

1 **SENATE RULES RESOLUTION - CONSENT**
2 **CALENDAR AMENDMENTS**

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Michael G. Waddoups**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This resolution modifies Senate Rules governing consent calendar bills.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This resolution:

- 12 ▶ clarifies procedures for voting on consent calendar bills;
- 13 ▶ requires a roll call vote if any Senators oppose the bill;
- 14 ▶ allows Senators to move consent calendar bills to the third reading calendar; and
- 15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 This resolution provides an immediate effective date.

18 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **SR-25.14**

21 **SR-30.10**

23 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. **SR-25.14** is amended to read:

25 **SR-25.14. Consent Calendar.**

26 (1)(a) Standing committees may report a bill to the Senate with the recommendation
27 that it be placed on the consent calendar, if:

28 ~~[(1)]~~ (i) ~~[this has been]~~ the sponsor has requested ~~[by the sponsor]~~ that the bill be
29 placed on the consent calendar; and

30 ~~[(2)]~~ (ii) the bill has the unanimous recommendation of the standing committee with a
31 quorum present.

32 (b) The Secretary of the Senate shall provide appropriate forms for reporting the
33 committee's recommendation.

34 (2) Upon adoption of the committee report by the Senate, the bill shall be read for the
35 second time ~~[(cf. SR-27.16)]~~ and placed on the consent calendar.

36 (3) (a) Each day, the President shall call attention to the bills on the consent calendar to
37 determine ~~[any objections to any bill there]~~ if any Senator objects to any bill's placement on the
38 consent calendar.

39 (b) Any Senator may object to the bill's placement on the consent calendar by verbal
40 objection on the floor or by notifying the Secretary of the Senate.

41 (c) If ~~[objections are registered by]~~ three or more Senators object to a bill's placement
42 on the consent calendar, the bill shall be removed from the consent calendar and placed at the
43 bottom of the second reading calendar.

44 (4) If, after three days during which the Senate has floor time, no more than two
45 members have registered objections to a bill on the consent calendar ~~[with the Secretary],~~ the
46 bill shall be;

47 (a) read for the third time ~~[(cf. SR-27.16)];~~

48 (b) placed before the Senate~~[-];~~ and

49 (c) considered for final passage~~[-, which shall be by voice vote (cf. SR-30.10)]~~
50 according to the provisions of SR-30.10.

51 Section 2. **SR-30.10** is amended to read:

52 **SR-30.10. Consent Calendar.**

53 (1) The President shall pose the question on each consent calendar bill in the following
54 form:

55 "The President has determined that a quorum is present.

56 Those who favor the question say, aye.

57 Does the chair hear a single dissenting nay to the question?"

58 (2) If the President hears no nays to the question, a unanimous vote of the Senators

59 present shall be recorded in favor of the legislation.

60 (3) If the President hears any nays to the question, a roll call vote shall be taken
61 immediately.

62 (4) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3), any Senator may make a
63 motion before the roll call vote is taken to remove the bill from the consent calendar and place
64 it on the bottom of the third reading calendar.

65 (5) Nothing in this section prevents a Senator from challenging the ruling of the chair
66 or asking for a vote on any question.

67 Section 3. **Effective date.**

68 This resolution takes effect upon approval by a constitutional majority vote of all
69 members of the Senate.

Legislative Review Note

as of 12-29-05 12:47 PM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Legislative Committee Note

as of 01-03-06 11:38 AM

The Senate Rules Committee recommended this bill.

Fiscal Note
Bill Number SR0001

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13-Jan-06

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State Impact

Provisions of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst