

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 306

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 306 is amended as follows:

2 **306. Rules of debate.** No member may speak more than twice on the same question
3 without leave of the Senate, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak on the
4 question pending has spoken. No member may speak for more than ten minutes the first time,
5 nor more than five minutes the second time. This rule does not apply to the Majority and
6 Minority Leaders and the chairman of the committee in charge of the bill, or ~~nor~~ to a spokesman
7 designated by that chairman.

8 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 306 is amended as follows:

9 **306. Rules of debate.** No member may speak more than twice on the same question
10 without leave of the House, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak on the
11 question pending has spoken. No member may speak for more than ten minutes the first time,
12 nor more than five minutes the second time. This rule does not apply to the Majority and
13 Minority Leaders and the chairman of the committee in charge of the bill, or ~~nor~~ to a spokesman
14 designated by that chairman.

NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to an inquiry from Representative Jeff Delzer concerning the language in House Rule 306, which provides that the rule does not apply to the chairman of the committee ", or a spokesman designated by that chairman" and whether that means if a chairman designates a spokesman, the chairman is then subject to the limit on debate.

The language in question was added in 1975, with no explanation as to the effect on the chairman if a spokesman is designated by the chairman.

The amendment attempts to clarify that a spokesman is in a separate "class" from the leaders and chairman of the committee.