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House Rules Modifications
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan
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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This rules resolution modifies House Rules.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This resolution:

8 ▶ {~~authorizes the presiding officer, on the first day of the annual general session, to direct legislation directly to a standing committee or to one of the House calendars;~~}

10 ▶ modifies the process by which a standing committee chair allows a response to motions;

11 ▶ amends the definition of "nonbinding resolution";

12 ▶ clarifies that reinstating a word or words does not count toward the word limit under a verbal amendment;

14 ▶ allows legislation assigned to the consent calendar to be reassigned to the third reading calendar, under certain circumstances;

16 ▶ modifies the prohibited references on the floor; and

17 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

24 ~~HR3-1-102~~

22 **HR3-2-313**

23 **HR3-2-314**

24 **HR3-2-405**

25 **HR3-2-406**

26 **HR4-4-301**

27 **HR4-6-105.5**

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29 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

33 Section 1. **HR3-1-102** is amended to read:

34 **HR3-1-102. House Rules Committee -- Assignment duties.**

35 (1)

(a) [The] Subject to Subsection (1)(b), the presiding officer shall submit all legislation introduced in the House of Representatives to the House Rules Committee.

37 (b) On the first day of the annual general session, the presiding officer may direct legislation to be sent directly to a standing committee or to one of the House calendars.

40 (2) For all legislation not specified in HR3-1-103 that is referred to the House Rules Committee, the committee shall examine the legislation for proper form, including fiscal note and committee note, if any, and either:

43 (a) refer the legislation to the House with a recommendation that the legislation be:

44 (i) referred to a standing committee for consideration; or

45 (ii) read the second time and placed on the third reading calendar if the legislation:

46 (A) has received a favorable recommendation from a House standing committee;

47 (B) is exempted from the House standing committee review requirements under HR3-2-401; or

49 (C) has received a favorable recommendation from the House Rules Committee meeting as a standing committee as permitted under HR3-1-101; or

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- 51 (b) hold the legislation.
- 52 (3) In carrying out the House Rules Committee's functions and responsibilities under this rule, the
committee may not:
- 54 (a) table legislation without the written consent of the sponsor;
- 55 (b) report out any legislation that has been tabled by a standing committee;
- 56 (c) amend legislation without the written consent of the sponsor; or
- 57 (d) substitute legislation without the written consent of the sponsor.
- 58 (4) The House Rules Committee may recommend a time certain for floor consideration of any
legislation when the legislation is reported out of the House Rules Committee, or at any other time.
- 61 (5) When the House Rules Committee is carrying out the committee's functions and responsibilities
under this rule, the committee shall:
- 63 (a) when the Legislature is in session, give notice of the committee's meetings according to the
requirements of HR3-1-106;
- 65 (b) when the Legislature is not in session, post a notice of meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting
convenes;
- 67 (c) have as the committee's agenda all legislation in the committee's possession for assignment to
committee or to the House calendars; and
- 69 (d) prepare minutes that include a record, by individual representative, of votes taken.
- 70 (6) House Rules Committee meetings are open to the public, but comments and discussion are limited
to members of the committee and the committee's staff.

30 Section 1. **HR3-2-313** is amended to read:

31 **HR3-2-313. Chair to allow response to motions before placing motions for a vote.**

- 74 (1) After the chair accepts an original motion, and before the chair places the original motion for a vote,
the chair shall permit, in the following order:
- 76 (a) the committee member who placed the original motion to speak to the original motion;
- 78 (b) except as provided in Subsection (3), the [chief] legislative sponsor of the legislation that is affected
by the original motion to respond to the original motion;
- 80 [~~(b)~~] (c) committee members to debate the original motion;
- 81 (d) the legislative sponsor of the legislation that is affected by the original motion to respond to the
debate; and
- 83 [~~(e)~~] (e) the committee member who placed the original motion to have the final word on the motion.

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85 (2) After a chair accepts a substitute motion, and before the chair places the substitute motion for a vote,
the chair shall permit, in the following order:

87 (a) the committee member who placed the substitute motion to speak to the substitute motion;

89 (b) the committee member who placed the original motion to respond to the substitute motion;

91 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) except as provided in Subsection (3), the [chief] legislative sponsor of the legislation that is
affected by the substitute motion to respond to the substitute motion;

94 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) committee members to debate the substitute motion;

95 (e) the legislative sponsor of the legislation that is affected by the substitute motion to respond to the
debate; and

97 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) the committee member who placed the substitute motion to have the final word on the motion.

99 (3) For a motion or substitute motion to favorably recommend, permitting the legislative sponsor to
respond under Subsection (1)(b) or (2)(c) is at the chair's discretion.

59 Section 2. **HR3-2-314** is amended to read:

60 **HR3-2-314. Chair to place motion for vote.**

After the chair has permitted a committee member to sum on a motion as required under [
HR3-2-313(4)] HR3-2-313, the chair shall place the motion for a vote unless the motion is
withdrawn subject to the requirements of HR3-2-511.

64 Section 3. **HR3-2-405** is amended to read:

65 **HR3-2-405. Consent calendar -- Nonbinding resolutions -- Committee recommendations.**

109 ~~[(1) As used in this rule, "nonbinding resolution":]~~

110 ~~[(a) means a resolution that:]~~

111 ~~[(i) is primarily for the purpose of recognizing, honoring, or memorializing an individual, group, or
event;]~~

113 ~~[(ii) requests, rather than compels, action or awareness by an individual or group; or]~~

114 ~~[(iii) is informational or promotional in nature; and]~~

115 ~~[(b) does not mean:]~~

116 ~~[(i) a rules resolution;]~~

117 ~~[(ii) a resolution for a constitutional amendment; or]~~

118 ~~[(iii) any resolution that approves or authorizes any action, requires any substantive action to be taken,
or results in a change in law, policy, or funding.]~~

120 (1) As used in this rule, "nonbinding resolution" means the same as that term is defined in JR4-1-204.

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- 122 (2)
- (a) A nonbinding resolution shall be placed on the consent calendar.
- 123 (b) A nonbinding resolution may be moved to the time certain calendar or other calendar by a majority vote of those present.
- 125 (3) On or before the 41st day of an annual general session, a standing committee may recommend that legislation in the standing committee's possession be placed on the consent calendar if:
- 128 (a) the committee approves a motion, by a unanimous vote of those present, to give the legislation a favorable recommendation;
- 130 (b) immediately subsequent to that action, the committee approves a separate motion, by a unanimous vote of those present, to recommend that the legislation be placed on the consent calendar; and
- 133 (c) for Senate legislation, the Senate legislation is not a fiscal note bill, as that term is defined in JR4-4-101.
- 93 Section 4. **HR3-2-406** is amended to read:
- 94 **HR3-2-406. Amending legislation -- Verbal amendments -- Amendments must be germane.**
- 138 (1)
- (a) Subject to the provisions of this rule and HR3-2-306, and if recognized by the chair during the presentation phase or the committee action phase, a committee member may make a motion to amend the legislation that is under consideration.
- 141 (b)
- (i) A committee member may propose a verbal amendment to the legislation under consideration if the amendment contains 15 or fewer words.
- 143 (ii) Unless the amendment contains 15 or fewer words, before proposing a motion to amend, a committee member shall ensure that a copy of the proposed amendment is available online.
- 146 (iii) Each word inserted shall count as one of the 15 words permitted under a verbal amendment, except that:
- 148 (A) numbering shall not be counted as a word;
- 149 (B) ~~[instructions to delete]~~ deleting or reinstating a word or words shall not count as a word; and
- 151 (C) a word or an exact phrase that is inserted in multiple locations shall only be counted for the first insertion.
- 153 (2)

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(a) A committee member may only make a motion to amend that is germane to the subject of the legislation under consideration.

155 (b) A committee member who believes that an amendment is not germane to the subject of the legislation may make a point of order or appeal as described in ~~[HR3-2-506]~~ HR3-2-507.

158 (3)

(a) A committee member may not propose an amendment to legislation that:

159 (i) adds or removes an entire section from the legislation; or

160 (ii) modifies the legislation's effective date.

161 (b) To change legislation as described in Subsection (3)(a), a committee member may, subject to HR3-2-407, make a motion to substitute the legislation.

121 Section 5. **HR4-4-301** is amended to read:

122 **HR4-4-301. Consent calendar.**

165 (1) The presiding officer shall place legislation on the consent calendar if:

166 (a) a standing committee report recommends that the legislation be placed on the consent calendar and the standing committee report is adopted by the House; or

168 (b) the legislation is a nonbinding resolution as provided in HR3-2-405.

169 (2) If the chief clerk receives written objections to ~~[a piece of]~~ legislation from six or more representatives, the chief clerk shall:

171 (a) remove the legislation from the consent calendar;

172 (b) inform the sponsor that the legislation has been removed from the consent calendar; and

174 (c) place the legislation at the bottom of the third reading calendar.

175 (3) Legislation that has been assigned to the consent calendar may be reassigned to the third reading calendar by:

177 (a) the presiding officer; or

178 (b) the House by majority vote upon motion from the floor.

179 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) When legislation is removed from the consent calendar under this rule, the presiding officer shall inform the House of its removal.

181 ~~[(4)]~~ (5)

(a) If, after two calendar days, no more than five members have registered written objections to the legislation with the chief clerk:

183 (i) the legislation shall be read the third time;

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- 184 (ii) the presiding officer shall grant the sponsor of the legislation two minutes to introduce and
explain the legislation; and
- 186 (iii) the presiding officer shall pose the question and take the final vote on the legislation.
- 188 (b) The presiding officer may not allow debate on legislation on the consent calendar.
- 189 [~~(5)~~] (6)
- (a) If the representative sponsoring the legislation on the consent calendar is absent from the floor when
the legislation is ready to be read for the third time and considered for passage, a representative may
make a motion to circle the legislation.
- 192 (b) If the motion to circle is successful and the representative sponsoring the legislation has not moved
to uncircle the legislation before floor time is recessed or adjourned, the bill shall be placed on the
bottom of the third reading calendar.
- 153 Section 6. **HR4-6-105.5** is amended to read:
- 154 **HR4-6-105.5. Prohibited references on the floor.**
- 197 (1) During debate on the House floor, a representative may not:
- 198 (a) allude to or discuss what was done or said in committee in relation to the legislation under debate,
except that a representative may allude to or discuss information contained on a House or Senate
committee report;
- 201 (b) use a display, exhibit, demonstration, or prop, including an individual who is present on the House
floor, to illustrate the representative's remarks or to emphasize the representative's position; or
- 204 (c) read from a written, prepared speech unless the representative, during the debate, receives
permission from the presiding officer.
- 205 (2) During debate on the House floor, a representative may use notes when delivering a speech.
- 166 (3)
- 207 (3){(a)} ~~{When}~~ Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), when raising a matter of personal privilege
on the House floor, a representative may not:
- 208 (a){(i)} use a display, exhibit, demonstration, or prop to illustrate the representative's remarks or to
emphasize the representative's position; or
- 210 (b){(ii)} read from a written, prepared speech.
- 211 ~~{(3)}~~ (4) A representative may engage in an act prohibited under Subsection (3)(a) if the
representative receives permission from the presiding officer immediately after raising the matter of
personal privilege.

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174 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Nothing in this rule affects a representative's ability to seek approval in accordance with
[HR1-4-302(14)] HR1-4-302(13) to have material placed on the representatives' desks.

214 {~~(5) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(c) and (3)(b), a representative may read from a brief prepared
speech if the representative receives permission from the presiding officer.~~}

177 Section 7. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This resolution takes effect upon a successful vote for final passage.

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