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SR4-3-301 Amendments in order on second or third reading -- 10 word rule -- Passage of amendments by a majority vote.

- (1) A motion to amend a piece of legislation is in order on second or third reading.
- (2)
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3) or (4), a senator may, if recognized by the presiding officer while the Senate is debating a piece of legislation, make a motion to amend the legislation.
 - (b)
 - (i) A senator may verbally propose an amendment to a piece of legislation if the amendment contains 10 words or fewer.
 - (ii) A senator shall ensure that a proposed amendment containing more than 10 words is printed and distributed to the secretary of the Senate and to all senators before the amendment is proposed.
- (3)
 - (a) The senator making the motion to amend shall ensure that the amendment is germane to the subject of the original legislation under consideration.
 - (b) If a senator believes that an amendment is not germane to the subject of the original legislation, the senator 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.
- (4) A constitutional amendment, resolution, or bill requiring a constitutional two-thirds vote for final passage may be amended by a majority vote.
- (5) When legislation is amended by the Senate, the secretary of the Senate shall:
 - (a) for each page of the legislation modified by a Senate amendment, cause a new page to be printed that clearly identifies each Senate amendment to that page; and
 - (b) print that new page on tan paper on the second reading and on goldenrod-colored paper on the third reading.