

### **Part 3 Floor Amendments**

#### **HR4-3-301 Amendments in order on third reading -- 15 word rule -- Passage of amendments by a majority vote.**

- (1) A motion to amend a piece of legislation is in order on third reading.
- (2)
  - (a) A representative may verbally propose an amendment to legislation if the amendment contains 15 words or less.
  - (b) A representative shall ensure that a proposed amendment containing more than 15 words is printed on pink paper and available to the chief clerk and each representative present before the motion to amend is made.
- (3) A constitutional amendment, resolution, or bill requiring a constitutional two-thirds vote for final passage, may be amended by a majority vote.
- (4) When legislation is amended by the House, the chief clerk shall:
  - (a) for each page of the legislation modified by a House amendment, cause a new page to be printed that clearly identifies each House amendment to that page; and
  - (b) print that new page on lilac-colored paper.

#### **HR4-3-302 Amendment must be germane.**

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a representative may, if recognized by the presiding officer while the House is debating a piece of legislation, make a motion to amend the legislation.
- (2)
  - (a) The representative making the motion to amend shall ensure that the amendment is germane to the subject of the original legislation under consideration.
  - (b) If a representative believes that an amendment is not germane to the subject of the original legislation, the representative may raise a point of order alleging that the amendment is not germane.
  - (c) The presiding officer shall rule on the point of order by determining whether or not the amendment is germane to the subject of the original legislation.