

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 7

Special Session No. 1 of
2023-2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for the Operating Rules For The Special Session On
2 Providing Justice To Otherwise Barred Victims Of Childhood
3 Sexual Abuse (Special Session No. 1).

4 RESOLVED, That the business of the House of Representatives
5 during Special Session No. 1 (2023) be confined to the subject
6 contained in the Governor's Proclamation of a Special and
7 Extraordinary Session issued January 6, 2023; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That no other business, including removal of the
9 presiding Officer or Officers of the House, is in order during
10 Special Session No. 1 (2023) except consideration of the subject
11 contained in the Governor's Proclamation of a Special and
12 Extraordinary Session; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the following be adopted as the Operating
14 Rules of the House of Representatives For Special Session No. 1
15 (2023) On Providing Justice To Otherwise Barred Victims Of
16 Childhood Sexual Abuse:

17 2023-2024

18 OPERATING RULES FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON

19 PROVIDING JUSTICE TO OTHERWISE BARRED

1 VICTIMS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE

2 (SPECIAL SESSION NO. 1)

3 The following words and phrases when used in the Operating
4 Rules For The Special Session On Providing Justice To Otherwise
5 Barred Victims Of Childhood Sexual Abuse shall have the meanings
6 given to them in this section unless the context clearly
7 indicates otherwise:

8 "Bill" shall mean a bill or joint resolution providing
9 justice to otherwise barred victims of childhood sexual abuse.

10 "Committee" shall mean the Committee to Provide Justice to
11 Otherwise Barred Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse.

12 "Day" shall mean any calendar day.

13 "Floor of the House" shall be that area within the Hall of
14 the House between the Speaker's rostrum and the brass rail
15 behind the Members' seats.

16 "Formal Action" shall mean any vote or motion of a member of
17 the Committee to report or not report, amend, consider or table
18 a bill or resolution and the discussion and debate thereof.

19 "Hall of the House" shall be the floor space within its four
20 walls and does not include the adjoining conference rooms, the
21 lobbies or the upper gallery of the House.

22 "Legislative Day" shall mean any day that the House shall be
23 in session.

24 "Officers of the House" shall mean the Chief Clerk, the
25 Comptroller and the Parliamentarian of the House of
26 Representatives.

27 "Press Gallery" shall be within that area known as the Hall
28 of the House as designated by the Speaker.

29 "Roll Call Vote" shall be a vote taken and displayed by and
30 on the electric roll call board or in the event of a malfunction

1 of the electric roll call board, by such method as shall be
2 determined by the Speaker.

3 "Session" shall mean when the House of Representatives is
4 sitting in special session.

5 "Special Session" shall mean Special Session No. 1 (2023) On
6 Providing Justice To Otherwise Barred Victims of Childhood
7 Sexual Abuse.

8 "Special Session Rules" shall mean the Operating Rules For
9 Special Session.

10 RULE 1

11 Speaker Presiding

12 The Speaker shall preside over the Special Session of the
13 House. The Speaker may name a member to preside, but the
14 substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. The Speaker
15 may appoint a member as Speaker pro tempore to act in the
16 Speaker's absence for a period not exceeding ten consecutive
17 legislative days.

18 RULE 1 (a)

19 (Reserved)

20 RULE 2

21 Taking the Chair

22 The Speaker shall take the Chair and call the members to
23 order on every legislative day at the hour to which the House
24 adjourned at the last sitting of the House in Special Session.
25 On the appearance of a quorum, the Speaker shall proceed to the
26 regular order of business as prescribed by the Special Session
27 Rules and the limited scope of the Governor's Proclamation of a
28 Special and Extraordinary Session issued January 6, 2023.

29 RULE 3

30 Order and Decorum

1 The Speaker or Presiding Officer shall preserve order and
2 decorum. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the
3 galleries or lobbies, the Speaker shall have the power to order
4 the same to be cleared.

5 The Speaker or Presiding Officer shall have the right to
6 summon Legislative Security Officers to enforce in the
7 preservation of order and decorum, and if needed, to summon the
8 Capitol and State Police to assist.

9 The Sergeant-at-Arms and Legislative Security Officers under
10 the direction of the Speaker or the Presiding Officer shall,
11 while the House is in session, maintain order on the floor and
12 its adjoining rooms and shall enforce the rule with respect to
13 the conduct of members, staff and visitors.

14 RULE 4

15 Questions of Order

16 The Speaker shall decide all questions of order subject to an
17 appeal by two members. The decision of the Speaker shall stand
18 as the decision of the House unless so appealed and overturned
19 by a majority of the members elected to the House. The Speaker
20 may, in the first instance, submit the question to the House.

21 Questions involving the constitutionality of any matters
22 shall be decided by the House. On questions of order there shall
23 be no debate except on an appeal from the decision of the
24 Speaker or on reference of a question to the House. In either
25 case, no member shall speak more than once except by leave of
26 the House.

27 Unless germane to the appeal, a second point of order is not
28 in order while an appeal is pending; but, when the appeal is
29 disposed of, a second point of order is in order and is subject
30 to appeal.

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RULE 5

Conference Committee Appointments

All Committees of Conference shall be appointed by the Speaker and shall be composed of three members, with no more than two being from the same political party.

RULE 6

Signature of the Speaker

The Speaker shall, in the presence of the House, sign all bills and joint resolutions passed by the General Assembly after their titles have been publicly read immediately before signing, and the fact of signing shall be entered on the Journal.

Resolutions, addresses, orders, writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House shall be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Chief Clerk.

RULE 7

(Reserved)

RULE 8

Supervision of Hall of the House and Committee Rooms

Subject to the direction of the Speaker, the Chief Clerk shall have supervision and control over the Hall of the House, the caucus and committee rooms and all other rooms assigned to the House.

During the sessions of the Legislature the Hall of the House shall not be used for public or private business other than legislative matters except by consent of the House.

During periods of recess of the House such use may be authorized by the Speaker without the consent of the House.

RULE 9

Decorum

While the Speaker is putting a question or addressing the

1 House and during debate or voting, no member shall disturb
2 another by talking or walking up and down or crossing the floor
3 of the House.

4 RULE 9 (a)

5 Smoking

6 No smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other tobacco
7 products shall be allowed in the Hall of the House nor in any
8 interior area of the Capitol Complex under the control of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 RULE 10

11 Debate

12 When a member desires to address the House, the member shall
13 rise and respectfully address the Speaker. Upon being
14 recognized, the member may speak, and shall be confined to the
15 question under consideration and avoiding personal reflections.

16 When two or more members rise at the same time and ask for
17 recognition, the Speaker shall designate the member who is
18 entitled to the floor.

19 The Leaders may speak more than twice on any question,
20 without the consent of the House. The sponsor of a bill or
21 amendment shall be entitled to be recognized twice, and the
22 maker of a debatable motion shall be entitled to be recognized
23 twice; but all other members shall be recognized only once.

24 When recognized, no member except the Leaders and the sponsor
25 of the bill or amendment under consideration may debate on any
26 debatable question for more than five minutes each time the
27 member is recognized.

28 RULE 11

29 Interruption of a Member who Has the Floor

30 A member who has the floor may not be interrupted, except for

1 questions of order, by a motion to extend session or by a motion
2 for the previous question.

3 A member may yield the floor for questions related to the
4 subject before the House.

5 RULE 12

6 Personal Privilege

7 Any member may by leave of the Speaker rise and explain a
8 matter personal to the member, but the member shall not discuss
9 a pending question in the explanation. Questions of personal
10 privilege shall be limited to questions affecting the rights,
11 reputation and conduct of members of the House in their
12 respective capacity.

13 RULE 13

14 Transgression of House Rules

15 If any member in speaking or otherwise transgresses the
16 Special Session Rules, the Speaker or any member through the
17 Speaker shall call the member to order, in which case the member
18 shall immediately sit down unless permitted by the House to
19 explain.

20 The House upon appeal shall decide the case without debate.

21 If the decision is in favor of the member, the member may
22 proceed. If the case requires it, the member shall be liable to
23 censure or other punishment as the House deems proper.

24 RULE 14

25 Members' and Employees' Expenses

26 A member who attends a duly called meeting of the Committee
27 of which he or she is a member when the House is not in session
28 or who is summoned to the State Capitol or elsewhere by the
29 Speaker, or either of the Leaders of the House, to perform
30 legislative services when the House is not in session shall be

1 reimbursed per day for each day of service, plus mileage to and
2 from the member's residence, at such rates as are established
3 from time to time, but not in excess of the applicable maximum
4 mileage rate authorized by the Federal Government. For travel to
5 any location for committee meetings or for travel to the State
6 Capitol for any reason, members may not receive reimbursement in
7 excess of the applicable maximum per diem rate authorized by the
8 Federal Government. These expenses shall be paid by the Chief
9 Clerk from appropriation accounts under the Chief Clerk's
10 exclusive control and jurisdiction, upon a written request
11 approved by the Speaker of the House or either of the Leaders of
12 the House.

13 An employee of the House summoned by the Speaker or either of
14 the Leaders of the House to perform legislative services outside
15 of Harrisburg shall be reimbursed for actual expenses and
16 mileage to and from the employee's residence. Such expenses may
17 be paid by the Speaker or the Leaders, if they agree to do so,
18 or shall be paid by the Chief Clerk from appropriation accounts
19 under the Chief Clerk's exclusive control and jurisdiction, upon
20 a written request approved by the Speaker, or the Leaders.

21 District office employees are only permitted to be reimbursed
22 from an account under the control of the Chief Clerk when
23 traveling to Harrisburg for a training program sponsored by
24 either caucus or for travel to a legislative conference approved
25 by the Speaker or a Leader.

26 All other travel by district office employees may be
27 reimbursed from the member's accountable expenses or an account
28 under the control of the Speaker, or either of the Leaders.

29 Members and employees traveling outside the Commonwealth of
30 Pennsylvania who receive any reimbursement for expenses or

1 travel which reimbursement is from public funds shall file with
2 the Chief Clerk a statement containing his or her name and the
3 name, place, date and the purpose of the function.

4 Money appropriated specifically to and allocated under a
5 specific symbol number for allowable expenses of members of the
6 House of Representatives shall be reimbursed to each member upon
7 submission of vouchers and any required documentation by each
8 member on forms prepared by the Chief Clerk of the House. No
9 reimbursement shall be made from this account where a member is
10 directly reimbursed for the same purpose from any other
11 appropriation account.

12 Such allowable expenses of members may be used for any
13 legislative purpose or function, including but not limited to
14 the following:

15 (1) Travel expense on legislative business.

16 (a) Mileage on session or nonsession days at a rate as may
17 be approved from time to time, but not in excess of the maximum
18 mileage rate authorized by the Federal Government for travel;
19 voucher only.

20 (b) Miscellaneous transportation on legislative business
21 (taxi, airport limousine parking, tolls), and expenses of a
22 similar nature; voucher only for any single expense not in
23 excess of \$10.

24 (c) Travel on legislative business by common carrier other
25 than taxi and airport limousine; voucher and receipt from common
26 carrier.

27 (d) Car rental; voucher and receipt from rental agency but
28 reimbursement not to exceed in any month an amount as may be
29 approved from time to time. Any amount in excess of the said
30 amount shall be paid by the person renting the car. In no event

1 shall other than American manufactured cars be rented.

2 (e) Lodging, restaurant charges and other miscellaneous and
3 incidental expenses while away from home. Vouchers only for per
4 diem allowance approved from time to time, but not in excess of
5 the applicable maximum per diem rate authorized by the Federal
6 Government or for actual expenses not in excess of such per diem
7 rate.

8 (2) Administrative, clerical and professional services for
9 legislative business, except for employment of spouses or any
10 relatives, by blood or marriage.

11 (a) Administrative and clerical services; voucher and
12 receipt from person employed.

13 (b) Professional services; voucher and receipt and copy of
14 agreement or contract of employment.

15 (3) Rent for legislative office space; purchase of office
16 supplies; postage; telephone and answering services; printing
17 services and rental only of office equipment; voucher and
18 vendor's receipt, except for postage expense.

19 (4) Official entertainment—restaurant and beverage charges;
20 voucher only for expenses. Receipts for entertainment expenses,
21 together with a statement of the reason for the expense, shall
22 be submitted with the request for reimbursement.

23 (5) Purchase of flags, plaques, publications, photographic
24 services, books, and other similar items in connection with
25 legislative activities; voucher and vendor's receipt.

26 (6) Communications and donations in extending
27 congratulations or sympathy of illness or death; voucher only on
28 expenses not in excess of \$35.

29 No money appropriated for members' and employees' expenses
30 shall be used for contributions to political parties or their

1 affiliated organizations.

2 No money appropriated for members' and employees' expenses
3 shall be used for contributions to charitable organizations or
4 for charitable advertisements. This paragraph shall not prevent
5 a de minimis use of legislative resources, in connection with
6 legislative activities, to benefit a bona fide charitable
7 organization that serves a member's district.

8 All disbursements made, debts incurred or advancements paid
9 from any appropriation account made to the House or to a member
10 or nonmember officer under a General Appropriation Act or any
11 other appropriation act shall be recorded in a monthly report
12 and filed with the Chief Clerk by the person authorized to make
13 such disbursement, incur any debt or receive any advancement on
14 a form prescribed by the Chief Clerk.

15 The Chief Clerk shall prescribe the form of all such reports
16 and make such forms available to those persons required to file
17 such reports. Such report form shall include:

18 (1) As to personnel:

19 (a) The name, home address, job title, brief description of
20 duties and where they are performed, department or member or
21 members to whom assigned, the name of immediate supervisor and
22 minimum hours of employment per week of each employee.

23 (b) The appropriation account from which such employee is
24 compensated, the amount of compensation and whether such person
25 is on salary, per diem or contract.

26 (2) As to all other expenditures:

27 (a) To whom it was paid, the amount thereof, and the nature
28 of the goods, services or other purpose for which the
29 expenditure was made.

30 (b) The appropriation account from which the expenditure was

1 made and the name or names of the person or persons requesting
2 and/or authorizing the same.

3 The reporting requirements as to personnel may be fulfilled
4 by the maintenance in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the House
5 of an alphabetized file containing the current information for
6 each employee as set forth above.

7 All monthly reports filed on disbursements made or debts
8 incurred by any officer or member or employee from
9 appropriations made to the House or to a member or nonmember
10 officer under any General Appropriation Act, and the
11 documentation for each disbursement, shall be public information
12 and shall be available in accordance with the act of February
13 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

14 All vouchers and requisitions relating to all expenditures,
15 expenses, disbursements and other obligations out of all
16 appropriated funds of the House, and the documentation
17 evidencing payment of the vouchers and requisitions, shall be
18 available in accordance with the Right-to-Know Law.

19 All requests for reimbursement out of any appropriation shall
20 be accompanied by a voucher, or other documents where required,
21 evidencing payment or approval. All requests for reimbursement
22 out of any appropriation payable to a member, nonmember officer
23 or employee shall be void if not submitted within 90 days of the
24 date that the otherwise allowable expense is incurred for any
25 and all otherwise allowable expenses, including without
26 limitation, per diem, mileage and actual expenses incurred. Any
27 such void request for reimbursement may not be paid except
28 pursuant to a motion to suspend this rule for good cause
29 specific to the voided request for reimbursement. In no event
30 shall any payment or reimbursement be made for any otherwise

1 allowable expense incurred on or before March 12, 2007. The
2 voucher form shall be approved and supplied by the Chief Clerk.
3 Receipts or documentation of every expenditure or disbursement
4 which is in excess of the maximum amount as set forth herein
5 shall be attached to the voucher. Where a request for payment is
6 made in advance of an expense actually incurred, the Chief
7 Clerk, before making such advance payment shall require a
8 description satisfactory to the Chief Clerk of the item or
9 service to be purchased or the expense to be incurred, and a
10 receipt or other documentation shall be given to the Chief Clerk
11 after the item or service has been purchased or expense incurred
12 as evidence that such advancement was in fact expended for such
13 purpose.

14 All reports, vouchers and receipts from which reports are
15 prepared and filed shall be retained by the Chief Clerk, officer
16 or member, as the case may be, for such period of time as may be
17 necessary to enable the Legislative Audit Advisory Commission
18 created pursuant to the act of June 30, 1970 (P.L.442, No.151),
19 entitled "An act implementing the provisions of Article VIII,
20 section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by designating
21 the Commonwealth officers who shall be charged with the function
22 of auditing the financial transactions after the occurrence
23 thereof of the Legislative and Judicial branches of the
24 government of the Commonwealth, establishing a Legislative Audit
25 Advisory Commission, and imposing certain powers and duties on
26 such commission," to conduct, through certified public
27 accountants appointed by it, annual audits to assure that such
28 disbursements made or debts incurred were in accordance with
29 Legislative Audit Advisory Commission guidelines and standards
30 as approved, or for a minimum of three years, whichever is

1 longer. All annual audit reports shall be available for public
2 inspection. Photocopies of such reports shall be available for a
3 fee established by the Chief Clerk not to exceed the cost of
4 duplication.

5 RULE 14 (a)

6 (Reserved)

7 RULE 14 (b)

8 Electronic Availability of Reports

9 In addition to the other methods of availability under Rule
10 14, all expense reports existing in electronic form shall be
11 provided electronically by the Chief Clerk upon request.

12 RULE 15

13 Time of Meeting

14 The House shall convene on the first legislative day of the
15 week at 12:00 noon prevailing time, unless otherwise ordered by
16 a roll call vote of the majority of those elected to the House.

17 On other days the House shall convene at the discretion of
18 the House. No session of the House may begin before 8:00 A.M.
19 nor may any roll call votes be taken after 11:00 P.M. unless
20 exigent circumstances exist, as determined by an affirmative
21 vote of three-fourths of the members elected to the House, by a
22 roll call vote on a motion to extend session. A motion to extend
23 session may be made to extend session generally or to conclude
24 business on a specific question or questions. If a motion to
25 extend session is made prior to 10:15 P.M. and a roll call vote
26 has not been ordered, the arrival of 10:45 P.M. shall put an end
27 to all debate and shall bring the House to an immediate roll
28 call vote on the question to extend session.

29 Nothing in this rule shall prevent the House from conducting
30 administrative matters, including the making of announcements

1 regarding the House schedule for the benefit of members or in
2 order to comply with 65 Pa.C.S. § 709 (relating to public
3 notice) after 11:00 P.M. Upon the Speaker's determination that
4 all administrative matters are concluded, the Speaker shall
5 adjourn the House.

6 RULE 16

7 Quorum

8 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, but a
9 smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the
10 attendance of absent members. (Constitution, Article II, Section
11 10).

12 When less than a quorum vote on any question, the Speaker
13 shall forthwith order the doors of the House closed and the
14 names of the members present shall be recorded. If it is
15 ascertained a quorum is present, either by answering to their
16 names or by their presence in the House, the Speaker shall again
17 order the yeas and nays. If any member present refuses to vote,
18 refusal shall be deemed a contempt. Unless purged, the House may
19 order the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove the member or members
20 without the bar of the House. All privileges of membership shall
21 be refused the member or members so offending until the contempt
22 is purged.

23 RULE 17

24 Order of Business

25 The daily order of business shall be:

- 26 (1) Prayer.
- 27 (2) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 28 (3) Correction and approval of the Journal.
- 29 (4) Leaves of absence.
- 30 (5) Master Roll Call.

- 1 (6) Reports of Committee.
- 2 (7) First consideration bills.
- 3 (8) Second consideration bills.
- 4 (9) Third consideration bills, final passage bills,
5 including both third consideration and final passage postponed
6 bills, and resolutions.
- 7 (10) Final passage bills recalled from the Governor.
- 8 (11) Messages from the Senate and communications from the
9 Governor.
- 10 (12) Reference to appropriate committees of bills,
11 resolutions, petitions, memorials, remonstrances and other
12 papers.
- 13 (13) Unfinished business on the Speaker's table.
- 14 (14) Announcements.
- 15 (15) Adjournment.

16 Any question may, by a majority vote of the members elected,
17 be made a special order of business. When the time arrives for
18 its consideration, the Speaker shall lay the special order of
19 business before the House.

20 RULE 18

21 Introduction and Printing of Bills

22 Bills shall be introduced in quadruplicate, signed and dated
23 by each member who is a sponsor of the bill, and filed with the
24 Chief Clerk on any day that the offices of the House of
25 Representatives are open for business. A sponsor may be added or
26 withdrawn, but in the case of withdrawals, the names shall be
27 withdrawn if and when the bill is reprinted.

28 Bills introduced when received at the Chief Clerk's desk
29 shall be numbered consecutively and delivered to the Speaker,
30 who shall refer each bill to the Committee on any day whether or

1 not the House is in session. The Speaker shall report to the
2 House the bills referred to the Committee, either on the day
3 introduced or received or on the next two legislative days the
4 House is in session, unless the House is in recess for more than
5 four consecutive days in which case the Speaker shall provide a
6 list to both Leaders, within two calendar days, of all bills
7 which were referred during such period when the House was not in
8 session.

9 If the Speaker neglects or refuses to refer to the Committee
10 any bills (whether House or Senate) as above after introduction
11 or presentation by the Senate for concurrence, any member may
12 move for the reference of the bill to the Committee. If the
13 motion is carried, said bill or bills shall be immediately
14 surrendered by the Speaker to the Committee.

15 The first copy of each bill introduced shall be for the
16 Committee, the second copy shall be for the printer, the third
17 copy shall be for the news media and the fourth copy shall be
18 for the Legislative Reference Bureau.

19 Every bill, after introduction and reference to the
20 Committee, shall be printed and shall also be posted on the
21 Internet with the hyperlink to the web page for the members of
22 the House of Representatives.

23 Bills may not be withdrawn after reference to the Committee.

24 RULE 19

25 Bills Referred to Committees

26 No bill shall be considered unless referred to the Committee,
27 printed for the use of the members and returned therefrom.
28 (Constitution, Article III, Section 2).

29 RULE 19(a)

30 Fiscal Notes

1 The Committee shall prepare a fiscal note for a bill or
2 amendment to a bill considered by the Committee or the House
3 which may require an expenditure of Commonwealth funds or funds
4 of any political subdivision or which may entail a loss of
5 revenues overall, or to any separately established fund.

6 The fiscal note shall accompany the bill and provide the
7 following information in connection with the Commonwealth and
8 its political subdivisions:

9 (a) The designation of the fund out of which the
10 appropriation providing for expenditures under the bill shall be
11 made;

12 (b) The probable cost of the bill for the fiscal year of its
13 enactment;

14 (c) A projected cost estimate of the program for each of the
15 five succeeding fiscal years;

16 (d) The fiscal history of the program for which expenditures
17 are to be made;

18 (e) The probable loss of revenue from the bill for the
19 fiscal year of its enactment;

20 (f) A projected loss of revenue estimate from the bill for
21 each of the five succeeding fiscal years;

22 (g) The line item, if any, of the General Fund, special fund
23 or other account out of which expenditures or losses of
24 Commonwealth funds shall occur as a result of the bill;

25 (h) The recommendation, if any, of the Committee and the
26 reasons therefor relative to the passage or defeat of the bill;
27 and

28 (i) A reference to the source of the data from which the
29 foregoing fiscal information was obtained, and an explanation of
30 the basis upon which it is computed.

1 RULE 19(b)

2 (Reserved)

3 RULE 20

4 Bills Confined to One Subject

5 No bill shall be passed containing more than one subject,
6 which shall be clearly expressed in its title, except a general
7 appropriation bill or a bill codifying or compiling the law or a
8 part thereof. (Constitution, Article III, Section 3).

9 RULE 21

10 Consideration of Bills

11 (a) Every bill and every joint resolution shall be
12 considered on three different days. All amendments made thereto
13 shall be printed for the use of the members before the final
14 vote is taken thereon, and before the final vote is taken, upon
15 written request addressed to the presiding officer by at least
16 25% of the members elected to the House, any bill shall be read
17 at length. No bill shall become law and no joint resolution
18 adopted unless, on its final passage, the vote is taken by yeas
19 and nays, the names of the persons voting for and against it are
20 entered on the Journal, and a majority of the members elected to
21 the House is recorded thereon as voting in its favor.

22 (Constitution, Article III, Section 4).

23 (b) Members shall be notified of bills and resolutions
24 scheduled to be voted no later than prior to the close of
25 business at 4:30 P.M. the second legislative day prior to the
26 date of second consideration for legislation that has no legal
27 deadline. (The General Appropriation Act and non-preferred bills
28 are included within the definition of legislation that has no
29 legal deadline.) Except as provided in subsection (d), all
30 amendments shall be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk

1 by 1:00 P.M. of the last legislative day preceding the scheduled
2 date for second consideration. Members shall be notified of
3 bills scheduled to be voted on third consideration. A change in
4 the printer's number as a result of third consideration shall
5 not require an additional notice of final passage. No vote on
6 final passage can occur before the date of the scheduled vote.

7 (c) If the amendment cannot be submitted in accordance with
8 the above subsection because it is still being prepared by the
9 Legislative Reference Bureau, the member must provide the Office
10 of the Chief Clerk with a statement, by the above-noted 1:00
11 P.M. deadline, prepared by the member containing the factual
12 content of said amendment along with certification from the
13 Legislative Reference Bureau that the amendment was submitted to
14 the Legislative Reference Bureau for drafting prior to the
15 above-noted 1:00 P.M. deadline. The Legislative Reference Bureau
16 may not issue a certificate for an amendment to a bill as
17 amended by another amendment unless the requesting member can
18 identify by number the underlying amendment.

19 (d) In cases where an amendment alters a bill so as to
20 effectively rule out of order an amendment which was timely
21 filed pursuant to the provisions of this rule, a replacement
22 amendment may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk
23 provided that the subject matter of the replacement amendment is
24 not substantially different from the intent of the original
25 amendment. The replacement amendment shall be deemed to have met
26 the timely filed conditions provided for in this rule. The
27 member shall notify the Speaker of the member's intent to file a
28 replacement amendment and shall file a certificate with the
29 Office of the Chief Clerk. The bill in question may continue to
30 receive consideration but shall not be moved to third

1 consideration until the replacement amendment is available for a
2 vote. If consideration of the bill is delayed to a new
3 legislative day due solely to delay in receipt of replacement
4 amendments, then only amendments timely filed for the date of
5 the originally scheduled vote and replacement amendments shall
6 be considered. This limitation on amendments shall not apply to
7 the bill in question if consideration of the bill is rescheduled
8 beyond the new legislative day.

9 (e) A bill may not receive action on concurrence until at
10 least three hours have elapsed from the time the bill and its
11 amendatory language was available to the public, unless the
12 amendment was a technical amendment as described under the first
13 paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
14 members elected to the House indicates they have had sufficient
15 time to review the language and thereby approve proceeding with
16 the bill. A brief description of every bill on concurrence shall
17 be given prior to a vote. Additionally, members shall be
18 notified and conference committee reports shall be available to
19 members at least three hours prior to the adoption of all
20 conference committee reports. When these reports are considered
21 on the first legislative day of the week, said notice shall be
22 provided no later than the close of business on the last
23 business day preceding the vote.

24 Notwithstanding notice provided, members may, by an
25 affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members elected to the House,
26 indicate that they have had sufficient time to review a
27 conference committee report and that they approve proceeding
28 with a vote.

29 RULE 22

30 First Consideration Bills

1 Bills reported from committees shall be considered for the
2 first time when reported and shall be immediately placed upon
3 the calendar.

4 Bills shall not be considered beyond first consideration
5 until the latest print thereof is on the desks of the members.

6 Amendments shall not be proposed nor is any other motion in
7 order on first consideration.

8 RULE 23

9 Second Consideration Bills

10 Bills on second consideration shall be considered in their
11 calendar order and shall be subject to amendment if approved by
12 an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members elected to the House.
13 No House bill on second consideration shall be considered until
14 called up by a member.

15 RULE 24

16 Third Consideration and Final Passage Bills

17 Bills on third consideration shall be considered in their
18 calendar order and shall be subject to amendment only when an
19 amendment is necessary to make the document internally
20 consistent, to clear up an ambiguity, to correct grammar or to
21 correct a drafting error or is necessary for purposes of
22 statutory construction. An amendment under this paragraph shall
23 not be subject to the filing deadlines under Rule 21. A bill
24 having received consideration by the House on three different
25 days and having been agreed to may be called by the Speaker to
26 receive action on final passage; however, a bill may not receive
27 action on final passage until at least three hours have elapsed
28 from the time the bill and its amendatory language was available
29 to the public, unless the amendment was a technical amendment
30 permitted under the first paragraph of this rule or an

1 affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members elected to the House
2 indicates that they have had sufficient time to review the
3 language of the bill and thereby approve proceeding with the
4 bill. Upon being called to receive action on final passage, the
5 title and a brief description of a bill shall be read. A bill on
6 final passage shall not be subject to amendment, but shall be
7 subject to debate. At the conclusion of debate, the Speaker
8 shall then state the question as follows:

9 "This bill has been considered on three different days and
10 agreed to and is now on final passage. The question is, shall
11 the bill pass finally? Agreeable to the provision of the
12 Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken." When more
13 than one bill shall be called for action on final passage at the
14 same time, prior to voting, the title or a brief analysis of
15 each bill shall be read. The Speaker shall then state the
16 question as follows: "These bills have been considered on three
17 different days and agreed to and are now on final passage. The
18 question is, shall the bills on the uncontested calendar pass
19 finally? Agreeable to the provision of the Constitution, the
20 yeas and nays will now be taken."

21 RULE 25

22 (Reserved)

23 RULE 26

24 Reconsideration

25 A motion to reconsider the vote by which a bill, resolution
26 or other matter was passed or defeated shall be made in writing
27 and filed by two members. The motion shall be in order only
28 under the order of business in which the vote proposed to be
29 reconsidered occurred and shall be decided on a roll-call vote
30 by a majority vote. No motion to reconsider shall be in order

1 when the bill, resolution or other matter is no longer in the
2 possession of or is not properly before the House.

3 A motion to reconsider any such vote must be filed on the
4 same day on which the initial vote was taken or within the
5 succeeding five days in which the House is in session, provided
6 such bill, resolution or other matter is still in the possession
7 of or is properly before the House.

8 When a motion to reconsider any such vote is filed within the
9 aforesaid time limits, put before the House by the Speaker and
10 decided by the affirmative vote prescribed herein, the question
11 recurs on the bill, resolution or other matter reconsidered.

12 Where a bill, resolution or other matter has been initially
13 defeated and a motion to reconsider is not timely made, then
14 such bill, resolution or other matter shall carry the status of
15 "defeated finally" and not properly before the House.

16 Therefore, it shall not be in order to entertain a motion to
17 reconsider any such vote.

18 Where a timely made motion to reconsider is lost, it shall
19 not be in order to again entertain a motion to reconsider any
20 such vote, even though such second motion to reconsider is
21 timely made.

22 The vote on a bill or resolution recalled from the Governor
23 may be reconsidered at any time after the bill or resolution has
24 been returned to the House.

25 No bill, resolution or other matter may be reconsidered more
26 than twice on the same legislative day.

27 RULE 27

28 Amendments

29 No bill shall be amended so as to change its original purpose
30 (Constitution, Article III, Section 1) or amended so as to go

1 beyond the subject contained in the Governor's Proclamation of a
2 Special and Extraordinary Session issued January 6, 2023.

3 No motion or proposition on a subject different from that
4 under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

5 Any member may move to amend a bill or resolution, provided
6 the proposed amendment is germane to the subject. Questions
7 involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall
8 be decided by the House.

9 No amendment to an amendment shall be admitted nor
10 considered.

11 The sponsor of an amendment shall explain the amendment prior
12 to consideration by the House. Before consideration, six
13 typewritten copies of a proposed amendment signed by its sponsor
14 shall be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, one copy of
15 which shall be delivered to the news media and a printed copy in
16 typewritten form prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
17 shall be placed on the desk of each member if the amendment is
18 not available on the Legislative Data Processing floor system.

19 Amendments adopted or defeated may not be considered again
20 without first reconsidering the vote.

21 RULE 28

22 Bills Amending Existing Law

23 Bills amending existing law shall indicate present language
24 to be omitted by placing it within brackets and new language to
25 be inserted by underscoring. (Constitution, Article III, Section
26 6).

27 RULE 29

28 Form for Printing Amendments

29 In printing amendments to bills and resolutions, all new
30 matter added shall be in CAPITAL LETTERS, and matter to be

1 eliminated shall be indicated by strike-out type.

2 In reprinting House bills previously amended by the House and
3 in reprinting Senate bills previously amended by the Senate, but
4 not in Senate bills previously amended by the House, all matters
5 appearing in strike-out type shall be dropped from the new print
6 and all matter appearing in CAPITAL LETTERS shall be reset in
7 lower case Roman type.

8 RULE 30

9 Bills Amended by the Senate

10 When a bill or joint resolution has been amended by the
11 Senate and returned to the House for concurrence, it shall be
12 referred automatically to the Committee immediately upon the
13 reading of the message from the Senate by the Clerk. The
14 consideration of any bill or joint resolution containing Senate
15 amendments may include amendments by the Committee. The vote on
16 concurring in amendments by the House to bills or joint
17 resolutions amended by the Senate shall not be taken until said
18 bills or joint resolutions have been favorably reported, as
19 committed or as amended, by the Committee. When said bill or
20 joint resolution has been favorably reported by the Committee,
21 either as committed or as amended, said bill or joint resolution
22 shall be placed on the calendar. When acting on bills or joint
23 resolutions amended by the Senate, the bill and the amendments
24 shall be read and the question put on the concurrence in all
25 amendments to the bill since it was last considered by the
26 House. Any two members may object to the report of any bill or
27 joint resolution containing amendments by the Committee. The
28 objection must be raised prior to the bill or joint resolution
29 being put to a roll call vote. The question shall be decided by
30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to the House. If

1 the House rejects the report of any such bill or joint
2 resolution, the bill or joint resolution shall be automatically
3 returned to the Committee as last passed by the Senate. The
4 House shall not consider any proposed amendment to any amendment
5 made by the Senate to a bill or joint resolution, nor consider
6 any amendment to any amendment made by the Committee. A majority
7 vote of the members elected to the House taken by yeas and nays
8 shall be required to concur in amendments made by the Senate,
9 except for appropriations to charitable and educational
10 institutions not under the absolute control of the Commonwealth,
11 where a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to the
12 House shall be required to concur. (Constitution, Article III,
13 Sections 5 and 30).

14 Unless the Leaders shall agree otherwise, the offering of an
15 amendment in the Committee shall not be in order until at least
16 one hour after the filing of a copy of the amendment as prepared
17 by the Legislative Reference Bureau with the office of the Chief
18 Clerk. Upon the filing of such an amendment, the Chief Clerk
19 shall immediately time stamp the amendment and forthwith forward
20 a timestamped copy of the amendment to the offices of the
21 Leaders. Except as provided under this paragraph, it shall not
22 be in order to suspend or otherwise waive the requirements of
23 this paragraph.

24 RULE 31

25 Bills Vetoed by the Governor

26 When the Governor has returned a bill to the House with
27 objections, the veto message shall be read and the House shall
28 proceed to reconsider it. (Constitution, Article IV, Section
29 15).

30 RULE 32

1 (Reserved)

2 RULE 33

3 Special Legislation

4 No local or special bill shall be passed by the House unless
5 notice of the intention to apply therefor has been published in
6 the locality where the matter or the thing to be affected may be
7 situated, which notice shall be at least 30 days prior to the
8 introduction into the General Assembly of such bill and in the
9 manner provided by law; the evidence of such notice having been
10 published shall be exhibited in the General Assembly before the
11 act shall be passed. (Constitution, Article III, Section 7).

12 No local or special bill shall be considered in violation of
13 Article III, Section 32, of the Constitution.

14 RULE 34

15 (Reserved)

16 RULE 35

17 House and Concurrent Resolutions

18 Members introducing resolutions other than concurrent
19 resolutions shall file five copies thereof; seven copies of
20 concurrent resolutions shall be filed. All resolutions shall be
21 signed by their sponsors, dated and filed with the Chief Clerk.
22 After being numbered, one copy of all resolutions shall be given
23 to the news media and all other copies delivered to the Speaker.
24 A sponsor may not be added or withdrawn after a resolution has
25 been printed.

26 Resolutions may not be withdrawn after reference to a
27 committee.

28 The Speaker shall refer House resolutions (except discharge
29 resolutions) and Senate resolutions presented to the House for
30 concurrence to the Committee.

1 A House resolution other than a concurrent or joint
2 resolution shall not:

3 (a) recognize or designate a day or other period of time
4 which is not a Federal or Pennsylvania state holiday for any
5 purpose;

6 (b) encourage action on a public issue unless either the
7 resolution has legal force or effect concerning such action or
8 such action would be taken by a public body;

9 (c) congratulate individuals or entities for achievements;
10 or

11 (d) be offered for any non-legislative purpose or function.

12 The Speaker shall report to the House when resolutions have
13 been referred to the Committee, either on the day introduced or
14 received or the next two legislative days the House is in
15 session.

16 A resolution introduced in the House and referred to the
17 Committee shall be printed and placed in the House files.

18 When a resolution (House or Senate) is reported from the
19 Committee, it shall be placed on the calendar and may be called
20 up by a member for consideration by the House under the order of
21 business of resolutions. A House resolution other than a
22 concurrent or joint resolution shall be adopted by a majority of
23 the members voting.

24 RULE 36

25 Privileged Resolutions

26 Resolutions privileged for the immediate consideration of the
27 House are those:

28 (1) Recalling from or returning bills to the Governor.

29 (2) Recalling from or returning bills to the Senate.

30 (3) Originating from the Committee.

1 (4) Providing for a Joint Session of the Senate and House
2 and its procedure.

3 (5) Placing bills negatived by the Committee on the
4 calendar.

5 (6) Adjournment or recess.

6 RULE 37

7 (Reserved)

8 RULE 38

9 (Reserved)

10 RULE 39

11 (Reserved)

12 RULE 40

13 Messages

14 Messages from the Senate and communications from the Governor
15 shall be received and read in the House within one legislative
16 day thereafter.

17 All House and Senate bills shall be delivered to the Senate
18 with appropriate messages no later than the close of the next
19 legislative day of the Senate which follows the fifth
20 legislative day after which the House acted on such bill.

21 All House bills returned by the Senate after final passage
22 therein without amendment, and all conference committee reports
23 on House bills received from the Senate and adopted by the
24 House, shall be signed by the Speaker within one legislative day
25 after receipt or adoption, respectively, and shall be delivered
26 to the Senate before the close of the next legislative day of
27 the Senate.

28 All House bills and all conference committee reports on House
29 bills signed by the Speaker shall be delivered to the Governor
30 within 24 hours after return from the Senate with the signature

1 of the appropriate Senate officer.

2 RULE 41

3 (Reserved)

4 RULE 42

5 (Reserved)

6 RULE 43

7 Committee to Provide Justice to Otherwise

8 Barred Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse

9 There shall be one committee established, known as the
10 Committee to Provide Justice to Otherwise Barred Victims of
11 Childhood Sexual Abuse whose members shall be appointed by the
12 Speaker under Rule 44.

13 RULE 44

14 Organization of Committee

15 The Committee shall consist of five members, including the
16 Democratic and Republican leaders or their designees, the
17 Democratic and Republican Chairs of the Committee on
18 Appropriations or their designees, and a fifth member appointed
19 by the Speaker who shall serve as chair of the Committee. The
20 Speaker may not be appointed to the Committee. The Speaker shall
21 designate a secretary of the Committee from among the members of
22 the Committee. The membership of the Committee shall first meet
23 upon the call of its chair and perfect its organization. A
24 majority of the members to which the Committee is entitled shall
25 constitute a quorum for it to proceed to business. The Committee
26 shall have the power to promulgate rules not inconsistent with
27 these rules which may be necessary for the orderly conduct of
28 its business.

29 RULE 45

30 Powers and Duties of Committee

1 The chair of the Committee shall schedule meetings for the
2 transaction of business before the Committee. The chair of the
3 Committee shall notify all members, at least 24 hours in advance
4 of the date, time and place of regular meetings, and, insofar as
5 possible, the subjects on the agenda. In addition to regular
6 meetings, special meetings may be called from time to time by
7 the chair of the Committee as they deem necessary. No recess or
8 combination of recesses shall exceed 48 hours for any committee
9 meeting. The Committee may not meet during any session of the
10 House without first obtaining permission of the Speaker. During
11 any such meeting, no vote shall be taken on the Floor of the
12 House on any amendment, recommittal motion, final passage of any
13 bill, or any other matter requiring a roll call vote. Any
14 committee meeting called off the Floor of the House shall meet
15 in a committee room. In addition to the specific provisions of
16 this rule, all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open
17 meetings) relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.

18 At a scheduled meeting, or upon the call of the chair, the
19 membership of the Committee shall meet to consider any bill,
20 resolution, or other matter on the agenda. The secretary of the
21 Committee shall record:

22 (1) the minutes of the meeting;

23 (2) all votes taken;

24 (3) a roll or attendance of members at the committee meeting
25 showing the names of those present, absent or excused from
26 attendance, and the chair shall verify by signature all votes
27 taken and the roll or attendance of those members present,
28 absent or excused before said records are submitted to the Chief
29 Clerk; and

30 (4) dispatch of bills and resolutions before the Committee.

1 Such records shall be open to public inspection. On the first
2 legislative day of each week the House is in session, the chair
3 of the Committee shall submit to the Chief Clerk for inclusion
4 in the House Journal only, the roll or record of attendance of
5 members at the committee meetings held prior thereto and not yet
6 reported, along with the record of all votes taken at such
7 meetings. All reports from the Committee shall be prepared in
8 writing by the secretary of the Committee. Members of the
9 Committee may prepare in writing and file a minority report,
10 setting forth the reasons for their dissent. Such committee
11 reports shall be filed with the Chief Clerk within five days of
12 the meeting. All meetings at which formal action is taken by the
13 Committee shall be open to the public, making such reports as
14 are required under this rule.

15 Whenever the chair of the Committee shall refuse to call a
16 regular meeting, then a majority of the members of the Committee
17 may vote to call a meeting by giving two days' written notice to
18 the Speaker of the House, setting the time and place for such
19 meeting. Such notice shall be read in the House and the same
20 posted by the Chief Clerk in the House Chamber. Thereafter, the
21 meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in the
22 notice. In addition, all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7
23 (relating to open meetings) relative to notice of meetings shall
24 be complied with.

25 Records, bills and other papers in the possession of the
26 Committee upon final adjournment of the House shall be filed
27 with the Chief Clerk.

28 No committee report shall be recognized by the House, unless
29 the same has been acted upon by a majority vote of the members
30 of the Committee present at a committee session actually

1 assembled and meeting as a committee, provided such majority
2 vote numbers at least three members, and provided further a
3 quorum is present.

4 When the majority of the members of the Committee believe
5 that a certain bill or resolution in the possession of the
6 Committee should be considered and acted upon by the Committee,
7 they may request the chair to include the same as part of the
8 business of a committee meeting. Upon failure of the chair to
9 comply with such request, the membership may require that such
10 bill be considered by written motion made and approved by a
11 majority vote of the entire membership to which the Committee is
12 entitled.

13 RULE 45 (a)

14 (Reserved)

15 RULE 46

16 (Reserved)

17 RULE 47

18 Status of Members Indicted or Convicted of a Crime

19 When an indictment is returned or a charge is filed before a
20 court of record against a member of the House, and the gravamen
21 of the indictment or charge is directly related to the member's
22 conduct as a committee chair or in a position of leadership or
23 is one which would render the member ineligible to the General
24 Assembly under section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania, the member shall be relieved of committee chair
26 status or leadership position until the indictment or charge is
27 disposed of, but the member shall otherwise continue to function
28 as a Representative, including voting, and shall continue to be
29 paid.

30 If, during the same legislative term, the indictment or

1 charge is quashed, dismissed or withdrawn, or the court finds
2 that the member is not guilty of the offense alleged, the member
3 shall immediately be restored to committee chair status or the
4 leadership position retroactively from which he or she was
5 suspended.

6 Upon a finding or verdict of guilt by a judge or jury, plea
7 or admission of guilt or plea of nolo contendere of a member of
8 the House of a crime, the gravamen of which relates to the
9 member's conduct as a Representative or which would render the
10 member ineligible to the General Assembly under section 7 of
11 Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the
12 Parliamentarian of the House shall prepare a resolution of
13 expulsion under the sponsorship of the Speaker or the Leaders.
14 The resolution shall be printed and placed on the calendar for
15 the next day of House session.

16 Upon a finding or verdict of guilt by a judge or jury, plea
17 or admission of guilt or plea of nolo contendere of a member of
18 the House of embezzlement of public moneys, bribery or perjury,
19 and upon imposition of sentence, the member shall no longer be
20 eligible to serve in the General Assembly.

21 RULE 48

22 Conference Committee

23 All Committees of Conference shall be appointed by the
24 Speaker and shall be composed of three members, no more than two
25 coming from the same political party.

26 The conferees shall confine themselves to the differences
27 which exist between the House and Senate.

28 The presentation of reports of Committees of Conference shall
29 be in order after having been signed by a majority of members of
30 the Committee of Conference of each House.

1 Consideration of a report of a Committee of Conference by the
2 House shall be in order when it has been printed, placed on the
3 desks of the members and listed on the calendar.

4 RULE 49

5 Committee Action

6 Whenever a bill, resolution or other matter has been referred
7 by the Speaker of the House to the Committee, the Committee
8 shall have full power and control over such bill, resolution or
9 other matter, except that the Committee shall not change the
10 subject of the bill nor any amendments adopted by the House.

11 The recommendations by the committee that a bill or
12 resolution be reported negatively shall not affect its
13 consideration by the House. The words "negative recommendation"
14 shall be printed conspicuously on a line above the title of this
15 bill.

16 After a bill is reported out of the Committee, all committee
17 votes taken with respect to the bill shall be posted on the
18 Internet as soon as practicable.

19 RULE 50

20 Public Hearings

21 When a proposed bill, resolution or any matter is referred to
22 the Committee, the Committee shall have full power and authority
23 to study said bill, resolution or other matter before it, as the
24 Committee shall determine is necessary to enable it to report
25 properly to the House thereon. To this end the Committee may, as
26 hereinafter provided, conduct public hearings. The Committee may
27 not hold any public hearings without prior approval by a
28 majority vote of the members of the Committee and the Speaker of
29 the House. The Speaker of the House shall withhold approval of
30 public hearings based only on budgetary consideration.

1 When a public hearing has been authorized as aforesaid, the
2 chair of the Committee shall instruct the Chief Clerk to give
3 written notice thereof to each House Member not less than five
4 calendar days before the proposed hearings and post the same in
5 or immediately adjacent to the House Chambers.

6 Such notice, which shall contain the day, hour and place of
7 the hearing and the number or numbers of bills or other subject
8 matter to be considered at such hearing, shall also be given the
9 supervisor of the news room, and to the news media. In addition,
10 all provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings),
11 relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.

12 Public hearings held by the Committee shall be chaired by the
13 chair of the Committee, unless absent, in which case an acting
14 chair shall be selected by the chair.

15 All public hearings shall be open to the public and
16 reasonable opportunity to be heard shall be afforded to all
17 interested parties who have requested an appearance before the
18 Committee. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the
19 Committee in conducting its hearing to request the presentation
20 of testimony by any person who, in the opinion of the Committee,
21 is qualified to present pertinent and important testimony.

22 The Committee shall, so far as practicable, request all
23 witnesses appearing before it to file written statements of
24 their proposed testimony. The chair shall have the right to fix
25 the order of appearance and the time to be allotted to
26 witnesses. Witnesses may submit brief pertinent statements in
27 writing for inclusion in the record. The Committee is the sole
28 judge of the pertinency of testimony and evidence adduced at its
29 hearings.

30 The chair, in presiding at such public hearings, shall

1 preserve order and decorum, in and adjacent to the committee
2 room while the hearing is being conducted and shall have the
3 authority to direct the removal from the committee room of any
4 person who fails to comply with order and decorum of the
5 Committee.

6 Proceedings of all public hearings shall be either
7 stenographically or electronically recorded. The committee shall
8 determine which parts of such recorded proceedings, if any,
9 shall be transcribed and the distribution thereof. Except as
10 hereinafter provided, no more than four copies of any transcript
11 shall be made. Such stenographic or electronic records and at
12 least one copy of any transcription shall be preserved by the
13 Chief Clerk until authorized to dispose of same by an
14 affirmative vote of three-quarters of the entire membership of
15 the Committee and shall be made available to any member upon
16 written request for the purpose of copying or transcription at
17 that member's expense. Any transcribed records and any reports
18 of the Committee shall be filed with the Chief Clerk or his
19 designee and shall be made available to any person in accordance
20 with reasonable rules and regulations prescribed by the Chief
21 Clerk. Upon payment of a reasonable cost to be determined by the
22 Chief Clerk, a person may obtain a copy of such transcribed
23 records or reports.

24 All written testimony and all transcribed testimony at
25 committee hearings shall be posted on the Internet as soon
26 thereafter as practicable.

27 The Chief Clerk shall not make payment of any expenses
28 incurred as a result of a public hearing without the prior
29 written approval of the Speaker of the House.

30 RULE 51

1 (Reserved)

2 RULE 52

3 Possession of Bills by Committee

4 When the Committee has ordered that a bill, resolution or
5 other matter be reported to the House, the member to whom it is
6 assigned shall make the report thereof to the House either on
7 the same day or at the next meeting of the House.

8 Failure of a member to comply with this rule shall be
9 reported to the House by the Committee, provided the official
10 copy of the bill, resolution or other matter has not been
11 obtained. Upon a motion agreed to by the House, a duplicate
12 certified copy of a House bill, House resolution or other House
13 matter shall be furnished to the Committee by the Chief Clerk.

14 The Committee shall not consider a bill, resolution or other
15 matter which is not in its possession.

16 When the Committee reports to the House that a House bill,
17 House resolution or other House matter referred to it is lost,
18 upon a motion agreed to by the House, a duplicate certified copy
19 thereof shall be furnished by the Chief Clerk.

20 If a Senate bill, Senate resolution or other Senate matter
21 received from the Senate is lost, upon a motion agreed to by the
22 House, a request shall be made to the Senate to furnish the
23 House with a duplicate certified copy thereof.

24 If a bill, resolution or other matter is lost before it has
25 been referred to the Committee, the fact shall be reported to
26 the House and the procedure provided by this rule shall be
27 followed.

28 RULE 53

29 Discharge of Committees

30 A member may present to the Chief Clerk a resolution in

1 writing to discharge the Committee from the consideration of a
2 bill or resolution which has been referred to it 15 legislative
3 days prior thereto (but only one motion may be presented for
4 each bill or resolution). The discharge resolution shall be
5 placed in the custody of the Chief Clerk, who shall arrange some
6 convenient place for the signature of the members. A signature
7 may be withdrawn by a member in writing at any time before the
8 discharge resolution is entered in the Journal. When 25 members
9 of the House shall have signed the resolution, it shall be
10 entered in the Journal and the title of the bill or resolution
11 and the name of the Committee to be discharged shall be printed
12 on the calendar.

13 Any member who has signed a discharge resolution which has
14 been on the calendar at least one legislative day prior thereto
15 and seeks recognition, shall be recognized for the purpose of
16 calling up the discharge resolution and the House shall proceed
17 to its consideration without intervening motion except one
18 motion to adjourn; however, no discharge resolution shall be
19 considered during the last six legislative days of any session
20 of the House. A majority vote of all the members elected to the
21 House shall be required to agree to a resolution to discharge
22 the Committee. When any perfected discharge resolution has been
23 acted upon by the House and defeated it shall not be in order to
24 entertain during the same session of the House any other
25 discharge resolution from the Committee of said measure, or from
26 any other committee of any other bill or resolution
27 substantially the same, relating in substance to or dealing with
28 the same subject matter.

29 RULE 54

30 Presentation and Withdrawal of Motions

1 When a motion which is in order has been made, the Speaker
2 shall state it or (if it is in writing) cause it to be read by
3 the Clerk. It shall then be in the possession of the House, but
4 it may be withdrawn by the maker at any time before decision or
5 amendment.

6 The Speaker shall put the question in the following form,
7 viz: "those in favor of the motion will say 'aye'." After the
8 affirmative is expressed, "those who are opposed will say 'no'."

9 All motions, except for the previous question and a motion
10 for reconsideration, may be made without a second.

11 No dilatory motion shall be entertained by the Speaker.

12 RULE 55

13 Privileged Motions

14 When a question is under debate or before the House, no
15 motion shall be received but the following, which shall take
16 precedence in the order named:

- 17 (1) To adjourn, or recess.
- 18 (2) To extend session.
- 19 (3) A call of the House.
- 20 (4) For the previous question.
- 21 (5) To lay on the table.
- 22 (6) To postpone.
- 23 (7) To commit or recommit.
- 24 (8) To amend.

25 Debate on the motion to postpone shall be confined to the
26 question of the postponement and shall not include discussion of
27 the main question.

28 The motion to commit or recommit is open to debate only as to
29 the reasons for or against reference to the Committee and shall
30 not include a discussion of the merits of the main question.

1 Debate on the motion to amend shall be limited to the
2 amendment and shall not include the general merits of the main
3 question.

4 RULE 56

5 Adjourn

6 A motion to adjourn or recess is debatable, cannot be amended
7 and is always in order, except:

8 (1) when another member has the floor; or

9 (2) when the House is voting.

10 RULE 57

11 Call of the House

12 If a question of the absence of a quorum is raised by a
13 member, the Speaker shall order the Sergeant-at-Arms to close
14 the doors of the House. No member shall be permitted to leave
15 the House, except by permission of the House. The names of the
16 members present shall be recorded and absentees noted. Those for
17 whom no leave of absence has been granted or no sufficient
18 excuse is made may, by order of a majority of the members
19 present, be sent for and taken into custody by the Sergeant-at-
20 Arms and assistants appointed for that purpose, and brought
21 before the bar of the House where, unless excused by a majority
22 of the members present, they shall be censured or punished for
23 neglect of duty as the House may direct.

24 Further proceedings under a call of the House may be
25 dispensed with at any time after the completion of the roll call
26 and the announcement of the result.

27 These proceedings shall be without debate, and no motion,
28 except to adjourn, shall be in order.

29 RULE 58

30 Persons Admitted Under a Call of the House

1 Members who voluntarily appear during a call of the House
2 shall be admitted to the House. Upon recognition by the Speaker
3 they shall announce their presence and their names shall be
4 recorded on the roll. Officers of the House, accredited
5 correspondents and employees designated by the Chief Clerk shall
6 be admitted to the House during a call.

7 Visitors shall not be admitted to the House after the doors
8 are closed and until the proceedings under the call are
9 terminated, but they shall be permitted to leave.

10 RULE 59

11 Lay on the Table

12 A motion to lay on the table is debatable by the Leaders, the
13 maker of the motion, the maker of the amendment under
14 consideration and the prime sponsor of the bill under
15 consideration. It is not subject to amendment and carries with
16 it the main question and all other pending questions which
17 adhere to it, except when an appeal is laid on the table. The
18 passage of a motion to lay an amendment on the table shall not
19 cause the subject bill or resolution and all other amendments to
20 be laid on the table.

21 RULE 60

22 Motion to Take from the Table

23 A motion to take from the table a bill or other subject is in
24 order under the same order of business in which the matter was
25 laid on the table. It shall be decided without amendment and is
26 debatable by the Leaders, the maker of the motion, the maker of
27 the amendment under consideration and the prime sponsor of the
28 bill under consideration.

29 RULE 61

30 Previous Question

1 A motion for the previous question, seconded by 20 members
2 and sustained by a majority of the members present, shall put an
3 end to all debate and bring the House to an immediate vote on
4 the question then pending, or the questions on which it has been
5 ordered.

6 A motion for the previous question may be made to embrace any
7 or all pending amendments or motions and to include the passage
8 or rejection of a bill or resolution.

9 RULE 62

10 Call for Yeas and Nays-Reasons for Vote

11 The yeas and nays of the members on any question shall, at
12 the desire of any two of them, be entered on the Journal.

13 (Constitution, Article II, Section 12).

14 When the Speaker or any member is not satisfied with a voice
15 vote on a pending question, the Speaker may order a roll call
16 vote; or, upon request of two members, before the result of the
17 vote is announced, the Speaker shall order a roll call vote.

18 A member may submit a written explanation of his or her vote
19 immediately following the announcement of the result of the vote
20 and have it printed in the Journal.

21 RULE 63

22 Division of a Question

23 Any member may call for a division of a question by the
24 House, if it comprehends propositions so distinct and separate
25 that one being taken away, the other will stand as a complete
26 proposition for the decision of the House. Bills and resolutions
27 shall not be subject to division.

28 RULE 64

29 Members Required to be Present and Vote

30 Except as provided in these special session rules, the

1 provisions of this rule shall apply.

2 Every member shall be present within the Hall of the House
3 during its sittings, unless excused by the House or unavoidably
4 prevented, and shall vote for or against each question put,
5 unless he or she has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in
6 the determination of the question or unless excused.

7 A member may exit the Hall of the House for brief periods
8 without being placed on leave to attend to the member's
9 immediate personal needs. In such instances, the member shall
10 not leave the vicinity of the Hall of the House in the Capitol
11 Complex and shall return to the Hall of the House promptly if
12 requested.

13 No member shall be permitted to vote and have his or her vote
14 recorded on the roll unless present in the Hall of the House
15 during the roll call vote, except that a member may provide
16 direction for his or her vote if the member is in the vicinity
17 of the Hall of the House in the Capitol Complex attending to the
18 member's immediate personal need.

19 The Legislative Journal shall show the result of each roll
20 call by yeas and nays and those absent and those not voting.

21 RULE 64 (a)

22 Chronic Absenteeism

23 For purposes of this rule the term "chronic absenteeism"
24 shall mean the unexcused absence of a representative for a
25 period of five consecutive legislative days from official
26 sessions of the House of Representatives or the absence of a
27 committee member for a period of five consecutive days from a
28 committee meeting which meeting qualifies as a regular committee
29 meeting under these special session rules of the House of
30 Representatives and the Sunshine Law of the Commonwealth.

1 Any representative who is absent without excuse from House
2 sessions for a period of five consecutive legislative days or is
3 absent for a period of five consecutive committee meetings shall
4 be deemed a chronic absentee and may, on a vote of the full
5 House, be held in contempt of this House upon motion of five
6 members of the House for chronic absence from House sessions and
7 by motion of three members of the committee to which such
8 representative is assigned for chronic absence from regularly
9 scheduled committee meetings.

10 The term "chronic absenteeism" shall not include:

11 (1) Absence due to the personal illness or bodily injury of
12 a representative.

13 (2) Absence due to personal illness or bodily injury of a
14 member of the immediate family of the representative.

15 (3) Death of a member of the immediate family of a
16 representative.

17 (4) Absence due to military service.

18 (5) Any excused absence approved by the House pursuant to
19 its rules.

20 RULE 65

21 Member Having Private Interest

22 (1) A member who has a personal or private interest in any
23 measure or bill proposed or pending before the House shall
24 disclose the fact to the House and shall not vote thereon.
25 (Constitution, Article III, Section 13).

26 (2) A member who, for remuneration, represents any
27 organization required to register under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 13A
28 (relating to lobbying disclosure) shall file a statement of that
29 fact with the Chief Clerk.

30 RULE 65 (a)

1 Professionals-Legislators

2 (1) Except as hereinafter provided, any member or employee
3 of the House or its agencies shall not be retained for
4 compensation to appear in his or her professional capacity to
5 represent the interest of any client in any proceeding before
6 any Commonwealth department, board, agency, bureau or
7 commission, except that such member or employee is authorized to
8 represent the interest of a client at any stage of a proceeding
9 before the Commonwealth or its agencies where such proceeding
10 was initially taken or brought as a ministerial action, as
11 defined by this rule, and as originally taken was not initially
12 adverse in nature to the interest of the Commonwealth or its
13 agencies.

14 (2) The provisions of this rule shall not be applicable to
15 professionals-legislators:

16 (a) Representing clients on criminal matters before the
17 courts of this Commonwealth.

18 (b) Representing clients on civil matters before the courts
19 of this Commonwealth.

20 (c) Representing clients in all stages of a proceeding
21 before the Commonwealth or its agencies which was initially
22 commenced as a ministerial action. The term "ministerial action"
23 means and includes any proceeding or action before the
24 Commonwealth or its agencies where the proceeding, as initially
25 commenced involved solely:

26 (i) The uncontested or routine action by the Commonwealth's
27 administrative officers or employees in issuing or renewing
28 licenses, charters, certificates or any other documents of a
29 similar nature; or

30 (ii) The preparation, filing and review of tax returns and

1 supporting documents required by law; or

2 (iii) The preparation, filing and review of engineering and
3 architectural plans, drawings, specifications and reports; or

4 (iv) Any other initially routine or uncontested preparation,
5 filing, review or other action not enumerated above and
6 considered and normally handled by the Commonwealth or its
7 agencies as a ministerial action.

8 (d) Representing clients in workmen's compensation
9 proceedings before the bureau, its referees or the Workmen's
10 Compensation Appeals Board.

11 (3) This rule shall not apply to the other members of the
12 firm of such member and/or employee.

13 RULE 65 (b)

14 (Reserved)

15 RULE 66

16 Electric Roll Call

17 The names of the members shall be listed on the electric roll
18 call boards by party affiliation in alphabetical order, except
19 the name of the Speaker shall be last.

20 On any question requiring the "yeas" and "nays", the electric
21 roll call system shall be used. On all other questions to be
22 voted upon, the Speaker may order the yeas and nays taken by the
23 electric roll call system or voice vote or, upon demand of two
24 members before the result of a vote has been declared, the yeas
25 and nays shall be taken by the electric roll call system.

26 In the event the electric roll call system is not in
27 operating order, the Speaker shall order all yea and nay votes
28 be taken by calling the roll, as provided in the Rules of the
29 House.

30 The vote of any member which has not been recorded because of

1 mechanical malfunction of the electric roll call system shall be
2 entered on the Journal, if said member was in the Hall of the
3 House at the time of the vote and did cast his or her vote at
4 the appropriate time, and the fact of such malfunction is
5 reported to the Speaker of the House prior to the announcement
6 of the result of the vote.

7 When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring
8 the yeas and nays and the vote is to be taken by the electric
9 roll call system, the Speaker shall state: "The
10 question (Designating the matter to be voted
11 upon.)" The Speaker shall then unlock the voting machine and
12 announce, "The members shall now proceed to vote." Once the
13 voting has begun, it shall not be interrupted, except for the
14 purpose of questioning the validity of a member's vote or, if
15 the voting switch of a member present in the Hall of the House
16 is locked or otherwise inoperative, a request that such switch
17 be rendered operative or such members vote be officially
18 recorded, before the result is announced.

19 When, in the judgment of the Speaker, reasonable time has
20 been allowed all members present in the House to vote (in no
21 event shall such time exceed ten minutes) the Speaker shall ask
22 the question: "Have all members present voted?" After a pause,
23 the Speaker shall lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to
24 record the vote, and the Speaker shall announce the result of
25 the vote.

26 No member or other person shall be allowed at the Clerk's
27 desk while the yeas and nays are being recorded, or the vote
28 counted.

29 After the voting machine is locked, no member may change a
30 vote and the votes of tardy members will not be recorded.

1 The vote as electrically recorded on the roll of members
2 shall not in any manner be altered or changed by any person.

3 Except as provided in these special session rules, no member
4 shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member
5 vote for a member.

6 Any member or other person who willfully tampers with or
7 attempts to disarrange, deface, impair or destroy in any manner
8 whatsoever the electrical voting equipment used by the House, or
9 who instigates, aids or abets with the intent to destroy or
10 change the record of votes thereon shall be punished in such
11 manner as the House determines.

12 A member who has been appointed by the Speaker to preside as
13 Speaker pro tempore may designate either Whip to cast his or her
14 vote on any question while presiding in accordance with
15 instructions from the Chair.

16 The Chief Clerk shall post all votes by the electric roll
17 call system on the Internet no later than the close of business
18 on the day they are made.

19 A prime sponsor of a bill, the Leaders or a member designated
20 to act on their behalf may request that the roll call remain
21 open for the maximum time allowed in accordance with this rule.
22 During such roll call, no vote shall be recorded unless the
23 member is at his or her regularly assigned seat.

24 RULE 67

25 Verification and Challenge

26 Upon completion of a roll call and before the result is
27 announced, if there appears to be need for verification, the
28 Speaker may direct the Clerk to verify it, or three members may
29 demand a verification.

30 Any member may challenge in writing the yea or nay or

1 electrically recorded vote of other members. The allegations
2 made shall be investigated by a committee composed of the
3 Speaker and a member of each party appointed by the Speaker, who
4 shall submit a report to the House not later than its next
5 session. The House shall then decide whether the challenged vote
6 shall be recorded or not.

7 If the challenged vote would change the result, the
8 announcement of the vote shall be postponed until the House
9 decides the case.

10 RULE 68

11 Changing Vote

12 No member may change a vote, or have a vote recorded after
13 the result of a roll call vote has been announced, nor after an
14 affirmative or negative roll has been declared verified.

15 RULE 69

16 Journal

17 The Chief Clerk shall keep a Journal of the proceedings of
18 the House, which shall be printed and shall be made available to
19 the members.

20 The Journal of the proceedings of the last day's session
21 shall not be read unless so ordered by a majority vote of the
22 House.

23 RULE 70

24 History of House Bills and House Resolutions

25 A weekly History, showing the title and action on House bills
26 and the text and action on nonprivileged resolutions, shall be
27 compiled and indexed under the direction of the Chief Clerk and
28 shall be printed and placed on each member's desk.

29 The House History shall include a cumulative index of laws
30 enacted during the session and the text of vetoes by the

1 Governor.

2 RULE 71

3 House Calendar

4 Bills and nonprivileged resolutions reported from the
5 Committee to the House with an affirmative recommendation shall
6 be listed on the calendar.

7 A marked calendar shall be provided to all members on each
8 legislative day on which votes are scheduled on the calendar.

9 RULE 72

10 Journal, Transcribing and Document Rooms

11 No person, except members and employees of the House having
12 official business, shall be permitted in the Transcribing, the
13 Legislative Journal, and the Bills and Documents Rooms of the
14 House without the consent of the Chief Clerk.

15 RULE 73

16 Correspondents

17 Admission to and administration of the Press Galleries of the
18 Senate and House of Representatives shall be vested in a
19 Committee on Correspondents consisting of the President pro
20 tempore of the Senate, or a designee; the Speaker of the House
21 of Representatives, or a designee; the Supervisor of the Capitol
22 Newsroom; the President of the Pennsylvania Legislative
23 Correspondents' Association, or a designee and the Executive
24 Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters, or a
25 designee.

26 Persons desiring admission to the press sections of the
27 Senate and House of Representatives shall make application to
28 the Chair of the Committee on Correspondents. Such application
29 shall state the newspaper, press association or licensed radio
30 or television station, its location, times of publication or

1 hours of broadcasting, and be signed by the applicant.

2 The Committee on Correspondents shall verify the statements
3 made in such application, and, if the application is approved by
4 the Committee on Correspondents, shall issue a correspondent's
5 card signed by the members of the Committee on Correspondents.

6 The gallery assigned to newspaper correspondents or
7 recognized press association correspondents or representatives
8 of licensed radio and television stations, systems or
9 newsgathering agencies shall be for their exclusive use and
10 persons not holding correspondents cards shall not be entitled
11 to admission thereto. Employees of the General Assembly,
12 representatives and employees of state departments, boards,
13 commissions and agencies, visitors and members of the families
14 of correspondents entitled to admission to the press gallery
15 shall, at no time, be permitted to occupy the seats or be
16 entitled to the privileges of the press gallery.

17 Accredited representatives of newspapers, wire, newsreel
18 services and licensed radio or television stations, systems or
19 newsgathering agencies, may be authorized by the Speaker of the
20 House to take photographs, make audio or video recordings or
21 tapes, and to broadcast or televise in the House of
22 Representatives. Applications to take photographs, make audio or
23 video recordings or tapes, or to broadcast or televise at public
24 hearings of committees shall be approved by the Committee chair
25 conducting such hearing. However, the Committee chair conducting
26 the hearing may make such orders to such representatives as may
27 be necessary to preserve order and decorum.

28 No photographs shall be taken nor any recordings or tapes
29 made, nor any broadcasting or televising done in the House of
30 Representatives during sessions, being at ease or recessed,

1 without prior notice to the Representatives. When possible, such
2 notice shall be given at the beginning of the session, at ease
3 or recess, during which the photographs, recordings or taping,
4 broadcasting or televising are scheduled to be taken or made.

5 No more than one representative of each newspaper, press
6 association or licensed radio or television station, system or
7 newsgathering agency shall be admitted to the press gallery at
8 one time. Members of the Pennsylvania Legislative
9 Correspondents' Association and representatives of licensed
10 radio and television stations, systems or newsgathering
11 agencies, assigned to the House of Representatives on a daily
12 basis shall have permanent assigned seating in the press gallery
13 with identification plates. Visiting representatives of daily
14 newspapers, press associations, Sunday newspapers as well as
15 radio and television stations, systems or newsgathering agencies
16 shall coordinate seating accommodations with the supervisor of
17 the Capitol Newsroom.

18 Persons assigned to the press gallery on a permanent or
19 temporary basis, shall at all times, refrain from loud talking
20 or causing any disturbance which tends to interrupt the
21 proceedings of the House of Representatives. Persons assigned to
22 the press gallery on a permanent or temporary basis shall not
23 walk onto the floor of the House of Representatives nor approach
24 the rostrum or the clerks' desks during session or while being
25 at ease. Persons assigned to the press gallery on a permanent or
26 temporary basis wishing to confer with a Representative shall
27 disclose this fact by having a message delivered by a page to
28 the Representative. Such conversation shall be conducted off the
29 floor of the House of Representatives.

30 Representatives of the Pennsylvania Public Broadcasting

1 System may, subject to regulations of the Speaker, televise or
2 make video tapes of proceedings of sessions of the House of
3 Representatives and meetings of all committees of the House of
4 Representatives.

5 RULE 74

6 Visitors

7 Visitors shall be admitted to the Hall of the House only when
8 sponsored by a member. The Chief Clerk shall issue an
9 appropriate pass to any visitor so sponsored.

10 Persons admitted to the Hall of the House other than members
11 and attaches, shall not be permitted to stand while the House is
12 in session but shall be seated in chairs provided for them. At
13 no time shall visitors be permitted on the Floor of the House
14 while the House is in session unless so permitted by the
15 Speaker.

16 RULE 75

17 Lobbyists

18 No registered lobbyist shall be admitted to the Hall of the
19 House.

20 RULE 76

21 Soliciting Prohibited

22 No officer or employee of the House shall solicit any member,
23 other officer or employee of the House for any purpose.

24 RULE 77

25 Suspending and Changing Rules

26 Unless otherwise specified in another rule, any rule provided
27 herein, which is not required by the Constitution, may be
28 temporarily suspended at any time for a specific purpose only by
29 a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the House by a
30 roll call vote. If a rule requires a greater majority than a

1 two-thirds vote of the members elected to the House to take an
2 action, that majority greater than two-thirds vote of the
3 members elected to the House specified in the rule shall be
4 required to suspend that rule.

5 A motion to suspend the rules may not be laid on the table,
6 postponed, committed or amended and may be debated by the
7 Leaders, the maker of the motion, the maker of the amendment
8 under consideration and the prime sponsor of the bill under
9 consideration.

10 A brief description of the underlying bill or amendment shall
11 be given whenever a member moves to suspend the rules of the
12 House in order to consider such bill or amendment.

13 The existing rules of the House shall not be changed, added
14 to, modified or deleted except by written resolution and the
15 same approved by a majority vote of the members elected to the
16 House by a roll call vote.

17 Except where such resolution originates with the Committee,
18 no resolution proposing any change, addition, modification or
19 deletion to existing House rules shall be considered until such
20 resolution has been referred to the Committee, reported
21 therefrom, printed, filed on the desk of each member and placed
22 on the calendar.

23 Any proposed change, addition, modification or deletion
24 offered by a member on the floor of the House to such resolution
25 shall be considered, in effect, a change, addition, modification
26 or deletion to existing House rules and shall require for
27 approval a majority vote of the members by a roll call vote.

28 RULE 78

29 Parliamentary Authority

30 Mason's Manual supplemented by Jefferson's Manual of

1 Legislative Procedure shall be the parliamentary authority of
2 the House, if applicable and not inconsistent with the
3 Constitution of Pennsylvania, the laws of Pennsylvania
4 applicable to the General Assembly, the Rules of the House, the
5 established precedents of the House and the established customs
6 and usages of the House.

7 RULE 79

8 Voting by Designation on the Floor of the House

9 A member who is not present in the Hall of the House may
10 designate either party's Whip to cast the member's vote on any
11 question.

12 If a designated Whip is on leave, that designated Whip may
13 appoint another member to cast all votes designated to that
14 Whip.

15 A designation, including commencement date, shall be
16 accomplished by filing an attestation with the Chief Clerk which
17 identifies either party's Whip as the member's designee when the
18 member will not be present in the Hall of the House.

19 A member may revoke the member's designation by notifying the
20 Chief Clerk in writing of the revocation.

21 A member voting by designation under this temporary rule
22 shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present. A
23 designation shall be effective until the designation is revoked.