

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## House Resolution

H.R. 7

House resolution amending the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives related to members who do not belong to a political party and their appointment to nonstanding legislative committees

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City, Jickling of Brookfield, Murphy of Fairfax, Olsen of Londonderry, and Sibilica of Dover

Whereas, not all members of the House of Representatives belong to a political party, and

Whereas, the ability of members of the House of Representatives to participate in all aspects of legislative service should not be conditioned on political party membership, and

Whereas, each biennium, members of the House of Representatives are appointed to nonstanding committees, including interim study and continuing jurisdictional committees, and

Whereas, on occasion, the directive for the appointment of members of the House of Representatives to nonstanding committees requires a specified ratio of members from the majority and minority political parties, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That House Rule 14b is added to read:

14b. Any legal directive for the Speaker to appoint multiple members, not all of whom shall belong to the same political party, to a nonstanding committee shall not prohibit the appointment of members who do not belong to a political party.