

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

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION - LEGISLATIVE**

**COMMITTEE SECURITY**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**



26 **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 **JR3-2-605** is repealed and reenacted to read: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 A member of the public attending a meeting of a legislative committee may not:

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

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

39 (b) glitter or confetti;

40 (c) a laser pointer;

41 (d) paint;

42 (e) an open flame;

43 (f) an incendiary device;

44 (g) a noise maker;

45 (h) flammable liquid; or

46 (i) any harmful or hazardous substance; or

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

48 (a) commercial solicitation;

49 (b) leafletting;

50 (c) throwing an item; or

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

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 **JR7-1-302** is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

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

55 by:

56 (a) ensuring nothing obstructs a walkway or the view of a meeting attendee;

57 (b) ensuring that nothing disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly course of  
58 the meeting;

59 (c) protecting state property from damage or disarray;

60 (d) prohibiting speech likely to incite or produce imminent lawless action, fighting  
61 words, or obscenity; and

62 (e) prohibiting any activity or item that poses a danger to the safety of a meeting  
63 attendee.

64 (2) To preserve order and decorum in accordance with Subsection (1), the chair may:

65 (a) prohibit the following:

66 (i) standing, waving, yelling, cheering, whistling, or clapping;

67 (ii) loud noises;

68 (iii) food or drink, other than water in a closed container;

69 (iv) musical instruments;

70 (v) any item that may require excessive cleanup; or

71 (vi) to the extent necessary to preserve order and decorum, any other item or activity  
72 the chair determines necessary;

73 (b) clear the meeting room of one or more individuals;

74 (c) recess the meeting; or

75 (d) request assistance from:

76 (i) the sergeant-at-arms; or

77 (ii) the Utah Highway Patrol.