

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 4

House resolution to amend Rule 25 of the House of Representatives pertaining to the jurisdiction of committees

Offered by: Representatives Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Krowinski of Burlington, Turner of Milton, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, and Savage of Swanton

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body moves to amend Rule 25 of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives to read:

25. At the beginning of each regular session, standing committees shall be appointed having the following names, number of members, and duties:

Committee	Member	To Consider Matters Relating to
Agriculture & Forest Products <u>Forestry</u>	11	Agriculture and <u>forestry</u> , forest products and their markets, <u>and state parks and lands</u> .
Appropriations	11	Appropriating money from the state treasury.
Commerce and Economic Development	11	Business organizations, including banking, insurance and utility companies <u>and</u> , corporations, <u>workforce development</u> , unemployment and workers' compensation insurance, and the industrial and internal development of the state, but excluding matters relating to transportation, <u>utilities</u> , <u>telecommunications</u> , and energy.
Corrections and Institutions	11	Department of corrections and public buildings, state lands and property.
Education	11	The educational needs of Vermonters, including the arts, libraries, and literary and scientific subjects; the amount of revenue required to satisfy the educational needs; and the manner of raising

		necessary revenue.
<u>Energy and Technology</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Energy, including the regulation of power generation, transmission facilities, energy efficiency, natural gas facilities, and siting of energy facilities; utilities, including rates and quality of service; telecommunications, siting of telecommunications facilities, the buildout of cellular and broadband services, and rates and quality of service; and the state's information technology systems.</u>
<u>Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife & Water Resources</u>	9	Conservation and development of the state's water resources; <u>conservation and development of lands; land resources; land use; geology; fish and wildlife; natural habitats; air quality, environmental permitting; climate change; scenery; and solid waste and toxic substances management.</u>
General, Housing and Military Affairs	8 <u>11</u>	Alcoholic beverages, housing, claims against the state, labor relations, military matters including those relating to civil defense and discharged veterans, their dependents and survivors, and all matters relating to subjects for which there is no other appropriate committee.
Government Operations	11	Organization, oversight and conduct of state government, compensation of state officials and employees, pensions, law enforcement, public safety, reapportionment, municipal corporations, suffrage, nominations, elections and the election of members; local, county, and regional governmental structures; relations between state and local governments; open meeting issues, <u>and public records issues and the state's information technology systems policies.</u>
Health Care	11	Health care finance <u>and administration.</u>
Human Services	11	Human Services, public health and social and economic security.
Judiciary	11	Judicial and legal affairs.
Natural Resources & Energy	11	Conservation and development of the state's land resources, geology, forestry, state parks and lands; scenery; air quality issues; environmental permitting; solid

~~waste management; and energy.~~

Rules
(Consisting of the Speaker, who shall be chair *ex officio*; three members of the majority party, the leader, the assistant leader, and one member at large elected by the majority party; and three members from the minority party, the leader, assistant leader, and one member at large elected by the minority party. The Speaker shall designate a vice chair who shall be ranking member.)

7 The rules of the House and to expediting the business of the House, including the final adjournment thereof.

Transportation

11 All transportation companies and corporations subject to the regulation of the Public Service Board, all air and surface transportation, the registration, regulation, and licensing of transportation operations and users, the construction and maintenance of thoroughfares, and the impact of the transportation sector on air pollution and climate change.

Ways and Means

11 The revenue of the state, and which shall inquire into the state of the treasury; ascertain the amount of debt due the state, and the claims against it; report the amount of taxes necessary to be raised for the support of the government and inquire what measures, if any, ought to be adopted, the better to equalize the public burdens, secure the accountability of public agents, and otherwise improve the financial concerns of the state, including all matters relating to taxation, local or otherwise and all matters relating to the grand list.