

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 601

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 601 is amended as follows:

**601. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

1. The report of a committee must provide for one or more of the following recommendations with respect to the bill or resolution: do pass, do not pass, be amended, be rereferred to another committee, or be placed on the calendar without recommendation.
2. During the fifth order of business, the Secretary shall announce that committee reports have been received, if such is the case, and shall list the bill or resolution number, or other identifier, and state the accompanying committee recommendation. If the committee report is divided pursuant to Senate Rule 602, the Secretary shall announce the majority and minority report, or reports, as well.
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  - a. If the committee report is for amendment, the proposed amendment must be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the sixth order of business. After the fifty-fifth legislative day, the proposed amendment must be placed on the calendar on the sixth order of business immediately after the report of the committee is received.
  - b. No action may be taken on an amendment until a verbatim copy of the amendment has been distributed to each member; provided, that on a two-thirds vote of the members-elect, this may be suspended, and the amendment acted on immediately after the report of the committee.
  - c. If the amendment is adopted by a majority vote of the members present, the amended measure must then be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage except as provided in subdivision e or g.
  - d. If the amendment is rejected, the measure without amendment must be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order

1 of business for second reading and final passage except as provided in  
2 subdivision e or g.

3 e. If the committee report is for amendment and then rereferral to another  
4 committee, the measure must be rereferred to the appropriate committee  
5 after adoption or rejection of the amendment. If, after adoption or rejection of  
6 the amendment, a measure is subject to rereferral under Senate Rule 329,  
7 the measure must be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee, regardless  
8 of whether the report provides for rereferral.

9 f. If the committee report does not recommend rereferral to another committee  
10 but recommends that the measure pass, do not pass, or makes no  
11 recommendation, the measure must be placed on the calendar for the next  
12 legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and  
13 final passage except as provided in subdivision g.

14 g. On motion a measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading and  
15 final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. If the  
16 committee report recommends that the measure be placed on the calendar  
17 for second reading and final passage immediately after action is taken on the  
18 amendment, the measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading  
19 and final passage immediately after the amendment is adopted. After the  
20 thirty-second legislative day all Senate bills, and after the fifty-fifth legislative  
21 day all measures, must be placed on the calendar for second reading and  
22 final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. A  
23 measure placed on the calendar under this subdivision may be acted on  
24 immediately after placement on the calendar.

25 h. A report for amendment must be approved as to form and style by the  
26 Legislative Council staff. When a report for amendment is received by the  
27 Secretary without a notation that the report was approved as to form and style  
28 by the Legislative Council staff, the Secretary immediately shall cause that  
29 report to be delivered to the Legislative Council office with a request that the  
30 report be examined and receive a notation approving its form and style.

31 4. If the committee report is divided as provided in Senate Rule 602, the reports must  
32 be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the seventh order of  
33 business. The President shall receive and announce a motion that the report of

1 the minority be substituted for the majority committee report. If a "do not pass"  
2 report is adopted under this subsection, the measure must be placed on the  
3 calendar on the eleventh or fourteenth order of business. If no report is adopted  
4 under this subsection, the measure must be placed on the calendar on the  
5 eleventh or fourteenth order of business unless the measure is subject to rereferral  
6 under Senate Rule 329.

- 7 5. The Secretary shall ensure that the daily calendar contains appropriate notation of  
8 committee reports.

9 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 601 is amended as follows:

10 **601. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

- 11 1. The report of a committee must provide for one or more of the following  
12 recommendations with respect to the bill or resolution: do pass, do not pass, be  
13 amended, be rereferred to another committee, or be placed on the calendar  
14 without recommendation. However, when a committee fails to adopt any of the  
15 above recommendations due to the lack of a majority, the chairman shall report the  
16 bill to the floor with whatever minority reports individual committee members may  
17 request in accordance with House Rule 602.
- 18 2. During the fifth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall announce that committee  
19 reports have been received, if such is the case, and shall list the bill or resolution  
20 number, or other identifier, and state the accompanying committee  
21 recommendation. If the committee report is divided pursuant to House Rule 602,  
22 the Chief Clerk shall announce the majority and minority report, or reports, as well.
- 23 3. a. If the committee report is for amendment, the proposed amendment must be  
24 placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the sixth order of  
25 business. After the fifty-fifth legislative day, the proposed amendment must  
26 be placed on the calendar on the sixth order of business immediately after the  
27 report of the committee is received. Without objection, the proposed  
28 amendments on the sixth order must be voted on in a single vote. If any  
29 member objects to voting on a proposed amendment with other proposed  
30 amendments in a single vote, that amendment must be voted on as a  
31 separate item.
- 32 b. No action may be taken on an amendment until a verbatim copy of the  
33 amendment has been distributed to each member; provided, that on a

1 two-thirds vote of the members-elect, this may be suspended, and the  
2 amendment acted on immediately after the report of the committee.

- 3 c. If the amendment is adopted by a majority vote of the members present, the  
4 amended measure must then be placed on the calendar for the next  
5 legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and  
6 final passage except as provided in subdivision e or g.
- 7 d. If the amendment is rejected, the measure without amendment must be  
8 placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order  
9 of business for second reading and final passage except as provided in  
10 subdivision e or g.
- 11 e. If the committee report is for amendment and then rereferral to another  
12 committee, the measure must be rereferred to the appropriate committee  
13 after adoption or rejection of the amendment. If, after adoption or rejection of  
14 the amendment, a measure is subject to rereferral under House Rule 329, the  
15 measure must be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee, regardless of  
16 whether the report provides for rereferral.
- 17 f. If the committee report does not recommend rereferral to another committee  
18 but recommends that the measure pass, do not pass, or makes no  
19 recommendation, the measure must be placed on the calendar for the next  
20 legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and  
21 final passage except as provided in subdivision g.
- 22 g. On motion a measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading and  
23 final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. If the  
24 committee report recommends that the measure be placed on the calendar  
25 for second reading and final passage immediately after action is taken on the  
26 amendment, the measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading  
27 and final passage immediately after the amendment is adopted. After the  
28 thirty-second legislative day all House bills, and after the fifty-fifth legislative  
29 day all measures, must be placed on the calendar for second reading and  
30 final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. A  
31 measure placed on the calendar under this subdivision may be acted on  
32 immediately after placement on the calendar.

1           h. A report for amendment must be approved as to form and style by the  
2           Legislative Council staff. When a report for amendment is received by the  
3           Chief Clerk without a notation that the report was approved as to form and  
4           style by the Legislative Council staff, the Chief Clerk immediately shall cause  
5           that report to be delivered to the Legislative Council office with a request that  
6           the report be examined and receive a notation approving its form and style.

7           4. If the committee report is divided as provided in House Rule 602, the reports must  
8           be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the seventh order of  
9           business. The Speaker shall receive and announce a motion that the report of the  
10          minority be substituted for the majority committee report. If a "do not pass" report  
11          is adopted under this subsection, the measure must be placed on the calendar on  
12          the eleventh or fourteenth order of business. If no report is adopted under this  
13          subsection, the measure must be placed on the calendar on the eleventh or  
14          fourteenth order of business unless the measure is subject to rereferral under  
15          House Rule 329.

16          5. The Chief Clerk shall ensure that the daily calendar contains appropriate notation  
17          of committee reports.

**NOTE:** This proposed rules amendment is in response to a suggestion that there should be a procedure for acting on amendments immediately after committee reports are received late in the session similar to that provided for immediate second reading and final passage after action on amendments and thus avoid routine motions to suspend the rules to allow this procedure.

The 55th legislative day was chosen for purposes of discussion because under Senate and House Rules 507, all bills and resolutions of the other house must be reported back to the Senate or House by the 55th legislative day. Under Senate and House Rules 601(3)(g), after the 55th legislative day all measures are placed on the calendar for second reading and final passage immediately after action on amendments.