

1                   **SENATE RULES RESOLUTION - SENATE COMMITTEE**

2                                   **SECURITY**

3   2023 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This resolution enacts Senate rules related to conduct at a Senate committee meeting.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11       This resolution:

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

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18       None

19 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21       **SR3-4-101**

22       **SR3-4-102**

23 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

24       **SR3-2-310**

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

27       Section 1. **SR3-2-310** is repealed and reenacted to read:

28       **SR3-2-310. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

29       In accordance with [SR3-4-101](#), the chair shall preserve order and decorum during a

30 standing committee meeting.

31 Section 2. **SR3-4-101** is enacted to read:

32 **CHAPTER 4. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SENATE COMMITTEES**

33 **SR3-4-101. Chair to preserve order and decorum.**

34 (1) The chair shall preserve order and decorum during a Senate committee meeting by:

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

36 (b) ensuring the meeting is free from any audible or visual disturbance;

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

38 (d) prohibiting speech likely to incite or produce imminent lawless action, fighting

39 words, or obscenity; and

40 (e) prohibiting any activity or item that poses a danger to the safety of a meeting

41 attendee.

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

43 (a) prohibit the following:

44 (i) standing, waving, yelling, or clapping;

45 (ii) loud noises;

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

47 (iv) musical instruments;

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

49 (vi) to the extent necessary to preserve order and decorum, any other item or activity

50 the chair determines necessary;

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

52 (c) recess the meeting; or

53 (d) request assistance from:

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

55 (ii) the Utah Highway Patrol.

56 Section 3. **SR3-4-102** is enacted to read:

57 **SR3-4-102. Prohibited items and activities in Senate committee meetings.**

- 58           A member of the public attending a meeting of a Senate committee may not:  
59           (1) bring into the meeting room, or possess while in the meeting room, any of the  
60 following:  
61           (a) a sign, poster, banner, or placard;  
62           (b) glitter or confetti;  
63           (c) a laser pointer;  
64           (d) paint;  
65           (e) an open flame;  
66           (f) an incendiary device;  
67           (g) a noise maker;  
68           (h) flammable liquid; or  
69           (i) any harmful or hazardous substance; or  
70           (2) engage in any of the following while in the meeting room:  
71           (a) commercial solicitation;  
72           (b) leafletting;  
73           (c) throwing an item; or  
74           (d) adhering any item to a furnishing, wall, or other state property.