

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

- 1 e. If the committee report is for amendment and then rereferral to another  
2 committee, the measure must be rereferred to the appropriate committee  
3 after adoption or rejection of the amendment. If, after adoption or rejection of  
4 the amendment, a measure is subject to rereferral under Senate Rule 329,  
5 the measure must be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee, regardless  
6 of whether the report provides for rereferral.
- 7 f. If the committee report does not recommend rereferral to another committee  
8 but recommends that the measure pass, do not pass, or makes no  
9 recommendation, the measure must be placed on the calendar for the next  
10 legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and  
11 final passage except as provided in subdivision g.
- 12 g. On motion a measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading and  
13 final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. If the  
14 committee report recommends that the measure be placed on the calendar  
15 for second reading and final passage immediately after action is taken on the  
16 amendment, the measure must be placed on the calendar for second reading  
17 and final passage immediately after the amendment is adopted. After the  
18 thirty-second legislative day all Senate bills, and after the fifty-fifth legislative  
19 day all measures, must be placed on the calendar for second reading and  
20 final passage immediately after action is taken on the amendment. A  
21 measure placed on the calendar under this subdivision may be acted on  
22 immediately after placement on the calendar.
- 23 h. A report for amendment must be approved as to form and style by the  
24 Legislative Council staff. When a report for amendment is received by the  
25 Secretary without a notation that the report was approved as to form and style  
26 by the Legislative Council staff, the Secretary immediately shall cause that  
27 report to be delivered to the Legislative Council office with a request that the  
28 report be examined and receive a notation approving its form and style.
- 29 4. If the committee report is divided as provided in Senate Rule 602, the reports must  
30 be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the seventh order of  
31 business. The President shall receive and announce a motion that the report of  
32 the minority be substituted for the majority committee report. If the minority report  
33 is adopted, that report is substituted for the majority report and must be placed on

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

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

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

12       **601. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

- 13       1. The report of a committee must provide for one or more of the following  
14       recommendations with respect to the bill or resolution: do pass, do not pass, be  
15       amended, be rereferred to another committee, or be placed on the calendar  
16       without recommendation. However, when a committee fails to adopt any of the  
17       above recommendations due to the lack of a majority, the chairman shall report the  
18       bill to the floor with whatever minority reports individual committee members may  
19       request in accordance with House Rule 602.
- 20       2. During the fifth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall announce that committee  
21       reports have been received, if such is the case, and shall list the bill or resolution  
22       number, or other identifier, and state the accompanying committee  
23       recommendation. If the committee report is divided pursuant to House Rule 602,  
24       the Chief Clerk shall announce the majority and minority report, or reports, as well.
- 25       3. a. If the committee report is for amendment, the proposed amendment must be  
26       placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the sixth order of  
27       business. Without objection, the proposed amendments on the sixth order  
28       must be voted on in a single vote. If any member objects to voting on a  
29       proposed amendment with other proposed amendments in a single vote, that  
30       amendment must be voted on as a separate item.
- 31       b. No action may be taken on an amendment until a verbatim copy of the  
32       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  
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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  
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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 the minority report is  
11 adopted, that report is substituted for the majority report and must be placed on the  
12 calendar on the eleventh or fourteenth order of business. If the minority report is  
13 not adopted, the majority report is deemed adopted and must be placed on the  
14 calendar on the eleventh or fourteenth order of business. If a "do not pass" report  
15 is adopted under this subsection, the measure must be placed on the calendar on  
16 the eleventh or fourteenth order of business. If no report is adopted under this  
17 subsection, the measure must be placed on the calendar on the eleventh or  
18 fourteenth order of business unless the measure is subject to rereferral under  
19 House Rule 329.
- 20 5. The Chief Clerk shall ensure that the daily calendar contains appropriate notation  
21 of committee reports.

**NOTE:** This proposed rules amendment recognizes the procedure followed in the House during the 1999 session. The effect is automatic placement of the minority report, if that report is adopted, or the majority report, if the minority report fails, on the calendar without a vote in addition to the vote on the motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report.