

Committee: House Legislative Procedure

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:00 AM

Roll Call

Present: Rep. Finck, Rep. Gosch, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Haugaard, Rep. Healy, Rep. Chris Johnson, and Rep. Kent Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT: See Original Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Representative Gosch

Representative Gosch deferred discussion of the Proposed New Rule H2-1 until later today.

Representative Gosch presented Proposed New Rule H3-2.

Dave Ortbahn, Chief Research and Legal Analyst, Legislative Research Council, addressed committee questions.

H3-2. Introductory remarks before motions. No member making a motion in a committee pursuant to Joint Rules Chapter 7 may make introductory remarks prior to making a motion.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED NEW RULE H3-2

Moved by: Kent Peterson
Second by: Hansen
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote (7-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Finck, Gosch, Hansen, Haugaard, Healy, Chris Johnson, and Kent Peterson

Representative Gosch presented Proposed Revised Rule H5-8.

Dave Ortbahn, Chief Research and Legal Analyst, Legislative Research Council, addressed committee questions.

Revised Rule

H5-8. Members to vote electronically from their desks, exceptions. A member may vote on the electronic voting system only when at the member's desk. However, the presiding officer may authorize the chief clerk to call the names of members who are on the floor but not at their desks at the time of a vote or who are participating remotely as permitted under Joint Rule 2-5 at the time of the vote and to record the votes of such members on the electronic voting system. If a member other than the speaker of the House is presiding, the chief clerk shall switch the voting system to allow the designated member presiding to vote in the presiding officer's station.

MOTION: TO ADOPT PROPOSED REVISED RULE H5-8

Moved by: Finck
Second by: Kent Peterson
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote (7-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Finck, Gosch, Hansen, Haugaard, Healy, Chris Johnson, and Kent Peterson

Representative Gosch presented Proposed New Rule H5-12

Dave Ortbahn, Chief Research and Legal Analyst, and Hilary Carruthers, IT Support Specialist, of the Legislative Research Council, addressed committee questions.

New Rule

H5-12. Remote voting. The speaker may temporarily suspend the provisions of this chapter requiring use of the electronic voting system if over a half of the members are participating remotely because of an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

MOTION: TO ADOPT NEW RULE H5-12

Moved by: Kent Peterson
Second by: Chris Johnson
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote (7-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Finck, Gosch, Hansen, Haugaard, Healy, Chris Johnson, and Kent Peterson

Representative Gosch called recess until 5:00PM at which time Proposed New Rule H2-1 will be addressed.

Representative Gosch called the House Legislative Procedures Committee back to order with all members present.

Representative Gosch presented Proposed New Rule H2-1 and opened it for committee discussion.

Dave Ortbahn, Chief Research and Legal Analyst, Legislative Research Council, addressed committee questions and offered, upon request, format suggestions.

A motion was made by Representative Finck and seconded by Representative Peterson to Adopt Proposed New Rule H2-1 as read and then withdrawn for further discussion and amending.

H2-1. Time allowed for a member to speak.

- (1) The first time a member speaks on a pending subject, the member may speak for five minutes.
 - (a) The member may continue to speak for an additional five minutes on the same subject, if another member yields his or her time to speak.
 - (b) If the member wishes to continue to speak on the same subject longer than the time allowed under (1)(a), the member shall seek the consent of the majority of the members present and upon receiving such consent, the member may speak up to an additional ten minutes.
- (2) Any of the time to speak not used by a member in any five-minute period is forfeited by the member.
- (3) Each member may speak on the pending subject before any member speaks twice.

- (4) If a member speaks for a second time on the pending subject, the member may speak for an additional five minutes.
- (5) No member may speak more than twice on the same subject, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

Notwithstanding any of the limitations of this rule, when the debate on a bill or resolution appears to be closed, the prime sponsor of the bill or resolution may speak for an additional five minutes, unless a motion to call the previous question on final disposition of the bill or resolution has prevailed.

The time consumed by a member asking a question and the time consumed by the response shall be subtracted from the questioning member's time to speak. The time to speak remaining after the question and the response is not forfeited by the member who asked the question.

MOTION: TO ADOPT PROPOSED NEW RULE H2-1 AS REDRAFTED

Moved by: Finck
Second by: Kent Peterson
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote (7-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Finck, Gosch, Hansen, Haugaard, Healy, Chris Johnson, and Kent Peterson

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Kent Peterson
Second by: Finck
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Pam Kean, Committee Secretary

/s/ SPENCER R. GOSCH
Spencer R. Gosch, Chair