of
27 the House, if applicable and not inconsistent with the
28 Constitution of Pennsylvania, the laws of Pennsylvania
29 applicable to the General Assembly, the Rules of the House, the
30 established precedents of the House and the established customs

1 and usages of the House.

2 RULE 79

3 Voting by Designation on the Floor of the House

4 A member who is not present in the Hall of the House may
5 designate either party's Whip to cast the member's vote on any
6 question.

7 If a designated Whip is on leave, that designated Whip may
8 appoint another member to cast all votes designated to that
9 Whip.

10 A designation, including commencement date, shall be
11 accomplished by filing an attestation with the Chief Clerk which
12 identifies either party's Whip as the member's designee when the
13 member will not be present in the Hall of the House.

14 A member may revoke the member's designation by notifying the
15 Chief Clerk in writing of the revocation.

16 A member voting by designation under this temporary rule
17 shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present. A
18 designation shall be effective until the designation is revoked.