
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 601 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, OCTOBER 30, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 17, further providing for order of business;
2 adding House Rule 17(a), providing for special order of
3 business; and amending House Rule 35, further providing for
4 House and concurrent resolutions.

5 RESOLVED, That House Rule 17 be amended to read:

6 RULE 17

7 Order of Business

8 The daily order of business shall be:

9 (1) Prayer.

10 (2) Pledge of Allegiance.

11 (3) Correction and approval of the Journal.

12 (4) Leaves of absence.

13 (5) Master Roll Call.

14 (6) Reports of Committee.

15 (7) First consideration bills.

16 (8) Second consideration bills.

17 (9) Third consideration bills, final passage bills

18 (including both third consideration and final passage postponed

19 bills) and resolutions.

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

2 (11) Messages from the Senate and communications from the
3 Governor.

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

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

8 (14) Announcements.

9 (15) Floor speeches by members, including speeches by
10 members to congratulate individuals or organizations on
11 achievements or urge awareness on a public issue.

12 [(15)] (16) Adjournment.

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

17 In lieu of offering House Resolutions on topics of importance
18 to members, any member, without unanimous consent, may address
19 the House on such issue and have his or her remarks entered into
20 the record during a special period of time established each week
21 by the Speaker at the conclusion of House business on a specific
22 day.

23 RULE 17(a)

24 Special Order of Business

25 The Speaker or a member designated by the Speaker may preside
26 over the House one hour prior to the regular order of business
27 under Rule 17 to recognize any member under unanimous consent
28 during a special order of business. A member recognized under
29 this rule during a special order of business may speak for no
30 more than two minutes for any of the following reasons:

1 court finds that the member is not guilty of the offense
2 alleged, the member may be the prime sponsor of subsequently
3 introduced House resolutions deemed noncontroversial as provided
4 in this rule.

5 House resolutions deemed noncontroversial[, including, but
6 not limited to,] shall be limited to only condolence and
7 congratulatory resolutions[,] and shall be considered under the
8 proper order of business on the same day as introduced or within
9 two legislative days thereafter without being referred to
10 committee. The Speaker, in consultation with the Majority Leader
11 and the Minority Leader, shall place noncontroversial
12 resolutions[, except condolence or congratulatory resolutions,]
13 on an uncontested resolution calendar. Resolutions on the
14 uncontested calendar may be voted by a single roll-call vote.
15 Each resolution listed on the uncontested resolution calendar
16 shall be printed separately in the journal with the vote
17 recorded on the approval of the uncontested calendar as the vote
18 on final passage of each resolution contained therein.

19 No House resolution other than a concurrent or joint
20 resolution shall be considered by the House if the resolution
21 does any of the following:

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

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

26 (3) Congratulates any organization or an individual on an
27 achievement.

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

29 The Speaker shall report to the House the committees to which
30 resolutions have been referred, either on the day introduced or

1 received or the next two legislative days the House is in
2 session.

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

5 When a resolution (House or Senate) is reported from
6 committee, it shall be placed on the calendar and may be called
7 up by a member for consideration by the House under the order of
8 business of resolutions. A House resolution other than a
9 concurrent or joint resolution shall be adopted by a majority of
10 the members voting.