

HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION - PROCESS

REVISIONS

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

This act modifies House Rules. This act modifies the powers of the House Rules Committee, provides standards and requirements for the motion to lift a bill from committee, and makes technical corrections. This act takes effect immediately.

This resolution affects legislative rules as follows:

AMENDS:

HR-24.01

ENACTS:

HR-27.17

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

Section 1. **HR-24.01** is amended to read:

HR-24.01. House Rules Committee.

- (1) All legislation introduced shall be submitted to the House Rules Committee.
- (2) (a) The House Rules Committee has all the powers, functions, and duties of a standing committee when it:
 - (i) prepares the House Rules and Joint Rules and presents them to the House before adjournment on the second day of each annual general session; or
 - (ii) reviews all House Rules or Joint Rules resolutions.
- (b) Rules resolutions reviewed by House Rules Committee shall be reported directly to the House for its approval, amendment, or disapproval.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (6), when meeting as a standing committee under this Subsection
- (2), persons other than committee members may make comments and recommendations at the discretion of the chair.
- (3) For all legislation not specified in Subsection (2) that is referred to the House Rules

Committee, the committee shall:

(a) (i) examine each bill for proper form, including fiscal note and interim committee note, if any,

and, when in proper form, order the bills printed; and

(ii) in extraordinary circumstances, recommend to the House that a bill be printed without a fiscal

note; and

(b) either:

(i) refer bills to the House with a recommendation:

~~[(i)]~~ (A) that the legislation be referred to a standing committee for consideration; or

~~[(ii)]~~ (B) that the legislation be read the second time and placed on the third reading calendar;

or

(ii) hold the bill.

(4) In carrying out its functions and responsibilities under Subsection (3), the House Rules Committee may not:

(a) table a bill without the written consent of the sponsor;

(b) report out any bill that has been tabled by a standing committee;

(c) amend a bill without the written consent of the sponsor;

(d) substitute a bill without the written consent of the sponsor; or

(e) sponsor a bill, except for the revisor's bill.

(5) When this committee is carrying out the functions and responsibilities of Subsection (3), this

committee shall:

(a) during a legislative session, give notice of its meetings by either:

(i) providing oral notice from the floor of the time and place of its next meeting; or

(ii) when oral notice is impractical, post written notice of its next meeting;

(b) when the Legislature is not in session, post a notice of meeting at least 24 hours before the meeting convenes;

(c) have as its agenda all bills in its possession for assignment to committee; and

(d) prepare minutes that include a record, by individual legislator, of votes taken.

(6) Anyone may attend a meeting of the rules committee, but comments and discussion are limited to members of the committee.

Section 2. **HR-27.17** is enacted to read:

HR-27.17. Motion to Lift a Bill from Committee

(1) Any member of the House may make a motion to lift a bill or resolution from a standing committee or the House Rules Committee and place it on the third reading calendar.

(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), if the motion is approved by a majority of the members present, the bill or resolution shall be placed on the third reading calendar.

(b) During the 43, 44, and 45 day of the annual general session, and during any special session, a motion to lift a bill from committee must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Section 3. **Effective date.**

This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional two-thirds vote of all members of the House of Representatives.