

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - LEGISLATIVE  
COMMITTEE SECURITY**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution enacts joint legislative rules related to conduct at a legislative committee meeting.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ provides the items and activities that are prohibited at a legislative committee meeting;
- ▶ directs the chair of a legislative committee to preserve order and decorum during a meeting of the legislative committee; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

ENACTS:

**JR7-1-104**

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

**JR3-2-605**

**JR7-1-302**

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28 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. **JR3-2-605** is repealed and reenacted to read:

30 **JR3-2-605. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

31 In accordance with [JR7-1-302](#), the chair shall preserve order and decorum during a  
32 committee meeting.

33 Section 2. **JR7-1-104** is enacted to read:

34 **JR7-1-104. Prohibited items and activities in legislative committee meetings.**

35 (1) A member of the public attending a meeting of a legislative committee may not:

36 (a) bring into the meeting room, or possess while in the meeting room, any of the  
37 following:

38 (i) a sign, poster, banner, or placard;

39 (ii) glitter or confetti;

40 (iii) a laser pointer;

41 (iv) paint;

42 (v) an open flame;

43 (vi) an incendiary device;

44 (vii) a noise maker;

45 (viii) flammable liquid; or

46 (ix) any harmful or hazardous substance; or

47 (b) engage in any of the following while in the meeting room:

48 (i) commercial solicitation;

49 (ii) leafletting;

50 (iii) throwing an item; or

51 (iv) adhering any item to a furnishing, a wall, or other state property.

52 ~~H→ [(2) The chair may allow an individual to use an item described in Subsection (1) during~~  
53 ~~the individual's presentation to the legislative committee, provided that the item's use does not~~  
54 ~~affect the chair's ability to preserve order and decorum.] ←H~~

55 Section 3. **JR7-1-302** is repealed and reenacted to read:

56 **JR7-1-302. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

57 (1) The chair shall preserve order and decorum during a legislative committee meeting

58 by:

- 59           (a) ensuring nothing obstructs a walkway or the view of a meeting attendee;
- 60           (b) ensuring that nothing disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly course of
- 61 the meeting;
- 62           (c) protecting state property from damage or disarray;
- 63           (d) prohibiting speech likely to incite or produce imminent lawless action, fighting
- 64 words, or obscenity; and
- 65           (e) prohibiting any activity or item that poses a danger to the safety of a meeting
- 66 attendee.
- 67           (2) To preserve order and decorum in accordance with Subsection (1), the chair may:
- 68           (a) prohibit the following:
- 69           (i) standing, waving, yelling, cheering, whistling, or clapping;
- 70           (ii) loud noises;
- 71           (iii) food or drink, other than water in a closed container;
- 72           (iv) musical instruments;
- 73           (v) any item that may require excessive cleanup; or
- 74           (vi) to the extent necessary to preserve order and decorum, any other item or activity
- 75 the chair determines necessary;
- 76           (b) clear the meeting room of one or more individuals;
- 77           (c) recess the meeting; or
- 78           (d) request assistance from:
- 79           (i) the sergeant-at-arms; or
- 80           (ii) the Utah Highway Patrol.