

**Representative James A. Dunnigan** proposes the following substitute bill:

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING HOUSE RULES**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This rules resolution modifies House rules.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ simplifies language in the constitutional resolution related to the beginning of House sessions;

▶ modifies duties of the chief clerk of the House;

▶ removes a restriction on a representative's leaving the chamber during a vote;

▶ consolidates and modifies definitions for clarity;

▶ clarifies provisions that prohibit lobbying on the House floor;

**↗▶ permits the House Rules Committee to review any type of legislation as a standing or interim committee; ↖**

▶ requires, with certain exceptions, legislation to have a favorable recommendation from a committee before the House Rules Committee may place the legislation directly on the third reading calendar;

▶ modifies rules on verbal amendments;

▶ modifies rules on the release of held legislation;

▶ modifies provisions relating to notifications relating to the consent calendar;

▶ prohibits certain actions during voting;

▶ prohibits reference to committee actions during floor debate, with exceptions; and

▶ modifies procedures relating to approved activities.



26 **Special Clauses:**

27 None

28 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 HR1-1-102

31 HR1-4-102

32 HR2-2-105

33 HR2-4-101

34 HR2-4-101.2

35 HR2-4-101.3

36 HR2-4-101.4

37 HR2-4-102

38 HR2-4-103

38a **H→ HR3-1-101 ←H**

39 HR3-1-102

39a **H→ HR3-1-103 ←H**

40 HR3-2-406

41 HR4-3-301

42 HR4-4-202

43 HR4-4-301

44 HR4-7-103

45 HR5-4-101

46 ENACTS:

47 HR4-6-105.5



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

50 Section 1. **HR1-1-102** is amended to read:

51 **HR1-1-102. Constitutional motion.**

52 At the beginning of each session of the House, before the reading of any piece of  
53 legislation, the House Rules Committee chair shall make the following motion:

54 "Mr. (Madam) Speaker, as allowed by the Utah Constitution [~~and the Joint Rules of the~~  
55 ~~Legislature~~], I move that the House [~~continue its practice of reading~~] read only the short title of  
56 bills and resolutions as they are introduced or considered [~~on a House calendar and not read the~~]

274 representative may occupy the chair or use the desk of the speaker or any representative.

275 (2) A representative may invite one individual to sit next to the representative on the  
276 House floor, if the representative complies with the requirements of HR2-4-101.2 and the  
277 invited individual is:

278 (a) another legislator;

279 [~~(b) a legislative employee;~~]

280 (b) a member of House or Senate staff;

281 (c) a member of professional legislative staff;

282 (d) a House intern;

283 (e) a member of the representative's immediate family;

284 (f) a constituent who resides in the representative's district; or

285 (g) a special guest who is authorized to access the House floor under

286 HR2-4-101.2[~~(4)~~](5).

286a **Ĥ→ Section 9. HR3-1-101 is amended to read:**

286b **HR3-1-101. House Rules Committee – Appointment – General responsibilities.**

286c **(1) The speaker shall appoint members of the House of Representatives to serve on the House**  
286d **Rules Committee.**

286e **(2) The House Rules Committee shall perform the following functions as further elaborated in**  
286f **this part:**

286g **(a) receive introduced legislation from the House and recommend that the legislation be**  
286h **assigned to a House standing committee or to the House third reading calendar;**

286i **(b) receive legislation from the House that has been sent back to the House Rules Committee**  
286j **from the third reading calendar, and recommend to the House which legislation should be assigned to**  
286k **the third reading calendar and the order in which it should be heard; and**

286l **(c) function as a standing committee or interim committee when reviewing Joint Rules, Interim**  
286m **Rules, [~~and~~] House Rules , or other legislation . ←Ĥ**

287 Section 9. **HR3-1-102** is amended to read:

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

289 **(1) The presiding officer shall submit all legislation introduced in the House of**  
290 **Representatives to the House Rules Committee.**

291 **(2) For all legislation not specified in HR3-1-103 that is referred to the House Rules**  
292 **Committee, the committee shall:**

293 **(a) examine the legislation for proper form, including fiscal note and interim**  
294 **committee note, if any; and**

295 **(b) either:**

336 the House calendars; and

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

338 (6) Anyone may attend a meeting of the rules committee, but comments and discussion

339 are limited to members of the committee and the committee's staff.

339a **Ĥ→ Section 11. HR3-1-103 is amended to read:**

339b **HR3-1-103. House Rules Committee – Standing and Interim Committee duties.**

339c (1) The House Rules Committee has all the powers, functions, and duties of a standing

339d committee or interim committee when it [:

339e ~~—— (a) prepares the House Rules, Interim Rules, [and] Joint Rules , or other legislation and~~

339f ~~presents them to the House before adjournment on the second day of each annual general session; or~~

339g ~~—— (b) reviews all] reviews~~ proposed House Rules, Interim Rules, [or] Joint Rules resolutions ,

339h1 ~~or other~~

339h ~~legislation .~~

339i (2) Any rules resolutions or legislation reviewed and approved by the House Rules

339j Committee may be reported directly to the House for its approval, amendment, or disapproval.

339k (3) When meeting as a standing committee or interim committee under this rule, persons other

339l than committee members may address the committee at the discretion of the chair.

339m (4) When meeting as a standing committee or interim committee under this rule, the House

339n Rules Committee shall comply with the provisions of Utah Code Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public

339o Meetings Act. ←Ĥ

340 Section 10. **HR3-2-406** is amended to read:

341 **HR3-2-406. Amending legislation -- Verbal Amendments -- Amendments must be**

342 **germane.**

343 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2), and if recognized by the chair during the

344 committee action phase, a committee member may make a motion to amend the legislation that

345 is under consideration.

346 (b) (i) A committee member may propose a verbal amendment to the legislation under

347 consideration if the amendment contains [25] 15 or fewer words.

348 (ii) Before proposing a motion to amend, a committee member shall ensure that a

349 proposed amendment that contains more than [25] 15 words is printed and distributed to

350 committee staff and to all committee members present.

351 (iii) Each word inserted shall count as one of the 15 words permitted under a verbal

352 amendment, except that:

353 (A) numbering shall not be counted as a word;

354 (B) instructions to delete a word or words shall not count as a word; and

355 (C) a word or an exact phrase that is inserted in multiple locations shall only be