

1                   **HOUSE RULES RESOLUTION -- CHAMBER PROCEDURE**

2                                   2021 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                   **Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

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6   **LONG TITLE**

7   **General Description:**

8           This rules resolution amends house standing committee procedures.

9   **Highlighted Provisions:**

10          This resolution:

- 11           ▶ defines terms;
- 12           ▶ establishes the order in which a standing committee chair allows response to a
- 13 substitute motion; and
- 14           ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

15   **Special Clauses:**

16          None

17   **Legislative Rules Affected:**

18   AMENDS:

19           [HR3-2-101](#)

20           [HR3-2-313](#)

21           [HR3-2-505](#)

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

24           Section 1. **HR3-2-101** is amended to read:

25           **HR3-2-101. Definitions.**

26           As used in this chapter:

- 27           (1) "Chair" means:
- 28           (a) the chair of a standing committee; or
- 29           (b) a standing committee member who is authorized to act as chair under [HR3-2-202](#).

30 (2) "Committee" means a standing committee created under [HR3-2-201](#).

31 (3) "Dispose of legislation" refers to a committee action that transfers ownership of  
32 legislation to the House Rules Committee, to another standing committee, or to the House  
33 floor.

34 (4) "Favorable recommendation" refers to a committee action that transfers ownership  
35 of legislation to the House second reading calendar.

36 (5) "Legislation" means a Senate bill, House bill, Senate resolution, House resolution,  
37 joint resolution, or concurrent resolution.

38 (6) "Majority vote" means a majority of a quorum as provided in [HR3-2-203](#).

39 (7) "Original motion" means a non-privileged motion that is accepted by the chair  
40 when no other motion is pending.

41 (8) "Pending motion" refers to a motion starting when a chair accepts a motion and  
42 ending when the motion is withdrawn or when the chair calls for a vote on the motion.

43 (9) (a) "Privileged motion" means a procedural motion to adjourn, set a time to  
44 adjourn, recess, end debate, extend debate, or limit debate.

45 (b) Privileged motions are not substitute motions.

46 (10) "Substitute motion" means a non-privileged motion that is made when [~~a~~  
47 ~~non-privileged~~] an original motion is pending.

48 (11) "Under consideration" means the time starting when a chair opens a discussion on  
49 a subject or piece of legislation that is listed on a committee agenda and ending when the  
50 committee disposes of the legislation, moves on to another item on the agenda, or adjourns.

51 Section 2. **HR3-2-313** is amended to read:

52 **HR3-2-313. Chair to allow response to motions before placing motions for a**  
53 **vote.**

54 (1) After [~~a motion has been accepted~~] the chair accepts an original motion, and before  
55 the chair places [~~a~~] the original motion for a vote, the chair shall permit:

56 [~~(1) members of the committee to ask the committee member who placed the motion~~  
57 ~~questions about the motion;~~]

58           ~~[(2) members of the committee]~~ (a) committee members to debate the original motion;  
59           ~~[(3)]~~ (b) the chief sponsor of the legislation that is affected by the original motion to  
60 respond to the original motion; and  
61           ~~[(4)]~~ (c) the committee member who placed the original motion to have the final word  
62 on the motion.

63           (2) After a chair accepts a substitute motion, and before the chair places the substitute  
64 motion for a vote, the chair shall permit:

65           (a) the committee member who placed the original motion to respond to the substitute  
66 motion;

67           (b) committee members to debate the substitute motion;

68           (c) the chief sponsor of the legislation that is affected by the substitute motion to  
69 respond to the substitute motion; and

70           (d) the committee member who placed the substitute motion to have the final word on  
71 the motion.

72           Section 3. **HR3-2-505** is amended to read:

73           **HR3-2-505. Substitute motions in committee -- General requirements, procedure,**  
74 **and priority.**

75           (1) Substitute motions:

76           (a) are debatable; and

77           (b) take precedence over original motions.

78           (2) (a) A committee member may make a substitute motion if an original motion is  
79 pending.

80           (b) A committee member may not make a substitute motion if:

81           (i) a privileged motion is pending; or

82           (ii) another substitute motion is pending.

83           (c) If a substitute motion is adopted, a substitute motion disposes of the original  
84 motion.

85           (d) If a substitute motion is not adopted, the original motion is pending.

86           (3) After a chair accepts a substitute motion, and before the chair places the substitute  
87 motion for a vote, the chair shall allow response to the substitute motion in accordance with  
88 HR3-2-313.