THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

601 No.

Session of 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

| 1 2 | Amending House Rule 17, further providing for order of business; adding House Rule 17(a), providing for special order of business; and amending House Rule 35, further providing for | |
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| 3 4 | | e and concurrent resolutions. |
| 5 | RESO: | LVED, That House Rule 17 be amended to read: |
| 6 | | RULE 17 |
| 7 | | Order of Business |
| 8 | The o | 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 | 8 (including both third consideration and final passage postponed | |
| 19 | bills) a | 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 <u>achievements or urge awareness on a public issue.</u>
- 12 [(15)] <u>(16)</u> Adjournment.
- 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 <u>RULE 17 (a)</u>
- 24 Special Order of Business
- 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 <u>under Rule 17 to recognize any member under unanimous consent</u>
- 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 (1) Raising public awareness on an issue.
- 2 (2) Offering congratulations to an individual or
- 3 <u>organization concerning a recent accomplishment.</u>
- 4 (3) Offering condolences about the death of an individual.
- 5 (4) Voicing an opinion on a matter of public policy.
- 6 RULE 35
- 7 House and Concurrent Resolutions
- 8 Members introducing resolutions other than concurrent
- 9 resolutions shall file five copies thereof; seven copies of
- 10 concurrent resolutions shall be filed. All resolutions shall be
- 11 signed by their sponsors, dated and filed with the Chief Clerk.
- 12 After being numbered, one copy of all resolutions shall be given
- 13 to the news media and all other copies delivered to the Speaker.
- 14 A sponsor may not be added or withdrawn after a resolution has
- 15 been printed. Resolutions may not be withdrawn after reference
- 16 to a committee.
- 17 Unless privileged under Rule 36 for immediate consideration
- 18 or deemed noncontroversial by the Speaker in consultation with
- 19 the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, the Speaker shall
- 20 refer House resolutions (except discharge resolutions) and
- 21 Senate resolutions presented to the House for concurrence to
- 22 appropriate committees. No House resolution shall be deemed
- 23 noncontroversial if an indictment is returned or a charge is
- 24 filed before a court of record against the prime sponsor of the
- 25 resolution, and the gravamen of the indictment or charge is
- 26 directly related to his or her conduct as a member or is one
- 27 which would render the member ineligible to the General Assembly
- 28 under section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of
- 29 Pennsylvania. If, during the same legislative term, the
- 30 indictment or charge is quashed, dismissed or withdrawn, or the

- 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 <u>(1) Recognizes or designates a calendar day which is not a</u>
- 23 <u>Federal or State holiday.</u>
- 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 <u>achievement.</u>
- 28 <u>(4) Lacks a clear and specific legislative purpose.</u>
- 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.