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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HOUSE RULES.**

Resolved by this House:

1 That the following shall be the rules to regulate the proceedings of  
2 the House of Representatives for the 2023 and 2024 sessions:

3 THE SPEAKER

4 1. The speaker shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the  
5 House has adjourned and shall immediately call the House to order and,  
6 after prayer and recitation of the pledge of allegiance, proceed to  
7 business if a quorum is present in the House Chamber.

8 2. In the absence of a quorum, the speaker may adjourn the House to  
9 a later time or to the next session day. At all other times an adjournment  
10 shall be pronounced by the speaker on motion.

11 3. The speaker shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide all  
12 questions of order and discipline, upon which no debate shall be  
13 allowed except at the speaker's request, but the decision shall be subject  
14 to an appeal to the House, which must be seconded and on which no

15 member shall speak more than once. No other business shall be in order  
16 until the disposition of such appeal.

17 4. The speaker shall rise to put a question or to address the House.

18 5. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity in  
19 or about the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building which, in the  
20 opinion of the speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the  
21 business of the House of Representatives, the speaker may take such  
22 action as the speaker deems necessary to preserve and restore order.

23 6. If the speaker wishes to leave the chair, a deputy speaker or a  
24 member may be designated by the speaker to perform the duties of the  
25 chair.

26 7. If the speaker or a deputy speaker or the member named by the  
27 speaker in accordance with the preceding rule, is absent at the hour to  
28 which the House has adjourned, the clerk shall call the House to order  
29 and first business shall be the election of an acting speaker, which shall  
30 be done immediately without debate, by ballot or otherwise, as the  
31 House shall determine, also without debate; and the person thus elected  
32 shall preside in the House and discharge all the duties of the speaker  
33 until the speaker's return. In the case of the death, resignation or  
34 permanent disability of the speaker, a deputy speaker shall then call the  
35 House to order and the first business shall be the election of a speaker,  
36 which the House shall immediately proceed to do without debate. The  
37 person thus elected shall immediately assume the duties of speaker  
38 during the continuance of the General Assembly.

39 DEPUTY SPEAKERS

40 8. There shall be such deputy speakers as determined and appointed  
41 by the speaker of the House. The speaker shall designate a deputy  
42 speaker to assume the duties of the speaker in the speaker's absence.

43 CHAPLAIN AND DEPUTY CHAPLAINS

44       9. Within one week after the appointment of the speaker, the speaker  
45 shall nominate a chaplain and up to three deputy chaplains, and if such  
46 nominations are confirmed by the House by a majority vote, the  
47 candidates so nominated and confirmed shall serve for the regular  
48 sessions and any special sessions during the 2023-2024 legislative term.

49       CLERK

50       10. The clerk shall keep a journal of the House, and shall enter therein  
51 a record of each day's proceedings, record any amendment that may be  
52 offered to any bill or resolution and record the date of filing of an  
53 agreement, award or stipulation that is filed in accordance with Joint  
54 Rule 31 or 32.

55       11. Subject to Rule 50, the clerk shall keep a calendar and shall enter  
56 daily on such calendar (1) all bills and joint resolutions received from  
57 the senate except (a) bills and resolutions which do not have the  
58 favorable report of a joint committee which shall, upon being read by  
59 the clerk, be referred without further action to the appropriate  
60 committee, and (b) all bills and joint resolutions received from the senate  
61 which have not been referred by the House to any committee; and (2) all  
62 bills and resolutions favorably reported to the House from any  
63 committee and these shall be entered on the calendar in the order in  
64 which they are received. Each joint resolution proposing an amendment  
65 to the constitution and each bill so entered shall be printed and in the  
66 files and on the calendar for two session days with a file number and  
67 shall be starred for action on the session day next succeeding, except  
68 that:

69       (A) A bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the  
70 general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted  
71 upon first by the senate with the consent of the speaker; and if filed in  
72 the senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with  
73 the consent of the president pro tempore,

74       (B) (i) Except as provided in subclause (ii) of this subparagraph, any

75 bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general  
76 statutes may be acted upon in the House (I) on the same session day that  
77 electronic notice of the filing and number of the bill or resolution is  
78 provided to the members of the House, except the bill or resolution may  
79 not be acted upon less than six hours after the House is called to order  
80 or less than six hours after such notice is provided to the members,  
81 whichever is later, (II) at any time on the next session day following the  
82 day that such notice is provided to the members, or (III) during the last  
83 five calendar days of the session, immediately after such notice is  
84 provided to the members, and in any such case may be transmitted  
85 immediately to the senate,

86 (ii) The clerk shall immediately provide an electronic notice of the  
87 filing, in either chamber, and number of any emergency certified bill  
88 introduced by the President Pro Tempore and the speaker, certified in  
89 accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, that is the biennial  
90 budget bill or a bill that amends the biennial budget bill to the members  
91 of the House. No such emergency certified bill may be marked ready for  
92 action or acted upon less than twelve hours following the provision of  
93 such electronic notice.

94 (C) If the House refers a bill or resolution to another committee and  
95 that committee favorably reports the bill or resolution not as a substitute  
96 on the same session day as the House referral, the clerk shall  
97 immediately enter the bill or resolution on the calendar and the House  
98 may act upon it on the same session day,

99 (D) If the House rejects an amendment adopted by the senate, the bill  
100 or resolution after final action in the House, may be transmitted  
101 immediately to the senate, or if the senate rejects an amendment  
102 adopted by the House, the bill or resolution when received from the  
103 senate may be placed immediately on the calendar,

104 (E) During the last ten calendar days of the session, if the House  
105 rejects an amendment adopted by the senate, or adopts a House  
106 amendment to a bill or resolution received from the senate, or takes any

107 action on the bill or resolution requiring further action by the senate, the  
108 bill or resolution after final action in the House, may be transmitted  
109 immediately to the senate, or if the senate rejects an amendment  
110 adopted by the House or adopts a senate amendment to a bill or  
111 resolution received from the House, or takes any action on the bill or  
112 resolution requiring further action by the House, the bill or resolution  
113 when received from the senate may be placed immediately on the  
114 calendar and may be acted upon immediately,

115 (F) During the last ten calendar days of the session, any bill or  
116 resolution, after final action in the House, may be transmitted  
117 immediately to the senate,

118 (G) During the last five days of the session, any bill or resolution  
119 received by the House after final action by the senate may be placed on  
120 the calendar immediately and the bill or resolution may be acted upon  
121 after it has appeared on the calendar for two session days, or

122 (H) A report by a joint standing committee of a resolution concerning  
123 a judicial, workers' compensation commissioner or Board of Pardons  
124 and Paroles member nomination may be acted upon after it has  
125 appeared on the calendar for two days.

126 All bills and resolutions starred for action shall be acted upon only  
127 when called and any bill or resolution not acted upon shall retain its  
128 place on the calendar unless it is moved to the foot of the calendar or  
129 unless its consideration is made the order of the day for some specified  
130 time. When a bill or resolution is removed from the foot of the calendar,  
131 it shall not be acted upon before the next regular succeeding session day.

132 Prior to the convening of the House on each session day, the speaker  
133 shall make available on the floor of the House a list of bills and  
134 resolutions intended to be acted upon during that session day. Such list  
135 shall set forth the action intended to be taken on each bill or resolution  
136 so listed. The list shall be for informational purposes only.

137       12. The clerk shall retain all bills, resolutions and other papers, in  
138 reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration,  
139 until the right of reconsideration has expired, and no longer.

140       13. The clerk shall keep a record of all petitions, resolutions, joint  
141 resolutions and bills for all acts presented for consideration of the  
142 House, and said record shall be so kept as to show by one and a single  
143 reference thereto the action of the House on any specified petition,  
144 resolution, joint resolution or bill up to the time of such reference.

145       14. The clerk shall supervise all clerical work to be done for the House  
146 and shall supervise all employees subject to the direction of the speaker.  
147 The assistant clerk shall have the same powers and perform the same  
148 duties as the clerk, subject to the direction of the clerk. The bill clerk, the  
149 journal clerk and the calendar clerk shall perform such duties as are  
150 assigned to them by the clerk.

151       15. Upon the request of any member, the clerk shall provide a  
152 calendar to such member on each session day.

153       MEMBERS

154       16. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any  
155 matter to the House, the member shall rise and address the chair as "Mr.  
156 Speaker" or "Madam Speaker," as the case may be.

157       If two or more rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the  
158 member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in place to one  
159 who does not.

160       No member shall speak in debate or deliver any matter to the House  
161 unless such member is present in the House Chamber.

162       17. No member shall speak on the same question more than twice  
163 without unanimous consent of the members of the House present.

164       18. The speaker shall, or any member may, call to order any member

165 who in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules and orders of the  
166 House. If speaking, the member shall sit down, unless permitted to  
167 explain; and if a member is guilty of a breach of any of the rules and  
168 orders, the member may be required by the House, on motion, to make  
169 satisfaction therefor, and shall not be allowed to vote or speak except by  
170 way of excuse until such satisfaction is made.

171 COMMITTEES AND LEADERS

172 19. At the opening of each session a committee on contested elections,  
173 consisting of four members, at least two of whom shall be members of  
174 the minority party in the House, shall be appointed by the speaker to  
175 take into consideration all contested elections of the members of the  
176 House and to report the facts, with their opinion thereon in a manner  
177 that may be directed by House resolution.

178 20. (a) Majority Election and Appointments. The majority leader shall  
179 be elected by the members of the majority party in the House and the  
180 deputy majority leaders shall be appointed by the majority leader and  
181 shall serve at the pleasure of the majority leader. The assistant deputy  
182 speaker, majority caucus chairperson, deputy majority caucus  
183 chairperson, assistant majority leaders and majority whips shall be  
184 appointed by the speaker in consultation with the majority leader, and  
185 shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker.

186 The chairpersons, and where appropriate, vice-chairpersons, of the  
187 standing committees shall be appointed by the speaker of the House and  
188 shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker, except when a chairperson is  
189 designated or appointed by the minority leader pursuant to these rules  
190 or the joint rules, in which case, the person so designated or appointed  
191 shall serve at the pleasure of the minority leader. Notwithstanding any  
192 provision of the general statutes, during the 2023-2024 biennium, the  
193 chairperson of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee shall be  
194 appointed by the speaker of the House.

195 (b) Minority Election and Appointments. The minority leader shall be

196 elected by the members of the minority party in the House and the  
197 deputy minority leaders, the minority caucus chairperson, the assistant  
198 minority leaders, the minority whips and the ranking members of each  
199 joint standing committee shall be appointed by the minority leader and  
200 shall serve at the pleasure of the minority leader except when a ranking  
201 member is designated or appointed by the speaker pursuant to these  
202 rules or the joint rules, in which case, the person so designated or  
203 appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker. Notwithstanding  
204 any provision of the general statutes, during the 2023-2024 biennium,  
205 the ranking member of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee  
206 shall be appointed by the minority leader.

207 (c) Number of Leaders. The number of members appointed to the  
208 positions of assistant majority leader and majority whip shall not exceed  
209 thirty-three per cent of the total membership of the majority party in the  
210 House. The number of members appointed to the positions of assistant  
211 minority leader shall not exceed thirty-three per cent of the total  
212 membership of the minority party in the House. Notwithstanding the  
213 provisions of this subsection, the chairpersons of the bonding  
214 subcommittees of the joint standing committee on finance, revenue and  
215 bonding may be assistant majority leaders and the ranking members of  
216 said subcommittees may be assistant minority leaders.

217 (d) Committees. The staff clerks of the standing committees shall be  
218 appointed by the speaker of the House. Chairpersons of subcommittees  
219 may be appointed by the chairpersons of the respective standing  
220 committees with the approval of the speaker of the House.

221 All standing committee members shall be appointed by the speaker  
222 on or before the fifth regular session day of the first year of the term,  
223 except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity, or resignation or  
224 removal from the House or from a committee, and except that the  
225 speaker may appoint any member elected after the fifth regular session  
226 day of the first year of the term to any committee, within five calendar  
227 days after the member takes the oath of office. The member first named



228 shall be chairperson. All members of standing committees shall serve  
229 for both sessions of the term, except that: (1) The speaker may accept the  
230 resignation, for good cause, of a member of a standing committee prior  
231 to the expiration of the term, and (2) the speaker may remove a member,  
232 provided the speaker's removal of a member of the minority party shall  
233 require the concurrence of the minority leader. Chairpersons, vice-  
234 chairpersons and subcommittee chairpersons shall serve for both  
235 sessions of the term unless removed by the speaker.

236 (e) Referrals to Committees. (1) The House may refer any matter to a  
237 committee either before or after the deadline of that committee (A) at  
238 any regular session of the House, or (B) at a technical session of the  
239 House provided the majority leader has notified the minority leader or  
240 the minority leader's designee in writing, not later than 5 p.m. the day  
241 before the technical session, of the majority leader's intent to move for  
242 the referral, and received the approval of the minority leader or the  
243 minority leader's designee for the referral, and provided further that no  
244 matter may be recommitted at a technical session.

245 (2) The House may, but need not, refer to a committee before or after  
246 its deadline a bill or resolution that was favorably or unfavorably  
247 reported by another committee, except that every bill and resolution  
248 shall be referred to the committees on Legislative Management,  
249 Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Government  
250 Administration and Elections or Judiciary if such referral is specifically  
251 required under Joint Rule 3 or subsection (e) of Joint Rule 15.

252 (f) Meetings in Representatives' Chamber. Committee meetings shall  
253 not be held in the representatives' chamber on session days.

254 REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

255 21. The order of business shall be as follows:

256 1. Reception of petitions.

257 2. Reception of communications from the Governor, Secretary of the

258 State, annual and biennial reports, interim committee reports and  
259 special reports.

260 3. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

261 4. Reports of committees.

262 5. Reception of business from the senate.

263 6. Business on the calendar.

264 7. Miscellaneous.

265 RULES AND MOTIONS

266 22. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the 2000 edition  
267 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the House  
268 whenever applicable and whenever they are not inconsistent with the  
269 standing rules and orders of the House or the joint rules of the senate  
270 and the House of Representatives.

271 23. The rules of the House shall take precedence over the joint rules  
272 of the senate and the House of Representatives or Mason's Manual of  
273 Legislative Procedure in the event of conflict.

274 24. When a motion is made, it shall be stated to the House by the  
275 speaker before any debate is had thereon.

276 25. When a motion is stated by the speaker, or read by the clerk, it  
277 shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House.

278 It may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or  
279 amendment, but not after amendment, unless the House approves by a  
280 majority vote.

281 26. The question first moved shall be first put, except as modified in  
282 Rule 28.

283 27. If the question under debate consists of two or more independent

284 propositions any member may move to have the question divided. If the  
285 House adopts the motion to divide, the speaker shall rule on the order  
286 of voting on the divisions of a question.

287 28. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received  
288 except:

289 1. To adjourn, which is not debatable.

290 2. To recess.

291 3. To postpone temporarily retaining position on the calendar.

292 4. To pass until next session day retaining position on calendar.

293 5. To close the debate at a specified time.

294 6. To postpone to a certain time.

295 7. To refer or recommit to a committee.

296 8. To amend.

297 9. To place at foot of calendar.

298 These motions shall have precedence in the order listed in this rule,  
299 except that a point of order may be raised at any time.

300 29. When the consideration of a question regularly on the calendar is  
301 interrupted by adjournment, the question comes up in its proper place  
302 on the next session day's calendar.

303 30. A vote can be reconsidered only on the next regular succeeding  
304 session day, provided there shall be no reconsideration of the vote upon  
305 the following motions: To adjourn, or to reconsider, and no question  
306 shall be twice reconsidered.

307 AMENDMENTS

308        31. (a) Amendments shall be filed with the clerk of the House before  
309        10 a.m. on the day on which the bill or resolution is to be acted upon,  
310        except that (1) the following may each sponsor or authorize  
311        amendments at any time: The presiding officer, the majority leader or,  
312        in the majority leader's absence, the majority leader's designated deputy  
313        majority leader, the minority leader or in the minority leader's absence,  
314        the minority leader's designated deputy minority leader; (2) the  
315        presiding officer may waive the filing requirement upon the request of  
316        the majority leader or the minority leader; (3) after any amendment or  
317        amendments have been adopted, any member may offer a further  
318        amendment only if it is directly related to the amendment or  
319        amendments adopted.

320        (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this rule, if a bill or resolution  
321        has been scheduled for consideration on a date certain pursuant to a  
322        special order, all amendments relating to that bill or resolution must be  
323        filed with the clerk of the House before 5 p.m. on the last day the clerk's  
324        office is open preceding the day on which the bill or resolution has been  
325        scheduled for consideration. The only exceptions to this filing  
326        requirement shall be: (1) The persons named in subdivision (1) of  
327        subsection (a) of this rule may each sponsor an amendment at any time;  
328        (2) after any amendment or amendments have been adopted, any  
329        member may offer a further amendment only if it is directly related to  
330        the amendment or amendments adopted.

331        (c) Members may co-sponsor an amendment that is in the possession  
332        of the clerk of the House, or remove their names as co-sponsors, by  
333        submitting a written request to the clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the  
334        day following adoption or rejection of the amendment, excluding  
335        weekends and holidays. Co-sponsorship of an amendment does not  
336        constitute co-sponsorship of the bill it would amend unless the member  
337        so specifies pursuant to Joint Rule 7(c).

338        (d) After a motion for passage of a bill or resolution has been made,  
339        a motion to amend the bill or resolution is in order.

340 A pending amendment may not be amended. No substitute  
341 amendment may be offered for a pending amendment.

342 (e) No independent new question may be introduced as an  
343 amendment.

344 (f) Whenever a bill is amended, the speaker may order that it be  
345 returned to the legislative commissioners for the purposes of re-  
346 examination pursuant to Joint Rule 13 and for reprinting as amended.

#### 347 SEATS

348 32. Immediately after the adoption of these rules the speaker shall  
349 appoint a committee of four, who shall assign seats to all members of  
350 the House.

351 33. The seats assigned to members shall be their seats for their term  
352 of office.

#### 353 REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER

354 34. Use of the representatives' chamber shall not be granted for non-  
355 legislative use during a General Assembly session except by a vote of  
356 the House, or by a vote of the legislative management committee or with  
357 the permission of the speaker. The speaker shall grant use of the  
358 chamber for legislative use and between General Assembly sessions.

#### 359 PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE

360 35. No debate shall be allowed after a question is put and while it  
361 remains undecided.

362 36. In all cases when a voice vote is taken without a division, the  
363 speaker shall determine whether it is or is not a vote; and in all doubtful  
364 cases the speaker shall state "The chair is in doubt." Whereupon, the  
365 speaker shall try the question again by a voice vote or roll call, as the  
366 speaker may so order.

367 After the speaker has declared a vote, it shall not be taken again  
368 unless by a regular motion for reconsideration, made by a member in  
369 the prevailing vote of the House.

370 37. If a division is called for, the House shall divide, those in the  
371 affirmative first rising from their seats and standing until counted, and  
372 afterwards those in the negative. For the purpose of more conveniently  
373 counting upon the division of the House, the floor thereof shall be  
374 divided by aisles into four divisions, to be numbered first, second, third  
375 and fourth sections, commencing on the right of the chair; for each of  
376 which divisions the speaker shall appoint a member whose seat is in  
377 said division to be a teller and to count and report to the chair.

378 38. In case of a tie vote or an equal division, the question shall not be  
379 passed.

380 39. The yeas and nays shall be taken on the roll call machine on all  
381 final action on all bills, resolutions proposing amendments to the  
382 constitution and all other substantive resolutions, except bills and  
383 resolutions on the consent calendar. On all other questions, a roll call  
384 vote shall be taken at the request of one-fifth of the members present,  
385 expressed at any time before a declaration of the vote. In the event the  
386 roll call machine is not functioning properly, the roll may be called by  
387 the clerk.

388 40. Every member, when a question is put by the speaker, shall vote,  
389 unless excused by the speaker, if the member is (1) present in the House  
390 Chamber, or (2) logged into the House of Representatives electronic  
391 voting system in accordance with the provisions of Rule 49. No member  
392 shall absent herself or himself from the House Chamber or the State  
393 Capitol or Legislative Office Building, or log out of the electronic voting  
394 system, without leave, unless there is a quorum without the member's  
395 presence.

396 Whenever any vote is to be taken, the speaker may order the doors  
397 closed and thereupon no member shall leave the House unless by

398 permission of the speaker, or the House, until the vote is declared, but  
399 members shall be admitted at any time.

400 When a vote has been taken, if any member raises a question of an  
401 excess of votes cast over the number of members present, a count of the  
402 House shall be had, and if it appears that such excess of votes exists, the  
403 speaker shall order the vote to be again taken.

404 41. No representative may vote or change his or her vote on a roll call  
405 after the speaker has requested that the clerk announce the tally.

406 42. While the House is in session, admission to the floor of the House  
407 shall be limited to members of the General Assembly, authorized  
408 members of the press, authorized staff of the General Assembly and  
409 such other persons as may be authorized by the presiding officer. On  
410 any day during which the House is in session, lobbyists shall be  
411 prohibited from the floor of the House except during a public hearing  
412 on the floor of the House or as may be authorized by the presiding  
413 officer for purposes of recognition or ceremony.

414 Electronic media equipment and media personnel shall occupy only  
415 those areas designated by the presiding officer.

416 Proper facilities for transmitting messages to members of the House  
417 shall be provided by the clerk and administered by the messengers.

418 The sergeant at arms, doorkeepers and messengers shall enforce this  
419 rule and shall see that the aisles and the seats of the members are not  
420 occupied by persons other than members of the General Assembly,  
421 while the House is in session.

422 43. There shall be a consent calendar on which shall be entered such  
423 bills and resolutions as the majority leader and the minority leader or  
424 their designees shall agree, and shall be proposed to the House by the  
425 majority leader or the designee of the majority leader in the form of a  
426 motion to move to the consent calendar. The consent calendar may be  
427 acted upon on the day of such motion or on a subsequent day. At the

428 request of a member made from the floor any bill or resolution shall be  
429 removed from those included in the motion. All bills and resolutions  
430 starred for action on the consent calendar shall be passed on motion  
431 without discussion unless, at any time prior to the motion for passage,  
432 a member requests from the floor removal of a bill or resolution from  
433 the consent calendar in which case such bill or resolution shall be so  
434 removed and placed on the regular calendar. Any bill or resolution so  
435 removed shall be considered as having appeared on the regular  
436 calendar for a period of time equivalent to that during which it appeared  
437 on the consent calendar.

438 44. Upon motion made and adopted, the House may schedule  
439 consideration of any matter appearing on the calendar for a date certain  
440 by special order, but no sooner than the later of (1) the second day,  
441 excluding weekends and holidays, after the adoption of the special  
442 order, or (2) the day after the matter first appears on the calendar double  
443 starred.

444 RESTRICTIONS

445 45. No person shall smoke in the House Chamber or the gallery. No  
446 person shall conduct a conversation on a wireless telephone or similar  
447 device in the House Chamber while the House is meeting. No person  
448 shall take or possess a sign, banner, placard or other display material in  
449 the gallery or in the House Chamber while the House is meeting. The  
450 presiding officer and the sergeant at arms shall enforce this rule.

451 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

452 46. These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except by  
453 the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

454 47. Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.  
455 Suspension of the rules shall be for a specified purpose. Upon  
456 accomplishment of that purpose, any rule suspended shall be again in  
457 force.



458 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

459 48. Quorum. No member who is logged into the House of  
460 Representatives electronic voting system and not present in the House  
461 Chamber shall be considered present for the purpose of determining  
462 whether a quorum is present.

463 49. Voting Remotely. A member may vote remotely while logged into  
464 the House of Representatives electronic voting system under these rules  
465 as follows:

466 (1) While present in the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building;  
467 or

468 (2) While on the grounds of the Capitol or Legislative Office Building  
469 if the majority leader or minority leader has granted such member  
470 permission because such leader has (A) determined that it is  
471 impracticable for the member to cast a vote while present in the House  
472 Chamber or in the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building, and (B)  
473 informed the speaker of such permission.

474 50. House Agenda. (a) Upon acceptance of a House agenda, the  
475 clerk's office shall act upon the items listed as indicated and shall  
476 incorporate the items by reference in the House journal and House  
477 transcript.

478 (b) On any day that is not scheduled as a session day, the speaker and  
479 the minority leader, or their designees, may call the House into session  
480 for purposes of transacting business of a procedural nature by filing  
481 with the clerk or the clerk's designee a written instruction to conduct a  
482 pro forma House session with or without the presence of a member. The  
483 direction shall include a written motion to adopt the day's House  
484 agenda and act on all items as indicated and incorporate the items by  
485 reference into the House journal and House transcript. The motion shall  
486 be read into the record and shall have the same force and effect as if the  
487 House were convened with a presiding officer and a member.

488        51. Select Committee on Connecticut's Sustainable and Renewable  
489        Energy. For the 2023 regular session, there is established a House select  
490        committee on Connecticut's sustainable and renewable energy. The  
491        select committee shall consist of the following members: Two appointed  
492        by the speaker of the House and two appointed by the minority leader.  
493        The speaker of the House and the minority leader shall select the  
494        chairpersons of the select committee from among the members of the  
495        committee. The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the  
496        select committee and the select committee shall meet as necessary. The  
497        select committee may submit proposals for legislation to the appropriate  
498        joint standing committees of the General Assembly.