

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SENATOR CORMAN, RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AS AMENDED, JULY 8, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for order of
2 business, ~~for committee officers~~ and for resolutions; and <--
3 providing for citations.

4 RESOLVED, That Rules 9, ~~15~~ and 29 of the Rules of the Senate <--
5 of Pennsylvania be amended to read:

6 Rule 9. Order of Business.

7 (a) General rule.--The Order of Business to be observed in
8 taking up business shall be as follows:

9 First Call to Order.

10 Second Prayer by the Chaplain and
11 Pledge of Allegiance.

12 Third Reading of Communications.

13 Fourth Receiving reports of committees.

14 Fifth Asking of leaves of absence. No
15 Senator shall absent himself
16 without leave of the Senate,
17 first obtained, unless prevented
18 from attendance by sickness, or

1 other sufficient cause.
2 Sixth Approval of Journals of
3 preceding session days.
4 Seventh Offering of original
5 resolutions.
6 Eighth Introduction of Guests.
7 Ninth Consideration of the Calendar.
8 Any bill or resolution on the
9 Calendar not finally acted upon
10 within 10 legislative days shall
11 be removed from the Calendar and
12 laid on the table, unless the
13 Senate shall otherwise direct.
14 Tenth Consideration of Executive
15 Nominations.
16 Eleventh Unfinished Business. Reports of
17 Committees. Unanimous consent
18 resolutions. [Congratulatory and
19 condolence resolutions.]
20 Twelfth First consideration of bills
21 reported from committee, which,
22 at this time, shall not be
23 subject to amendment, debate or
24 a vote thereon.
25 Thirteenth Announcements by the Secretary-
26 Parliamentarian.
27 Fourteenth Introduction of Petitions and
28 Remonstrances.
29 Fifteenth Recess.

30 (b) Special order of business.--Any subject may, by a vote

1 of a majority of the Members present, be made a special order;
2 and when the time so fixed for its consideration arrives, the
3 presiding officer shall lay it before the Senate.

4 ~~Rule 15. Committee officers.~~

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5 ~~(a) Chair ex officio. The Chair of each standing committee~~
6 ~~shall be ex officio a member of each subcommittee that may be~~
7 ~~established as part of the standing committee, with the right to~~
8 ~~attend meetings of the subcommittee and vote on any matter~~
9 ~~before the subcommittee.~~

10 ~~(b) Calling committee to order. The Chair or, if authorized~~
11 ~~by the Chair, the Vice Chair, shall call the committee to order~~
12 ~~at the hour provided by these Rules. Upon the appearance of a~~
13 ~~quorum, the committee shall proceed with the order of business.~~
14 ~~Any member of the committee may question the existence of a~~
15 ~~quorum.~~

16 ~~(c) Chair control of the committee room. The Chair or, if~~
17 ~~authorized by the Chair, the Vice Chair, shall preserve order~~
18 ~~and decorum and shall have general control of the committee~~
19 ~~room. In case of a disturbance or disorderly conduct in the~~
20 ~~committee room, the Chair or, if authorized by the Chair, the~~
21 ~~Vice Chair, may cause the same to be cleared. The use of cell~~
22 ~~phones and similar portable communication devices within any~~
23 ~~Senate committee room by individuals other than members of the~~
24 ~~Senate or their staffs is strictly prohibited.~~

25 ~~(d) Chair's authority to sign documents and decide questions~~
26 ~~of order. The Chair shall sign all notices, vouchers, subpoenas~~
27 ~~or reports required or permitted by these Rules. The Chair shall~~
28 ~~decide all questions of order relative to parliamentary~~
29 ~~procedure, subject to an appeal by any member of the committee.~~

30 ~~(e) Vote of Chair, Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair~~

1 ~~shall vote on all matters before such committee; Provided, That~~
2 ~~the name of the Chair shall be called last.~~

3 ~~(f) Performance of duties by Vice Chair. Upon the death of~~
4 ~~the Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the office~~
5 ~~until and unless the President Pro Tempore shall appoint a~~
6 ~~successor. Upon and during disability, or incapacity of the~~
7 ~~Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform the Chair's duties.~~

8 ~~(g) Chair's duty to report. The Chair shall report any bill~~
9 ~~to the Floor of the Senate not later than the next occurring~~
10 ~~legislative day after the committee's vote to report it.~~

11 ~~(h) Amendments. Upon reporting the bill from committee, the~~
12 ~~Chair shall submit all amendments adopted in committee to the~~
13 ~~Secretary Parliamentarian of the Senate for posting on the~~
14 ~~Internet website maintained by the Senate.~~

15 Rule 29. Resolutions.

16 (a) Introduction.--All resolutions, Senate and concurrent,
17 shall be introduced by presenting five copies of the Resolution,
18 with the sponsor identified, to the presiding officer.

19 (b) Consideration.--The following resolutions, after being
20 read, shall be referred to an appropriate committee without
21 debate unless by unanimous consent the Senate shall otherwise
22 direct and, if favorably reported by the committee, shall lie
23 over one day for consideration, after which the resolutions may
24 be called up under the appropriate order of business:

25 (1) All Senate concurrent resolutions and House
26 concurrent resolutions, excepting resolutions in reference to
27 adjournment sine die, recesses and resolutions recalling
28 bills from the Governor, which shall be regarded as
29 privileged.

30 (2) Resolutions containing calls for information from

1 the heads of departments or to alter the Rules.

2 (3) Resolutions giving rise to debate, except those that
3 relate to the disposition of matters immediately before the
4 Senate, those that relate to the business of the day on which
5 they were offered, and those that relate to adjournment sine
6 die or a recess.

7 (c) Printing in Senate History.--

8 (1) [Congratulatory resolutions and condolence
9 resolutions shall be given to the Secretary-Parliamentarian
10 and shall be considered under the order of unfinished
11 business in the daily order of business.] (Reserved).

12 (2) All resolutions shall be adopted by a majority vote
13 of the Senators present except as specifically provided for
14 in these Rules.

15 (d) Joint Resolutions.--

16 (1) Joint resolutions shall be limited to constitutional
17 amendments and shall be adopted by a vote of a majority of
18 the Senators elected to the Senate.

19 (2) A Joint resolution when passed by both Houses shall
20 not be transmitted to the Governor for approval or
21 disapproval but shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary
22 of the Commonwealth in accordance with Article XI, section 1
23 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rules be amended by adding a rule
25 to read:

26 Rule 29.1. Citations.

27 (a) Preparation.--A member making a request that a Senate
28 Citation be issued to a particular person or on a specified
29 occasion shall provide the Legislative Reference Bureau with the
30 facts necessary for the preparation of the citation on a

1 suitable form.

2 (b) Filing.--The citation request shall be filed with the
3 Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate and automatically
4 referred to the President Pro Tempore, who may approve and sign
5 the citation on behalf of the Senate.

6 (c) Issuance.--One original citation shall be issued by the
7 Secretary-Parliamentarian of the Senate.