

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE – Senate Legislative Procedure

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Legislative Procedure respectfully reports that it has had under consideration the Senate rules and recommends that the Senate rules of the Ninety-eighth Legislative Session be adopted as the Senate rules of the Ninety-ninth Legislative Session with the following changes:

SENATE RULES: AMENDMENT (A)

Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1:

S1-1. Presiding officer. The presiding officer of the Senate is the president pro tempore. The president pro tempore shall prescribe all Senate policies not otherwise provided by law or rule and shall perform all the duties of a presiding officer except for presiding over Senate floor sessions when the president of the Senate is present.

Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1:

S1-2. President of the Senate. The lieutenant governor is the president of the Senate. The president shall preside over Senate floor sessions.

Section 3. That S1-1 be AMENDED:

~~**S1-1**~~**S1-3. President pro tempore presides in absence of president.** If the president of the Senate is absent or unable to serve during a Senate floor session, the president pro tempore shall ~~act as presiding officer of~~ preside over the Senate. The acts of the president pro tempore have the same validity as those of the president.

Section 4. That S1-2 be AMENDED:

~~**S1-2**~~**S1-4. Presiding officer in absence of president and president pro tempore.** If the president of the Senate and the president pro tempore are absent or unable to serve during a Senate floor session, any member called to the chair by the Senate may ~~serve as presiding officer~~ preside over the Senate. ~~When in session, the presiding officer, in the absence of the pro tempore, may designate any member to perform the duties of the presiding officer, but the designation may not extend beyond an adjournment.~~ The acts of such a member have the same validity as those of the president.

Section 5. That S2-4 be AMENDED:

S2-4. Introduction of honored guests. Any Senator may, with the prior approval of the ~~presiding officer~~ president pro tempore, present honored guests for introduction on the floor of the chamber. Any honored guest should be a representative of some noteworthy event, charity, or benevolent organization or the recipient of some significant honor, title, or award and shall be briefly conducted onto the Senate floor from the legislators' side lobby. However, all such presentations may only occur during the first hour of business, and the honored guests may not address any remarks to the Senate. Introduction shall be made by the ~~presiding officer or their designee~~ president of the Senate or the member presiding over the Senate floor session.

Section 6. That S4-1 be AMENDED:

S4-1. Standing committees. The ~~presiding officer of the Senate~~ president of the Senate shall announce the members of the following standing committees after their selection by the president pro tempore ~~and with advice from~~ the minority leader. The number of members is indicated after each committee:

1. Agriculture and Natural Resources (7)

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- 2.Appropriations (9)
- 3.Commerce and Energy (9)
- 4.Education (7)
- 5.Government Operations and Audit (5)
- 6.Health and Human Services (7)
- 7.Judiciary (7)
- 8.Legislative Procedure (7)
- 9.Local Government (7)
10. Military and Veterans Affairs (5)
- 11.Retirement Laws (5)
- 12.State Affairs (9)
13. Taxation (7)
14. Transportation (7)

The president of the Senate is an ex officio member of the committee on legislative procedure.

Section 7. That S6-1 be AMENDED:

S6-1. Consent calendar. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 13-1, a bill requiring a two-thirds vote of the members-elect may not be voted on the Senate consent calendar. If such a bill is placed on the Senate consent calendar, the ~~presiding officer~~ president of the Senate or the member presiding shall order it removed and placed on the next legislative day's regular bill calendar.

Section 8. That S7-3 be AMENDED:

S7-3. Motion of advice and consent. On considering nominations from the Governor, the ~~presiding officer~~ president of the Senate or the member presiding shall put the following question: "Does the Senate advise and consent to the executive appointment of (name) pursuant to the executive message as found on page _____ of the Senate Journal?"

SENATE RULES: AMENDMENT (B)

Section 1. That S8-1 be AMENDED:

S8-1. Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion. Any ~~two~~ five Senators may by written motion first delivered to the president pro tempore move for the establishment of a Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion to investigate the conduct of any other Senator. Upon being seconded, the motion is debatable, and passage of the motion requires a majority vote of the members-elect. The Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion shall be composed of nine members of the Senate. The chair and vice chair of the select committee shall be chosen by the president pro tempore and may not both be members of the same political party. The other seven members of the select committee shall be chosen by the president pro tempore in consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader.

The party makeup of the select committee shall be proportional to the party makeup of the Senate.

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SENATE RULES: AMENDMENT (C)

Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1 of the Senate Rules:

S1-3. Bill and joint resolution signing deadline. When a bill or joint resolution is presented pursuant to Joint Rule 6G-8, the bill or joint resolution must be signed before the Senate adjourns on the legislative day after the bill or joint resolution is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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