

SIXTY NINTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

TWELFTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Friday, January 24, 2025

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Shavers presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fourth order of business.

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 1566 by Representatives Rule, Marshall, Shavers, Pollet and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to making improvements to transparency and accountability in the prior authorization determination process; amending RCW 48.43.830, 74.09.840, 41.05.845, 48.43.525, and 48.43.0161; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1567 by Representatives Stonier, Fosse, Salahuddin, Macri, Mena, Berry, Obras, Taylor, Reed, Stearns, Nance, Gregerson, Ortiz-Self, Hill, Scott, Farivar, Peterson, Ryu, Parshley, Cortes, Simmons, Ormsby, Doglio and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to licensure of health care administrators; reenacting and amending RCW 18.130.040; and adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1568 by Representatives Paul, Leavitt, Macri, Shavers, Cortes, Parshley, Timmons, Doglio, Pollet, Salahuddin, Reed and Nance

AN ACT Relating to modifying financial aid eligibility; amending RCW 28B.92.205; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.92 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 1569 by Representatives Pollet, Santos, Wylie, Fey, Thai, Goodman, Walen, Farivar, Doglio, Macri, Tharinger, Taylor, Bergquist, Kloba, Reeves, Hackney, Bernbaum, Scott, Nance, Peterson, Lekanoff, Berry, Gregerson, Parshley, Cortes, Ramel, Obras, Simmons, Ormsby, Salahuddin and Reed

AN ACT Relating to increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability; amending RCW 43.06.400, 43.88.030, 43.88.055, 43.136.045, 43.136.055, 43.136.065, and 82.33.060; adding new sections to chapter 43.88 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.32 RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1570 by Representatives Timmons, Fosse, Berry, Taylor, Parshley, Berg, Cortes, Stonier, Scott, Reed, Peterson, Ryu, Obras, Gregerson, Macri, Nance, Mena, Goodman, Reeves, Ramel, Shavers, Simmons, Doglio, Pollet and Salahuddin

AN ACT Relating to collective bargaining for certain employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public

institutions of higher education; adding a new section to chapter 41.56 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1571 by Representatives Bronoske, Low, Parshley, Doglio, Pollet, Reed and Nance

AN ACT Relating to removing qualifiers related to the presumption of occupational disease for heart problems; amending RCW 51.32.185; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1572 by Representatives Pollet, Entenman, Reed and Nance

AN ACT Relating to modifying higher education accreditation standards; amending RCW 28B.85.020 and 28B.85.040; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 1573 by Representatives Parshley, Hunt, Doglio and Reed

AN ACT Relating to revising the period in which the oath of office must be taken for elective offices of counties, cities, towns, and special purpose districts; and amending RCW 29A.60.280.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1574 by Representatives Macri, Davis, Parshley, Mena, Goodman, Simmons, Ormsby, Scott, Doglio, Pollet, Salahuddin, Reed, Nance and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to protecting access to life-saving care and substance use services; and amending RCW 69.50.315, 69.50.4121, and 69.50.612.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety.

HB 1575 by Representatives Dufault and Walsh

AN ACT Relating to the defense of property rights; adding new sections to chapter 59.18 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1576 by Representatives Walen and Barkis

AN ACT Relating to the designation of historic landmarks by cities; reenacting and amending RCW 43.21C.495; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1577 by Representatives Bernbaum, Tharinger, Gregerson, Wylie, Simmons and Reed

AN ACT Relating to the provision of palliative care services by volunteer organizations that provide hospice care without

compensation; amending 2024 c 166 s 1 (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1578 by Representative Dufault

AN ACT Relating to repealing the long-term care services and supports trust program; amending RCW 74.39A.076, 18.88B.041, and 44.44.040; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040 and 43.79A.040; repealing RCW 50B.04.010, 50B.04.020, 50B.04.030, 50B.04.040, 50B.04.050, 50B.04.055, 50B.04.060, 50B.04.070, 50B.04.080, 50B.04.085, 50B.04.088, 50B.04.090, 50B.04.095, 50B.04.100, 50B.04.110, 50B.04.120, 50B.04.130, 50B.04.140, 50B.04.150, 50B.04.160, 50B.04.170, 50B.04.180, 50B.04.200, 50B.04.900, and 43.09.480; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1579 by Representatives Nance, Parshley, Simmons, Scott, Doglio and Salahuddin

AN ACT Relating to providing adequate and predictable student transportation; amending RCW 28A.160.170; and adding new sections to chapter 28A.160 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1580 by Representatives Nance, Parshley, Simmons, Doglio and Reed

AN ACT Relating to career and technical education in alternative learning experience programs; and amending RCW 28A.232.020.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1581 by Representatives Macri, Gregerson, Ormsby, Scott, Pollet, Salahuddin, Reed and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to increasing the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention line tax; amending RCW 82.86.020; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1582 by Representatives Caldier, Richards, Eslick and Nance

AN ACT Relating to child care centers operated in existing buildings; amending RCW 43.216.265; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1583 by Representatives Lekanoff, Wylie, Stearns, Macri, Parshley, Doglio, Pollet, Reed, Kloba and Davis

AN ACT Relating to medicaid coverage for traditional health care practices; reenacting and amending RCW 43.71B.010; and adding a new section to chapter 43.71B RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1584 by Representatives Marshall, Dye, Eslick, Couture, Connors, Klicker, Volz, Corry, Keaton, Waters, Graham, Schmick, McEntire, Walsh and Barnard

AN ACT Relating to ending vote by mail for nonabsentee voters and restoring in-person voting at polling places and voting centers; amending RCW 29A.04.008, 29A.04.019, 29A.04.031, 29A.04.223, 29A.04.611, 29A.08.140, 29A.08.410, 29A.08.620, 29A.08.810, 29A.12.085, 29A.12.120, 29A.12.160, 29A.32.241, 29A.36.220, 29A.40.010, 29A.40.020, 29A.40.050, 29A.40.070,

29A.40.091, 29A.40.100, 29A.40.110, 29A.40.130, 29A.40.160, 29A.40.170, 29A.40.180, 29A.60.050, 29A.60.110, 29A.60.120, 29A.60.165, 29A.60.170, 29A.60.190, 29A.60.235, 29A.84.510, 29A.84.520, 29A.84.540, 29A.84.545, and 29A.84.550; reenacting and amending RCW 29A.40.110; adding a new section to chapter 29A.04 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 29A.16 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 29A.40 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 29A RCW; creating a new section; repealing 2011 c 10 s 85 (uncodified); prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1585 by Representatives Marshall, Eslick, Graham, Couture, Burnett, Penner, McEntire, Corry, Griffey, Barkis, Chase, Volz, Keaton, Waters, Walsh and Barnard

AN ACT Relating to requiring verification of citizenship for voter registration; amending RCW 29A.08.010, 29A.08.123, 29A.08.210, and 29A.08.350; adding a new section to chapter 29A.08 RCW; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1586 by Representatives Marshall, Corry, Graham, Couture, Burnett, Eslick, Penner, Connors, Dye, McEntire, Griffey, Barkis, Chase, Caldier, Volz, Keaton, Waters, Walsh and Barnard

AN ACT Relating to the joint administrative rules review committee; amending RCW 34.05.610; and adding new sections to chapter 34.05 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1587 by Representatives Bergquist, Rude, Reed, Pollet, Reeves, Zahn, Timmons, Doglio, Salahuddin and Nance

AN ACT Relating to encouraging local government partner promise scholarship programs within the Washington state opportunity scholarship program; amending RCW 28B.145.050 and 28B.145.070; adding new sections to chapter 28B.145 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 1588 by Representatives Bernbaum, Gregerson, Berg, Parshley, Reeves, Doglio and Nance

AN ACT Relating to expanding opportunities for organic, regenerative, climate-smart, and sustainable producers; amending RCW 15.86.070; adding new sections to chapter 15.86 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1589 by Representatives Bronoske, Macri, Shavers, Pollet and Reed

AN ACT Relating to the relationships between health carriers and contracting providers; amending RCW 48.49.135; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1590 by Representatives Timmons, Eslick, Callan, Rule, Doglio and Reed

AN ACT Relating to supporting student success through instruction in self-resiliency skills; amending RCW 28A.300.288; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1591 by Representatives Taylor, Goodman, Parshley, Simmons, Ormsby, Scott, Doglio, Salahuddin, Reed and Davis

AN ACT Relating to providing remedies for defendant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking; amending RCW 9.94A.501, 9.94A.533, 9.94A.535, 9.94A.540, 9.94A.570, 9.94A.640, and 9.96.060; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.501; adding new sections to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.96 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety.

HB 1592 by Representatives Peterson, Low, Goodman, Nance, Parshley, Taylor, Ortiz-Self, Rude, Duerr, Richards, Steele, Barnard, Farivar, Simmons, Zahn, Timmons, Doglio, Pollet and Reed

AN ACT Relating to public defense services; amending RCW 10.101.050, 10.101.060, and 10.101.070; adding a new section to chapter 10.101 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 2.56 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1593 by Representatives Reeves, Berg and Parshley

AN ACT Relating to creating the children's social equity land trust; amending RCW 79.02.010; reenacting and amending RCW 79.64.110; adding a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 79 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1594 by Representative Caldier

AN ACT Relating to addressing increased school transportation and operating costs due to the climate commitment act; amending RCW 70A.65.260; adding a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.160 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1595 by Representatives Ryu, Volz, Eslick, Reeves, Shavers, Zahn, Pollet, Reed, Nance, Kloba and Barnard

AN ACT Relating to a five-year statewide economic development plan; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans.

HB 1596 by Representatives Leavitt, Goodman, Ryu and Berry

AN ACT Relating to accountability for persons for speeding; amending RCW 10.21.030, 46.20.2892, 46.20.380, 46.20.391, 46.20.410, and 46.61.500; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092 and 43.84.092; adding new sections to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.20 RCW; creating a new section;

prescribing penalties; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1597 by Representatives Dent, Springer, Connors, Eslick, Barnard, Engell and Reeves

AN ACT Relating to authorizing an agricultural employer to select any 12 weeks in a calendar year as special circumstance weeks for labor demand, during which in each of the selected 12 weeks, the agricultural employer may employ agricultural employees for up to 50 hours before the requirement to pay overtime applies under RCW 49.46.130; amending RCW 49.46.130; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1598 by Representatives Bernbaum, Parshley, Tharinger, Berry, Ramel, Doglio, Pollet, Reed and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to fair access to community solar; amending RCW 80.28.370, 80.28.375, and 82.16.182; adding new sections to chapter 80.28 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 1599 by Representatives Reeves, Corry and Walen

AN ACT Relating to consumer debt adjusters and debt resolution services providers; amending RCW 18.28.010, 18.28.080, 18.28.090, 18.28.100, 18.28.110, 18.28.120, 18.28.130, 18.28.140, 18.28.150, 18.28.200, 18.28.210, and 18.28.220; adding new sections to chapter 18.28 RCW; repealing RCW 18.28.165, 18.28.800, and 18.28.900; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated, with the exception of HOUSE BILL NO. 1579 which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fifth order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 23, 2025

HB 1091 Prime Sponsor, Representative Couture: Concerning sexually violent predators' ineligibility to earn supervision compliance credit. Reported by Committee on Community Safety

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Goodman, Chair; Simmons, Vice Chair; Graham, Ranking Minority Member; Griffey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Burnett; Davis; Fosse and Obras.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 22, 2025

HB 1112 Prime Sponsor, Representative Farivar: Removing the city residency requirement for judges pro tempore in municipalities with a population of more than 400,000 inhabitants. Reported by Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Taylor, Chair; Farivar, Vice Chair; Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; Abell, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Burnett; Entenman; Goodman; Graham; Jacobsen; Peterson; Salahuddin; Thai and Walen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 21, 2025

HB 1114 Prime Sponsor, Representative Leavitt: Concerning the respiratory care interstate compact. Reported by Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Paul, Chair; Nance, Vice Chair; Ybarra, Ranking Minority Member; McEntire, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Entenman; Graham; Keaton; Leavitt; Ley; Mendoza; Pollet; Reed; Rude; Salahuddin; Schmidt; Timmons;

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 23, 2025

HB 1119 Prime Sponsor, Representative Goodman: Concerning supervision compliance credit. Reported by Committee on Community Safety

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Goodman, Chair; Simmons, Vice Chair; Davis; Fosse and Obras.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Graham, Ranking Minority Member.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Griffey, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; and Burnett.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 22, 2025

HB 1141 Prime Sponsor, Representative Ortiz-Self: Concerning collective bargaining for agricultural cannabis workers. Reported by Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Berry, Chair; Fosse, Vice Chair; Scott, Vice Chair; Bronoske; Obras and Ortiz-Self.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member; Ybarra, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; and McEntire.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 22, 2025

HB 1144 Prime Sponsor, Representative Lekanoff: Adding an additional superior court judge in Skagit county. Reported by Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Taylor, Chair; Farivar, Vice Chair; Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; Abell, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Burnett; Entenman; Goodman; Graham; Jacobsen; Peterson; Salahuddin; Thai and Walen.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 21, 2025

HB 1161 Prime Sponsor, Representative Ryu: Establishing the veteran employability training and career advancement for reentry program. Reported by Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Paul, Chair; Nance, Vice Chair; Entenman; Leavitt; Pollet; Reed; Salahuddin; Timmons;

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Ybarra, Ranking Minority Member; Graham; Mendoza; Rude; and Schmidt.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives McEntire, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Keaton; and Ley.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 22, 2025

HB 1162 Prime Sponsor, Representative Leavitt: Concerning workplace violence in health care settings. Reported by Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Berry, Chair; Fosse, Vice Chair; Scott, Vice Chair; Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member; Ybarra, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bronoske; McEntire; Obras and Ortiz-Self.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 22, 2025

HB 1173 Prime Sponsor, Representative Bronoske: Concerning wages for journeypersons in high-hazard facilities. Reported by Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Berry, Chair; Fosse, Vice Chair; Scott, Vice Chair; Bronoske; Obras and Ortiz-Self.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Schmidt, Ranking Minority Member.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Ybarra, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; and McEntire.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 20, 2025

HB 1217

Prime Sponsor, Representative Alvarado: Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement. Reported by Committee on Housing

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House reverted to the first order of business.

The House was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the Speaker (Representative Shavers presiding). The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The flags were escorted to the rostrum by a Sergeant at Arms Color Guard, Pages Nathan Naylor and Ella Garcelon. The Speaker (Representative Shavers presiding) led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Pastor Gordy Hutchins, Evergreen Grace Church, Tacoma.

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Peterson, Chair; Hill, Vice Chair; Entenman; Gregerson; Lekanoff; Reed; Timmons;

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Low, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Manjarrez, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barkis; Connors; Dufault; and Engell.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Richards, Vice Chair.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

MOTIONS

On motion of Representative Griffey, Representatives Mendoza, Stuebe, Steele, Dufault, Eslick and McEntire were excused.

On motion of Representative Ramel, Representatives Callan, Farivar, Hackney, Peterson and Simmons were excused.

****FORMAT CHANGED TO ACCOMIDATE TEXT****

RESOLUTION

ENGROSSED HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4607, by Representative Fitzgibbon

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That permanent House rules for the Sixty-ninth Legislature be adopted as follows:

PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE 2025-2026

HOUSE RULE NO.

- Rule 1** Definitions
- Rule 2** Chief Clerk to Call to Order
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Rule 35	Legislative Publications
Rule 36	Emergency Resolution Authorized

Definitions

- Rule 1.** (A) "Absent" means an unexcused failure to attend.
- (B) "Bill" means bill, joint memorial, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution unless the context indicates otherwise.
- (C) "Committee" means any standing, conference, joint, or select committee as so designated by rule or resolution.
- (D) "Fiscal committee" means the appropriations, capital budget, finance, and transportation committees.
- (E) "Sergeant at arms" means the director of house security.
- (F) "Session" means a constitutional gathering of the house in accordance with Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution.
- (G) "Term" means the two-year term during which the members as a body may act.

Chief Clerk to Call to Order

Rule 2. It shall be the duty of the chief clerk of the previous term to call the house to order and to conduct the proceedings until a speaker is chosen.

Election of Officers

Rule 3. The house shall elect the following officers at the commencement of each term: Its presiding officer, who shall be styled speaker of the house; a speaker pro tempore, who shall serve in absence or in case of the inability of the speaker; a deputy speaker pro tempore, who shall serve in absence or in case of the inability of the speaker and speaker pro tempore; and a chief clerk of the house. Such officers shall hold office during all sessions until the convening of the succeeding term: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any of these offices may be declared vacant by the vote of a constitutional majority of the house, the members voting viva voce and their votes shall be entered on the journal. If any office is declared vacant, the house shall fill such vacant office as hereinafter provided. In all elections by the house a constitutional majority shall be required, the members shall vote viva voce and their votes shall be entered on the journal. (Article II, section 27)

Powers and Duties of the Speaker

Rule 4. The speaker shall have the following powers and duties:

- (A) The speaker shall take the chair and call the house to order precisely at the hour appointed for meeting and if a quorum be present, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read and shall proceed with the order of business.
- (B) The speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct within the chamber or legislative area, shall order the sergeant at arms to suppress the same and may order the sergeant at arms to remove any person creating any disturbance within the house chamber or legislative area.
- (C) The speaker may speak to points of order in preference to other members, arising from the seat for that purpose, and shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the house by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the house.
- (D) The speaker may authorize members who are not elected as officers as provided in Rule 3 to perform the powers and duties of the speaker described in subsections (A) through (C) of this rule.
- (E) The speaker shall sign all bills in open session. (Article II, section 32)
- (F) The speaker shall sign all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the house, all of which shall be attested to by the chief clerk.
- (G) The speaker shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall neither extend beyond adjournment nor authorize the representative so substituted to sign any documents requiring the signature of the speaker.
- (H) The speaker, in open session, shall appoint committee chairs as selected by the majority party caucus, and shall appoint members to committees in the same ratio as the membership of the respective parties of the house, unless otherwise provided by law or house rules.

(I) The speaker shall serve as chair of the rules committee and the executive rules committee.

(J) The speaker shall have charge of and see that all officers, attaches, and clerks perform their respective duties.

(K) The speaker pro tempore shall exercise the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the speaker in the event of the speaker's death, illness, removal, or inability to act until the speaker's successor shall be elected.

Chief Clerk

Rule 5. The chief clerk shall perform the usual duties pertaining to the office, and shall hold office until a successor has been elected.

The chief clerk shall perform all administrative duties related to the public records obligations of members of the house.

The chief clerk shall employ, subject to the approval of the speaker, all other house employees; the hours of duty and assignments of all house employees shall be under the chief clerk's directions and instructions, and they may be dismissed by the chief clerk with the approval of the speaker. The speaker shall sign and the chief clerk shall countersign all payrolls and vouchers for all expenses of the house and appropriately transmit the same. In the event of the chief clerk's death, illness, removal, or inability to act, the speaker may appoint an acting chief clerk who shall exercise the duties and powers of the chief clerk until the chief clerk's successor shall be elected.

Executive Rules Committee

Rule 6. The executive rules committee is hereby established to oversee administrative operations of the house. The committee consists of four members of the majority caucus and three members of the minority caucus, to be named by the speaker and minority leader respectively.

Duties of Employees

Rule 7. Employees of the house shall perform such duties as are assigned to them by the chief clerk. Under no circumstances shall the compensation of any employee be increased for past services. No house employee shall seek to influence the passage or rejection of proposed legislation.

Admission to the House

Rule 8. It shall be the general policy of the house to keep the chamber clear as follows:

(A) The sergeant at arms shall admit only the following individuals to the wings and adjacent areas of the house chamber for the period of time beginning one-half hour prior to convening and ending one-half hour following the adjournment of the house's daily session:

The governor;
 Members of the senate;
 State elected officials;
 Officers and authorized employees of the legislature;
 Former members of the house who are not advocating any pending or proposed legislation;
 Representatives of the press;
 Other persons with the consent of the speaker.

(B) Only members of the house, pages, sergeants at arms, the speaker's attorney, the leadership counsel to the minority caucus, and clerks are permitted on the floor while the house is in session.

(C) Lobbying in the house chamber or in any committee room or lounge room is prohibited when the house or committee is in session unless expressly permitted by the house or committee. Anyone violating this rule will forfeit their right to be admitted to the house chamber or any of its committee rooms.

Absentees and Courtesy

Rule 9. No member shall be absent from the service of the house without leave from the speaker. When the house is in session, only the speaker shall recognize visitors and former members.

Bills, Memorials and Resolutions - Introductions

Rule 10. Any member desiring to introduce a bill shall file the same with the chief clerk. Bills filed by 10:00 a.m. shall be introduced at the next daily session, in the order filed: PROVIDED, That if such introduction is within the last ten days of a regular session, it cannot be considered without a direct vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members elected to each house with such vote recorded and entered upon the journal. (Article II, section 36)

Any returning member or member-elect may prefile a bill with the chief clerk commencing the first Monday in December preceding any regular session or twenty (20) days before any special session. Prefiled bills shall be introduced on the first legislative day.

All bills shall be endorsed with a statement of the title and the name of the member or members introducing the same. The chief clerk shall attach to all bills a substantial cover bearing the title and sponsors and shall number each bill in the order filed. All bills shall be printed unless otherwise ordered by the house.

Any bill introduced at any session during the term shall be eligible for action at all subsequent sessions during the term.

No house bill may be introduced that is identical to any other pending house bill.

No bill shall be introduced by title only, and, in the event a bill is not complete, at least section 1 shall be set forth in full before the bill may be accepted for introduction.

Reading of Bills

Rule 11. Every bill shall be read on three separate days: PROVIDED, That this rule may be temporarily suspended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present; and that on and after the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any session, as determined pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution or concurrent resolution, or on and after the third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as established by concurrent resolution, this rule may be suspended by a majority vote.

A bill may be returned to second reading for the purpose of amendment by a suspension of the rules: PROVIDED, That on and after the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any session, as determined pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution or concurrent resolution, or on and after the third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as established by concurrent resolution, this rule may be suspended and a bill returned to second reading for the purpose of amendment by a majority vote.

(A) FIRST READING. The first reading of a bill shall be by title only, unless a majority of the members present demand a reading in full.

After the first reading the bill shall be referred to an appropriate committee.

Upon being reported out of committee, all bills shall be referred to the rules committee, unless otherwise ordered by the house.

The rules committee may, by majority vote, refer any bill in its possession to a committee for further consideration. Such referral shall be reported to the house and entered in the journal under the fifth order of business.

(B) **SECOND READING.** Upon second reading, the bill number and short title and the last line of the bill shall be read unless a majority of the members present shall demand its reading in full. The bill shall be subject to amendment section by section. No amendment shall be considered by the house until it has been sent to the chief clerk's desk in writing or electronically, distributed to the desk of each member or made available to each member electronically, and read by the clerk. All amendments adopted during second reading shall be securely fastened to the original bill. All amendments rejected by the house shall be passed to the minute clerk, and the journal shall show the disposition of such amendments.

When no further amendments shall be offered, the speaker shall declare the bill has passed its second reading.

(C) **SUBSTITUTE BILLS.** When a committee reports a substitute for an original bill with the recommendation that the substitute bill do pass, it shall be in order to read the substitute the first time and have the same printed. A motion for the substitution shall not be in order until the second reading of the original bill.

(D) **THIRD READING.** Only the last line of bills shall be read on third reading unless a majority of the members present demand a reading in full. No amendments to a bill shall be received on third reading but it may be referred or recommitted for the purpose of amendment.

(E) **SUSPENSION CALENDAR.** Bills may be placed on the second reading suspension calendar by the rules committee if at least two minority party members of the rules committee join in such motion. Bills on the second reading suspension calendar shall not be subject to amendment or substitution except as recommended in the committee report. When a bill is before the house on the suspension calendar, the question shall be to adopt the committee recommendations and advance the bill to third reading. If the question fails to receive a two-thirds vote of the members present, the bill shall be referred to the rules committee for second reading.

(F) **HOUSE RESOLUTIONS.** House resolutions shall be filed with the chief clerk who shall transmit them to the rules committee. If a rules committee meeting is not scheduled to occur prior to a time necessitated by the purpose of a house resolution, the majority leader and minority leader by agreement may waive transmission to the rules committee to permit consideration of the resolution by the house. The rules committee may adopt house resolutions by a sixty percent majority vote of its entire membership or may, by a majority vote of its members, place them on the motions calendar for consideration by the house. House resolutions are not subject to debate, except for resolutions necessary for the operation of the house, and resolutions commemorating Children's Day, Day of Remembrance, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, National Guard Day, and President's Day.

(G) **CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.** Reading of concurrent resolutions may be advanced by majority vote.

Amendments

Rule 12. The right of any member to offer amendments to proposed legislation shall not be limited except as provided in Rule 11(E) and as follows:

(A) **AMENDMENTS TO BE OFFERED IN PROPER FORM.** The chief clerk shall establish the proper form for amendments and all amendments offered shall bear the name of the member who offers the same, as well as the number and section of the bill to be amended.

(B) **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS.** When a bill is before the house on second reading, amendments adopted by committees and recommended to the house shall be acted upon by the house before any amendments that may be offered from the floor.

(C) **SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS.** A house bill, passed by the senate with amendment or amendments which shall change the scope and object of the bill, upon being received in the house, shall be referred to the appropriate committee and shall take the same course as for original bills unless a motion not to concur is adopted prior to the bill being referred to committee.

(D) **AMENDMENTS TO BE GERMANE.** No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment; and no bill or resolution shall at any time be amended by annexing thereto or incorporating therein any other bill or resolution pending before the house.

(E) **SCOPE AND OBJECT NOT TO BE CHANGED.** No amendment to any bill shall be allowed which shall change the scope and object of the bill. This objection may be raised at any time an amendment is under consideration. The speaker may allow the person raising the objection and the mover of the amendment to provide brief arguments as to the merits of the objection. (Article II, section 38)

(F) **NO AMENDMENT BY REFERENCE.** No act shall ever be revised or amended without being set forth at full length. (Article II, section 37)

(G) **TITLE AMENDMENTS.** The subject matter portion of a bill title shall not be amended in committee or on second reading. Changes to that part of the title after the subject matter statement shall either be presented with the text amendment or be incorporated by the chief clerk in the engrossing process.

(H) **DATE AND TIME FOR AMENDMENT SUBMISSION.** To facilitate the orderly consideration of proposed legislation, the speaker, after consultation with the minority leader, may establish a date and time for submission of amendments.

Final Passage

Rule 13. Rules relating to bills on final passage are as follows:

(A) **BUDGET BILLS.** No final passage vote may be taken on an operating budget, transportation budget, or capital budget bill until twenty-four (24) hours after the bill is placed on the third reading calendar. The twenty-four (24) hour requirement does not apply to conference reports, which are governed by the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, or to bills placed on the third reading calendar by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

(B) **RECOMMITMENT BEFORE FINAL PASSAGE.** A bill may be recommitted at any time before its final passage.

(C) **FINAL PASSAGE.** No bill shall become a law unless on its final passage the vote be taken by yeas and nays, the names of the members voting for and against the same be entered on the journal of each house, and a majority of the members elected to each house be recorded thereon as voting in its favor. (Article II, section 22)

(D) **BILLS PASSED - CERTIFICATION.** When a bill passes, it shall be certified to by the chief clerk, said certification to show the date of its passage together with the vote thereon.

Hour of Meeting, Roll Call and Quorum

Rule 14. (A) HOUR OF MEETING. The speaker shall call the house to order each day of sitting at 10:00 A.M., unless the house shall have adjourned to some other hour.

(B) ROLL CALL AND QUORUM. Before proceeding with business, the roll of the members shall be called and the names of those absent or excused shall be entered on the journal. A majority of all the members elected must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, seven members with the speaker, or eight members in the speaker's absence, having chosen a speaker pro tempore, shall be authorized to demand a call of the house and may compel the attendance of absent members in the manner provided in Rule 23(B). Any member participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 shall be considered present for purposes of a quorum. For the purpose of determining if a quorum be present, the speaker shall count all members present, whether voting or not. (Article II, section 8)

(C) The house shall adjourn not later than 10:00 P.M. of each working day. This rule may be suspended by a majority vote.

Daily Calendar and Order of Business

Rule 15. The rules relating to the daily calendar and order of business are as follows:

(A) DAILY CALENDAR. Business of the house shall be disposed of in the following order:

First: Roll call, presentation of colors, prayer, and approval of the journal of the preceding day.

Second: Introduction of visiting dignitaries.

Third: Messages from the senate, governor, and other state officials.

Fourth: Introduction and first reading of bills, memorials, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions.

Fifth: Committee reports.

Sixth: Second reading of bills.

Seventh: Third reading of bills.

Eighth: Floor resolutions and motions.

Ninth: Presentation of petitions, memorials, and remonstrances addressed to the Legislature.

Tenth: Introduction of visitors and other business to be considered.

Eleventh: Announcements.

(B) UNFINISHED BUSINESS. The unfinished business at which the house was engaged preceding adjournment shall not be taken up until reached in regular order, unless the previous question on such unfinished business has been ordered prior to said adjournment.

(C) EXCEPTIONS. Exceptions to the order of business are as follows:

(1) The order of business may be changed by a majority vote of those present.

(2) By motion under the eighth order of business, a bill in the rules committee may be placed on the calendar by the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the house.

(3) House resolutions and messages from the senate, governor, or other state officials may be read at any time.

Motions

Rule 16. Rules relating to motions are as follows:

(A) MOTIONS TO BE ENTERTAINED OR DEBATED. No motion shall be entertained or debated until announced by the speaker and every motion shall be deemed to have been seconded. A motion shall be reduced to writing and read by the clerk, if desired by the speaker or any member, before it shall be debated and by the consent of the house may be withdrawn before amendment or action.

(B) MOTIONS IN ORDER DURING DEBATE. When a motion has been made and seconded and stated by the chair, the following motions are in order, in the rank named:

(1) Privileged motions:

Adjourn

Adjourn to a time certain

Recess to a time certain

Reconsider

Demand for division

Question of privilege

Orders of the day

(2) Subsidiary motions:

First rank: Question of consideration

Second rank: To lay on the table

Third rank: For the previous question

Fourth rank: To postpone to a day certain

To commit or recommit

To postpone indefinitely

Fifth rank: To amend

- (3) Incidental motions:
- Points of order and appeal
 - Method of consideration
 - Suspension of the rules
 - Reading papers
 - Withdraw a motion
 - Division of a question

(C) THE EFFECT OF POSTPONEMENT - MOTIONS TO POSTPONE OR COMMIT. Once decided, no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely shall again be allowed on the same day and at the same stage of the proceedings. When a question has been postponed indefinitely, it shall not again be introduced during the session. The motion to postpone indefinitely may be made at any stage of the bill except when on first reading.

(D) MOTIONS DECIDED WITHOUT DEBATE. A motion to adjourn, to recess, to lay on the table and to call for the previous question shall be decided without debate.

All incidental motions shall be decided without debate, except that members may speak to points of order and appeal as provided in Rule 24.

Motions to adopt house resolutions shall be decided without debate, except as provided in Rule 11(F).

A motion for suspension of the rules shall not be debatable except that the mover of the motion may briefly explain the purpose of the motion and one member may briefly state the opposition to the motion.

(E) MOTION TO ADJOURN. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when the house is voting or is working under the call of the house; but this rule shall not authorize any member to move for adjournment when another member has the floor.

Remote Participation and Voting Permitted Upon Authorization

Rule 17. The majority leader and minority leader or their designees may authorize members of their respective caucuses to participate remotely in official house proceedings, including committee meetings and floor sessions, upon the request of a member who is experiencing a medical condition or illness that prevents in-person participation. Once authorized, any member participating remotely shall be considered present for purposes of a quorum and voting. Members participating remotely shall use the computer and virtual background provided by the house during all committee meetings and floor proceedings. The majority leader and minority leader or their designees shall determine when the member's authorization to participate remotely ends.

Members' Right to Debate

Rule 18. The methods by which a member may exercise their right to debate are as follows:

(A) RECOGNITION OF MEMBER. When any member desires to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the house, the member shall rise and respectfully address the speaker and pause until recognized. Any member participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 who desires to speak may request to be recognized by use of the request to speak button in the remote floor activity system.

(B) ORDER OF SPEAKING. When two or more members arise at once, the speaker shall name the one who is to speak.

(C) LIMITATION OF DEBATE. No member shall speak longer than ten (10) minutes without consent of the house: PROVIDED, That on and after the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any session, as determined pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution or concurrent resolution, or on and after the fifth day prior to the day any bill must be reported from the house as established by concurrent resolution, no member shall speak more than three (3) minutes without the consent of the house. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the house: PROVIDED, That one proponent and one opponent of the question may close debate if it is consistent with Rule 20 (Previous Question).

Rules of Debate

Rule 19. The rules for debate in the house are as follows:

(A) QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE. Any member may rise to a question of privilege and explain a personal matter, by leave of the speaker, but the member shall not discuss any pending question in such explanations.

(B) WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION, BILL, ETC. After a motion is stated by the speaker or a bill, memorial, resolution, petition, or remonstrance is read by the clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the house, but may be withdrawn by consent of the house at any time before decision or amendment.

(C) READING OF A PAPER. When the reading of any paper is called for and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the house.

(D) DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS. Any materials of any nature distributed to the members' desks on the floor shall be subject to approval by the speaker and shall bear the name of at least one member granted permission for the distribution. Any member participating remotely as provided in Rule 17 who wishes to distribute materials subject to the speaker's approval may do so electronically. All materials approved for distribution shall be provided electronically to members participating remotely to the extent practicable. This shall not apply to materials normally distributed by the chief clerk.

(E) ORDER OF QUESTIONS. All questions, whether in committee or in the house, shall be propounded in the order in which they are named except that in filling blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

(F) DIVISION OF POINTS OF DEBATE. Any member may call for a division of a question which shall be divided if it embraces subjects so distinct that one being taken away a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the house; but a motion to strike out and to insert shall not be divided. The rejection of a motion to strike out and to insert one proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and to insert a different proposition.

(G) DECORUM OF MEMBERS. While the speaker is putting the question, no member shall walk across or out of the house; nor when a member is speaking shall any member entertain private discourse or pass between the speaking member and the rostrum.

(H) REMARKS CONFINED. A member shall confine all remarks to the question under debate and avoid personalities. No member shall impugn the motive of any member's vote or argument.

(I) EXCEPTION TO WORDS SPOKEN IN DEBATE. If any member be called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling the member to order shall repeat the words excepted to and they shall be taken down in writing at the clerk's table. No member shall be held in answer or be subject to the censure of the house for words spoken in debate if any other member has spoken before exception to them shall have been taken.

(J) TRANSGRESSION OF RULES - APPEAL. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the house the speaker shall, or any member may, call the member to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain; and the house shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall prevail.

If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, the member shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case shall require it, the member shall be liable to the censure of the house.

Ending of Debate - Previous Question

Rule 20. The previous question shall not be put unless demanded by one-sixth (1/6) of the members present.

The previous question may be ordered by a majority vote of the members present on all recognized motions or amendments which are debatable.

The previous question is not debatable and cannot be amended.

The previous question shall be put in this form: "As many as are in favor of ordering the previous question will say 'Aye'; as many as are opposed will say 'No'."

The results of the motion are as follows: If determined in the negative, the consideration goes on as if the motion had never been made; if decided in the affirmative it shall have the effect of cutting off all debate and bringing the house to a direct vote upon the motion or amendment on which it has been ordered: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That when a bill is on final passage or when the motion to postpone indefinitely is pending, one proponent and one opponent may have the privilege of closing debate for up to three minutes after the previous question has been ordered.

If an adjournment is had after the previous question is ordered, the motion or proposition on which the previous question was ordered shall be put to the house immediately following the approval of the journal on the next working day, thus making the main question privileged over all other business, whether new or unfinished.

Voting

Rule 21. (A) PUTTING OF QUESTION. The speaker shall put the question in the following form: "The question before the house is (state the question). As many as are in favor say 'Aye'; and after the affirmative vote is expressed, "as many as are opposed say 'No'."

(B) ALL MEMBERS TO VOTE. Except as provided in subsection (G), every member who was in the house or participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 when the question was put shall vote unless, for special reasons, excused by the house.

All motions to excuse a member shall be made before the house divides or before the call for yeas and nays is commenced; and any member requesting to be excused from voting may make a brief and verbal statement of the reasons for making such request, and the question shall then be taken without further debate.

(C) COUNT OF THE HOUSE. Upon a division and count of the house on the question, only members at their desks within the bar of the house or participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 shall be counted.

(D) CHANGE OF VOTE. When the electric roll call machine is used, no member shall be allowed to vote or change a vote after the speaker has locked the roll call machine. When an oral roll call is taken, no member shall be allowed to vote or change a vote after the result has been announced.

(E) PRIVATE INTEREST. No member shall vote on any question which affects that member privately and particularly. A member who has a private interest in any bill or measure proposed or pending before the legislature shall disclose the fact to the house of which he is a member, and shall not vote thereon. (Article II, section 30)

(F) INTERRUPTION OF ROLL CALL. Once begun, the roll call may not be interrupted. No member or other person shall visit or remain at the clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being called.

(G) MOTIONS NOT REQUIRING A RECORDED ROLL CALL VOTE. Members in the house and members participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 may vote on any motion not requiring a recorded roll call vote, including when the house divides. Members participating remotely may vote using the remote floor activity system.

(H) INABILITY TO VOTE USING REMOTE VOTING FUNCTION. A member participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 who is unable to vote using the remote voting function on any motion requiring a recorded roll call vote may vote orally. If a member is unable to vote using the remote voting function or orally, the rostrum staff shall contact the member by telephone and the member's vote may be taken by telephone to rostrum staff after the member answers security questions to verify the identity of the member. The rostrum staff will announce the vote of the member, which shall be recorded.

(I) YEAS AND NAYS - RECORDED VOTES. Upon the final passage of any bill, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays and shall be recorded by the electric voting system: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That an oral roll call shall be ordered when demanded by one-sixth (1/6) of the members present. (Article II, section 21)

The speaker may vote last when the yeas and nays are called.

When the vote is by electric voting machine or by oral roll call on any question, it shall be entered upon the journal of the house. A recorded vote may be compelled by one-sixth (1/6) of the members present. A request for a recorded vote must be made before the vote is commenced.

(J) TIE VOTE, QUESTION LOSES. In case of an equal division, the question shall be lost.

(K) DIVISION. If the speaker is in doubt, or if division is called for by any member, the house shall divide.

(L) STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL. A member whose recorded vote does not accurately reflect their intent may submit a written statement for the journal clarifying their intent to vote aye or nay. The statement must be submitted to the chief clerk on the same day the vote is taken. A member who is excused for one or more days of recorded votes may submit a written statement for the journal explaining the reason for their absence. The statement may not exceed 50 words and must be submitted to the chief clerk on the same day the member

returns. A member participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 who was unable to vote using the remote voting function, orally, or by telephone may submit a statement for the journal within 48 hours indicating their intent to vote yea or nay.

Reconsideration

Rule 22. Notice of a motion for reconsideration on the final passage of bills shall be made on the day the vote to be reconsidered was taken and before the house has voted to transmit the bill to the senate.

Reconsideration of the votes on the final passage of bills must be taken on the next working day after such vote was taken: PROVIDED, That on and after the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any session, as determined pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution, or concurrent resolution, or on and after the third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as established by concurrent resolution, then reconsideration of votes on the final passage of bills must be taken on the same day as the original vote was taken: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That any member participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 who was unable to vote using the remote voting function, orally, or by telephone may require reconsideration of the vote on the final passage of bills the same day the vote is taken.

A motion to reconsider an amendment may be made at any time the bill remains on second reading.

Any member who voted on the prevailing side may move for reconsideration or give notice thereof.

A motion to reconsider can be decided only once when decided in the negative.

When a motion to reconsider has been carried, its effect shall be to place the original question before the house in the exact position it occupied before it was voted upon.

Call of the House

Rule 23. One-sixth (1/6) of the members present may demand a call of the house at any time before the house has divided or the voting has commenced by yeas and nays.

(A) **DOORS TO BE CLOSED.** When call of the house has been ordered, the sergeant at arms shall close and lock the doors, and no member shall be allowed to leave the chamber: PROVIDED, That the rules committee shall be allowed to meet, upon request of the speaker, while the house stands at ease: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the speaker may permit members to use such portions of the fourth floor as may be properly secured.

(B) **SERGEANT AT ARMS TO BRING IN THE ABSENTEES.** The clerk shall immediately call a roll of the members and note the absentees, whose names shall be read and entered upon the journal in such manner as to show who are excused and who are absent without leave. A member authorized to participate remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 who is visible at the time of the roll call through the remote floor activity system shall not be considered absent or absent without leave.

The clerk shall furnish the sergeant at arms with a list of those who are absent without leave, and the sergeant at arms shall proceed to bring in such absentees; but arrests of members for absence shall not be made unless ordered by a majority of the members present.

(C) **HOUSE UNDER CALL.** While the house is under a call, no business shall be transacted except to receive and act on the report of the sergeant at arms; and no other motion shall be in order except a motion to proceed with business under the call of the house, a motion to excuse absentees, or a motion to dispense with the call of the house. The motion to proceed with business under the call of the house and the motion to excuse absent members shall not be adopted unless a majority of the members elected vote in favor thereof. The motion to dispense with the call of the house may be adopted by a majority of the members present.

Appeal from Decision of Chair

Rule 24. The decision of the chair may be appealed from by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the house. In all cases of appeal, the question shall be: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the house?"

Standing Committees

Rule 25. The standing committees of the house and the number of members that shall serve on each committee shall be as follows:

1. Agriculture & Natural Resources.	11
2. Appropriations.	31
3. Capital Budget.	19
4. Civil Rights & Judiciary.	13
5. Community Safety.	9
6. Consumer Protection & Business.	15
7. Early Learning & Human Services.	11
8. Education.	19
9. Environment & Energy.	21
10. Finance.	15
11. Health Care & Wellness.	19
12. Housing.	17
13. Labor & Workplace Standards.	9
14. Local Government.	7
15. Postsecondary Education & Workforce.	17
16. Rules.	24
17. State Government & Tribal Relations.	7
18. Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans.	13
19. Transportation.	27

Committee members shall be selected by each party's caucus. The majority party caucus shall select all committee chairs.

Duties of Committees

Rule 26. House committees shall operate as follows:

(A) **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING.** The chief clerk shall make public the time, place and subjects to be discussed at committee meetings. All public hearings held by committees shall be scheduled with at least five (5) days' notice, including the day of notice and day of hearing, and shall be given adequate publicity: PROVIDED, That when less than eight (8) days remain for action on a bill, the Speaker may authorize a reduction of the five-day notice period when required by the circumstances, including but not limited to the time remaining for action on the bill, the nature of the subject, and the number of prior hearings on the subject.

(B) COMMITTEE QUORUM. A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(C) SESSION MEETINGS. No committee shall sit while the house is in session without special leave of the speaker.

(D) DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

(1) Only such bills as are included on the written notice of a committee meeting may be considered at that meeting.

(2) A majority recommendation of a committee must be made by a majority of the entire membership of the committee in a regularly called meeting before a bill, memorial, or resolution may be reported out: PROVIDED, That by motion under the eighth order of business, a majority of the members elected to the house may relieve a committee of a bill and place it on the second reading calendar.

Majority recommendations of a committee can only be "do pass," "do pass as amended," or that "the substitute bill be substituted therefor and that the substitute bill do pass."

(3) Members of the committee not concurring in the majority report may make a written minority report containing a recommendation of "do not pass" or "without recommendation," which shall be joined by those members of the committee subscribing thereto, and submitted with the majority report.

(4) Every recommendation and report shall be made by members of the committee during the regularly called meeting of the committee. No signatures are required.

(5) All committee reports shall be spread upon the journal. The journal of the house shall contain an exact copy of all committee reports, together with the names of the members joining in the majority and minority recommendations contained in such reports.

(6) Every vote to report a bill out of committee shall be taken by the yeas and nays, with the nays specifying "do not pass" or "without recommendation," and the names of the members voting for and against, as well as the names of members absent, shall be recorded on the committee report. Any member may call for a recorded vote, which shall include the names of absent members, on any substantive question before the committee. A copy of all recorded committee votes shall be kept by the chief clerk and shall be available for public inspection.

(7) A member participating remotely in house proceedings as provided in Rule 17 who is unable to vote on a bill in committee for technical reasons may submit a statement for the bill file indicating their intent to have voted yea, nay-do not pass, or nay-without recommendation. The statement must be submitted to the chief clerk on the same day the vote is taken.

(8) All bills having a direct appropriation shall be referred to the appropriate fiscal committee before their final passage.

(9) No standing committee shall vote by secret written ballot on any issue.

(10) During its consideration of or vote on any bill, resolution, or memorial, the deliberations of any standing committee of the House of Representatives shall be open to the public.

(11) A standing committee to which a bill was originally referred shall, prior to voting the bill out of committee, consider whether the bill authorizes rule-making powers or requires the exercise of rule-making powers and, if so, consider:

(a) The nature of the new rule-making powers; and

(b) To which agencies the new rule-making powers would be delegated and which agencies, if any, may have related rule-making powers.

(12) Insofar as practicable, testimony in public hearings should be balanced between those in support of and in opposition to proposed legislation, with consideration given to providing an opportunity for members of the public to testify within available time.

Standing Committees - Expenses - Subpoena Power

Rule 27. Regardless of whether the legislature is in session, members of the house may receive from moneys appropriated for the legislature, reimbursement for necessary travel expenses, and payments in lieu of subsistence and lodging for conducting official business of the house.

The standing committees of the house may have the powers of subpoena, the power to administer oaths, and the power to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses in accordance with the provisions of chapter 44.16 RCW. Before a standing committee of the house may issue any process, the committee chair shall submit for approval of the executive rules committee a statement of purpose setting forth the name or names of those subject to process. The process shall not be issued prior to approval by the executive rules committee. The process shall be limited to the named individuals.

Vetoed Bills

Rule 28. Veto messages of the governor shall be read in the house and entered upon the journal. It shall then be in order to proceed to reconsider the bill, refer it, lay it on the table, or postpone its consideration to a day certain.

The merits of the bill may be debated before the vote is taken, but the vote on a vetoed bill cannot be reconsidered.

In case of a bill containing several sections or items, one or more of which has been objected to by the governor, each section or item so objected to shall be voted upon separately by the house. Action by the house upon all vetoed bills shall be endorsed upon the bill and certified by the speaker.

Vetoed bills originating in the house, which have not been passed notwithstanding the veto of the governor, shall remain in the custody of the officers of the house until the close of the term, after which they shall be filed with the secretary of state.

Suspension of Compensation

Rule 29. (1) Any member of the House of Representatives convicted and sentenced for any felony punishable by death or by imprisonment in a Washington state penal institution shall, as of the time of sentencing, be denied the legislative salary for future service and be denied per diem, compensation for expenses, office space facilities, and assistance. Any member convicted of a felony and sentenced therefor under any federal law or the law of any other state shall, as of the time of sentencing, be similarly denied such salary, per diem, expenses, facilities, and assistance if either (a) such crime would also constitute a crime punishable under the laws of Washington by death or by imprisonment in a state penal institution, or (b) the conduct resulting in the conviction and sentencing would also constitute a crime punishable under the laws of Washington by death or by imprisonment in a state penal institution.

(2) At any time, the house may vote by a constitutional majority to restore the salary, per diem, expenses, facilities, and assistance denied a member under subsection (1). If the conviction of a member is reversed, then the salary, per diem, and expense amounts denied the member since sentencing shall be forthwith paid, and the member shall thereafter have the rights and privileges of other members.

Smoking and Vaping

Rule 30. To provide a safe and healthy environment for all members, employees, and the public, smoking and vaping shall not be permitted at any public meeting of the House of Representatives or within house facilities. Smoking includes the lighting of cigarettes, pipes, or cigars. Vaping includes the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices such as e-cigarettes, e-pipes, or e-cigars.

Liquor

Rule 31. The House of Representatives shall strictly adhere to the liquor laws of the state of Washington, including provisions relating to banquet and special occasion permits. The proper permits must always be obtained before consumption of liquor in any house facility.

Parliamentary Rules

Rule 32. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Reed's Parliamentary Rules shall govern all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house.

Standing Rules Amendment

Rule 33. Any standing rule may be rescinded or changed by a majority vote of the members elected: PROVIDED, That the proposed change or changes be submitted at least one day in advance in writing to the members together with notice of the consideration thereof. Any standing rule may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present except as provided in Rule 11.

Rules to Apply for Assembly

Rule 34. The permanent house rules adopted at the beginning of the term are to govern all acts of the house during the course of the term unless amended or repealed.

Legislative Publications

Rule 35. The House of Representatives directs the house executive rules committee to adopt procedures and guidelines to ensure that all legislative publications at public expense are for legitimate legislative purposes.

Emergency Resolution Authorized

Rule 36. If the executive rules committee determines through a majority vote that physically convening all members and staff in a single location presents a danger to the health or safety of members, staff, and the public or is impractical because of an emergency, disaster, or catastrophic incident under RCW 42.14.010, the house shall adopt a resolution establishing the rules and procedures governing any special or regular legislative session. For purposes of adopting the house resolution required by this rule, some or all members may vote using the remote voting function or other process established by the chief clerk. Members are considered in attendance within the bar of the house when using the remote floor activity system or following the established process, including for purposes of establishing quorum. To the extent practicable, a member participating remotely or otherwise under this rule has the same privileges, rights, and responsibilities under the house rules as if the member were physically present.

With the consent of the House, amendment (009) was withdrawn.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (001):

On page 5, after line 19, insert the following:

"Legislators are entitled to due process rights during a complaint and investigation process authorized or conducted by the executive rules committee. If a complaint is filed against a member, and an investigation is authorized, the member must be immediately provided a notice of investigation. The notice of investigation must be in writing and include: The scope of the investigation; specific allegations and a citation to the corresponding section or sections of the house's personnel policy, code of conduct, or law allegedly violated; and a description of evidence resulting in the decision to investigate. Only the executive rules committee may authorize an investigation and only the executive rules committee may approve investigator selection.

After receiving the notice of investigation, the member must be given three business days to agree to, or dispute, the allegations. If the member agrees to have committed the alleged violations, the investigation will not proceed. However, if an investigation is authorized, the scope of the investigation must be limited to the actual complaint as filed and the member must be provided the following protections:

(A) Complaint and investigation details must remain confidential unless there is a finding of wrongdoing by the member and the investigation is closed. If there is a finding of wrongdoing by the member, the investigation may not be closed until the member has been given 10 business days to

appeal and: (1) The member chooses not to appeal; or (2) the executive rules committee has made a final determination on the appeal.

(B) The member must be given the opportunity to present evidence or other relevant information to the executive rules committee in the member's defense before a finding is determined.

If an appeal is requested and three executive rules committee members vote to accept the appeal, an independent investigator, who is not employed by the same entity as the first investigator, must be hired to review the report. This investigator must provide the investigator's professional opinion as to fairness and thoroughness of the investigation and whether it was conducted in accordance with industry standards. The investigator may determine that further investigation is required but any further investigation may only relate to the complaint as initially filed.

If any of the member's rights under this rule are violated, those violations must be included in the final report."

Representative Griffey spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Macri spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Division was demanded and the demand was sustained. The Speaker divided the House. The result was 33 - YEAS; 53 - NAYS.

Amendment (001) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (002):

On page 6, after line 37, insert the following:

"No bill shall embrace more than one subject and that shall be expressed in the title. (Article II, section 19)"

Representative Corry spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (002) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (003):

On page 6, after line 37, insert the following:

"No member shall introduce more than three bills per session in an even-numbered year, with exceptions for budget bills."

Representative Connors spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Stonier spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (003) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (004):

On page 7, line 12, after "suspended" insert "for all bills other than budget bills"

On page 8, line 8, after "reading" insert ": PROVIDED, That measures which raise taxes shall require a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the members present to advance to third reading"

Representatives Couture and Rude spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (004) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (006):

On page 7, after line 27, insert the following:

"Certified initiatives to the legislature shall take precedence over all other measures in the house, except appropriation bills, and after first reading shall be referred to the appropriate committee with instructions to the committee to promptly hold a public hearing on the measure. (Article II, section 1)"

Representative Corry spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Stonier spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (006) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (008):

On page 7, line 28, after "bills" insert "estimated to cost more than twenty-five thousand dollars per biennium in state funds shall be referred to a fiscal committee. All other bills"

Representative Couture spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (008) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (005):

On page 10, line 15, after "BUDGET BILLS." insert the following:

"(1) To comply with the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children, appropriations in an education budget bill for the purposes of basic education, as defined by the legislature, and other K-12 education programs including special education, must be passed by the house first in a separate appropriations bill before the house may take a final passage vote on omnibus operating or transportation appropriations legislation.

(2)"

Representative Couture spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Stonier spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (005) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (007):

On page 10, line 15, after "BUDGET BILLS." insert the following:

"(1)"

On page 10, line 18, after "calendar." strike "The" and insert "((The)) Provided the public hearing set forth in (2) of this subsection (A) has occurred, the"

On page 10, after line 22, insert the following:

"(2) Before a conference report on a budget bill may be heard on third reading, the appropriate fiscal committee shall schedule a hearing and receive public comment. If a majority of the fiscal committee members recommend amendments following the public testimony, the conferees may recommend the house reject the conference report and schedule another conference."

Representative Couture spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (007) was not adopted.

The Speaker called upon Representative Stearns to preside.

Representative Orcutt moved the adoption of amendment (010):

On page 11, line 15, after "vote." insert "No house staff member shall report to work on any working day until at least eight (8) hours have elapsed after the previous day's adjournment."

Representatives Orcutt and Rude spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Berry spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

An oral roll call was requested on the motion to adopt amendment (010).

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the adoption of amendment (010) and the amendment was not adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 33; Nays, 54; Absent, 0; Excused, 11

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dye, Engell, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, Orcutt, Penner, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

Voting Nay: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Scott, Shavers, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Walen, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representatives Callan, Dufault, Eslick, Farivar, Hackney, McEntire, Mendoza, Peterson, Simmons, Steele and Stuebe

Amendment (010) was not adopted.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

Representative Fitzgibbon moved the adoption of amendment (013):

On page 14, line 36, after "That" strike "the chair of the committee or the mover" and insert "~~((the chair of the committee or the mover))~~ one proponent and one opponent"

Representatives Fitzgibbon and Abbarno spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (013) was adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (011):

On page 16, beginning on line 27, after "The" strike all material through "The" on line 29

On page 16, beginning on line 29, after "a" strike all material through "majority" on line 30 and insert "two-thirds (2/3)"

On page 16, at the beginning of line 34, strike "~~((Representative _____ demands the previous question.))~~" and insert "Representative _____ demands the previous question."

On page 17, beginning on line 7, after "pending," strike all material through

"opponent" on line 8 and insert "one of the sponsors of the bill or the chair of the committee"

On page 17, line 9, after "debate" strike all material through "minutes"

Representatives Corry and Couture spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

An oral roll call was requested on the motion to adopt amendment (011).

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the adoption of amendment (011) and the amendment was not adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 33; Nays, 54; Absent, 0; Excused, 11

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dye, Engell, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, Orcutt, Penner, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

Voting Nay: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Scott, Shavers, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Walen, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representatives Callan, Dufault, Eslick, Farivar, Hackney, McEntire, Mendoza, Peterson, Simmons, Steele and Stuebe

Amendment (011) was not adopted.

Representative Connors moved the adoption of amendment (012):

On page 23, after line 27, insert the following:

"(E) ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF FISCAL COMMITTEES. Before holding a public hearing on a budget bill, the chair of the fiscal committee shall share the bill with the ranking member and all minority members of the committee and schedule a conference with them not less than three days prior to the public hearing to receive their comments and feedback, which the chair shall duly consider."

Representative Couture spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Ormsby spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (012) was not adopted.

The resolution was ordered engrossed.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Representative Stokesbary spoke against the adoption of the resolution as amended.

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the adoption of Engrossed House Resolution No. 4607.

An oral roll call was requested on the adoption of Engrossed House Resolution No. 4607.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the adoption of Engrossed House Resolution No. 4607 and the House Resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 54; Nays, 33; Absent, 0; Excused, 11

Voting Yea: Representatives Berg, Bergquist, Bernbaum, Berry, Bronoske, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hill, Hunt, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Obras, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Parshley, Paul, Pollet, Ramel, Reed, Reeves, Richards, Rule, Ryu, Salahuddin, Santos, Scott, Shavers, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Thomas, Timmons, Walen, Wylie, Zahn and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Abell, Barkis, Barnard, Burnett, Caldier, Chase, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dye, Engell, Graham, Griffey, Jacobsen, Keaton, Klicker, Ley, Low, Manjarrez, Marshall, McClintock, Orcutt, Penner, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

Excused: Representatives Callan, Dufault, Eslick, Farivar, Hackney, McEntire, Mendoza, Peterson, Simmons, Steele and Stuebe

ENGROSSED HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4607 was adopted.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., Monday, January 27, 2025, the 15th Day of the 2025 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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