

**State of Vermont**  
**House of Representatives**  
Montpelier, Vermont



**House Resolution**

**H.R. 5**

House resolution to amend Rule 25 of the Rules of the House of Representatives pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Government Operations

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Hubert of Milton, and Martin of Wolcott

Whereas, it is the policy of the State of Vermont to provide for free and open examination of records in order to ensure government accountability, and

Whereas, it is also the policy of the State of Vermont to protect a citizen's right to privacy in his or her personal and economic pursuits unless specific information is needed to review the action of a government officer, and

Whereas, to ensure that the policy of government accountability is properly balanced by the policy of a citizen's right to privacy, the Committee on Government Operations should have jurisdiction over public policy related to open meeting and public records issues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body moves to amend Rule 25 of the Rules 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:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>To Consider Matters Relating to</u>
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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; <u>open meeting issues; and public records issues.</u>

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**Shapleigh Smith, Jr.**  
**Speaker of the House**

**Attested to:**

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**Donald G. Milne**  
**Clerk, House of Representatives**

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