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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE
AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That the following shall be the Joint Rules of the Senate and House
2 of Representatives for the regular sessions of the General Assembly
3 and for interim periods during the 2009-2010 legislative term.

4 MESSAGES BETWEEN CHAMBERS

- 5 1. Messages from one chamber to the other shall be delivered to the
6 presiding officer.

7 JOINT CONVENTIONS

- 8 2. Joint conventions shall be held in the Hall of the House. Either
9 chamber may request a convention stating the purposes thereof in its
10 message. The President of the Senate shall preside. The President and
11 the Speaker shall make reports to their respective chambers of the
12 proceedings of the convention which shall be printed in the respective

13 journals.

14 JOINT COMMITTEES

15 3. (a) *Designation of Committees.* There shall be nineteen joint
16 standing committees, which shall consist of not more than nine
17 senators and not more than thirty-five representatives, except that the
18 joint standing committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue
19 and Bonding shall consist of not more than thirteen senators and not
20 more than forty-five representatives; a joint committee on Legislative
21 Management, a joint committee on Executive and Legislative
22 Nominations and a joint committee on Program Review and
23 Investigations, constituted in accordance with and subject to the
24 provisions of subsection (c) of this rule; and three joint select
25 committees constituted in accordance with and with the powers and
26 duties provided in subsection (d) of this rule. Committees shall
27 consider all matters referred to them and report as required by these
28 rules.

29 (b) *Standing Committees.* The joint standing committees shall be
30 divided into Group A and Group B as follows:

31 GROUP A

32 (1) A committee on APPROPRIATIONS which shall have
33 cognizance of all matters relating to appropriations and the operating
34 budgets and all matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits
35 and retirement, teachers' retirement and veterans' pensions and
36 collective bargaining agreements and arbitration awards for all state
37 employees. In addition, any bills or resolutions carrying or requiring
38 appropriations, or creating or enlarging a state mandate to local
39 governments, defined in subsection (a)(2) of section 2-32b of the
40 general statutes, and favorably reported by any other committee,
41 except the payment of claims by the state, shall be referred to the
42 committee, unless such reference is dispensed with by at least a two-
43 thirds vote of each chamber, provided the committee's consideration

44 shall be limited to their fiscal aspects and appropriation provisions of
45 such bills or resolutions and shall not extend to their other substantive
46 provisions or purpose, except to the extent that such other provisions
47 or purpose relate to the fiscal aspects and appropriation provisions of
48 such bills or resolutions.

49 (2) A committee on EDUCATION which shall have cognizance of all
50 matters relating to the Department of Education; local and regional
51 boards of education and the substantive law of collective bargaining
52 covering teachers and professional employees of such boards;
53 vocational rehabilitation; and libraries, including the State Library,
54 museums and historical and cultural associations.

55 (3) A committee on the ENVIRONMENT which shall have
56 cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Environmental
57 Protection, including conservation, recreation, pollution control,
58 fisheries and game, state parks and forests, water resources and flood
59 and erosion control; and all matters relating to the Department of
60 Agriculture, including farming, dairy products and domestic animals.

61 (4) A committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING which
62 shall have cognizance of all matters relating to finance, revenue, capital
63 bonding and taxation, and all bills or resolutions on such matters
64 favorably reported by any other committee, including bills on
65 employer contributions for unemployment compensation purposes,
66 and all matters relating to the Department of Revenue Services and the
67 revenue aspects of the Division of Special Revenue shall be referred to
68 said committee. The committee's consideration shall be limited to the
69 financial provisions of such bills or resolutions, such as finance,
70 revenue, bonding, taxation and fees, and shall not extend to their other
71 substantive provisions or purposes, except to the extent that such other
72 provisions or purposes relate to the financial provisions of such bills or
73 resolutions.

74 (5) A committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND
75 ELECTIONS which shall have cognizance of all matters relating to the

76 Department of Administrative Services, including purchasing and
77 central collections, but excluding personnel and labor relations; all
78 matters relating to the Department of Public Works and the
79 Department of Information Technology; all matters relating to state
80 government organization and reorganization, structures and
81 procedures; all matters relating to leasing, construction, maintenance,
82 purchase and sale of state property and facilities and all bills
83 authorizing the conveyance of real property, or any interest therein, by
84 the state shall be referred to said committee; the Freedom of
85 Information Commission, the Office of State Ethics and the Citizen's
86 Ethics Advisory Board; state and federal relations; interstate compacts;
87 compacts between the state and Indian tribes; constitutional
88 amendments, including any proposed constitutional amendments
89 favorably reported by any other committee, which proposed
90 amendments shall be referred to said committee; and all matters
91 relating to elections and election laws.

92 (6) A committee on JUDICIARY which shall have cognizance of all
93 matters relating to courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate
94 courts, probation, parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy,
95 escheat, law libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of
96 land records and other public documents, the law of business
97 organizations, uniform laws, validations, authorizations to sue and to
98 appeal, claims against the state, all judicial nominations, all
99 nominations of workers' compensation commissioners, all nominations
100 of members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and all matters
101 relating to the Judicial Department, the Department of Correction and
102 the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities; all bills carrying
103 civil penalties which exceed the sum of, or which may exceed in the
104 aggregate, five thousand dollars; and all bills carrying criminal
105 penalties, other than infractions, favorably reported by any other
106 committee shall be referred to said committee, provided the
107 committee's consideration shall be limited to the criminal penalties
108 established in such bills and shall not extend to their substantive
109 provisions or purpose.

110 (7) A committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT which shall
111 have cognizance of all matters relating to local governments, housing,
112 urban renewal, fire, sewer and metropolitan districts, home rule and
113 planning and zoning; regional planning and development activities
114 and the state plan of conservation and development, and economic
115 development programs impacting local governments.

116 (8) A committee on PUBLIC HEALTH which shall have cognizance
117 of all matters relating to the Department of Public Health, the
118 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the
119 Department of Developmental Services; the Commission on Hospitals
120 and Health Care; the Office of Health Care Access; and all other
121 matters relating to health, including emergency medical services, all
122 licensing boards within the Department of Public Health, nursing
123 homes, pure foods and drugs, and controlled substances, including the
124 treatment of substance abuse.

125 (9) A committee on TRANSPORTATION which shall have
126 cognizance of all matters relating to transportation, including
127 highways and bridges, navigation, aeronautics, mass transit and
128 railroads; and to the Department of Transportation, the State Traffic
129 Commission and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

130 **GROUP B**

131 (10) A committee on BANKS which shall have cognizance of all
132 matters relating to the Department of Banking, banks, savings banks,
133 bank and trust companies, savings and loan associations, credit
134 unions, the supervision of the sale of securities, and fraternal benefit
135 societies and all legislation dealing with secured and unsecured
136 lending.

137 (11) A committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY which shall
138 have cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Public
139 Utility Control, energy, telecommunications and information systems.

140 (12) A committee on GENERAL LAW which shall have cognizance
141 of all matters relating to the Department of Consumer Protection, fair
142 trade and sales practices, consumer protection, mobile homes and
143 occupational licensing, except licensing by the Department of Public
144 Health; and all matters relating to alcoholic beverages.

145 (13) A committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE which shall
146 have cognizance of all matters relating to the Insurance Department,
147 insurance law and real estate law.

148 (14) A committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES which
149 shall have cognizance of all matters relating to workers' compensation,
150 unemployment compensation, conditions of employment, hours of
151 labor, minimum wages, industrial safety, occupational health and
152 safety, labor unions and labor disputes; all matters relating to the
153 Labor Department; and all matters relating to conditions of
154 employment of state and municipal employees and the substantive
155 law of state and municipal employees' collective bargaining.

156 (15) A committee on HUMAN SERVICES which shall have
157 cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Social Services
158 and the Department of Children and Families, including institutions
159 under their jurisdiction; the Office of Protection and Advocacy for
160 Persons with Disabilities; the Commission on the Deaf and the Hearing
161 Impaired; and the Board of Education and Services for the Blind.

162 (16) A committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY which shall
163 have cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of
164 Emergency Management and Homeland Security, including civil
165 preparedness and homeland security, the Department of Public Safety,
166 including state police, state organized task force on crime, municipal
167 police training, fire marshals, the fire safety code and the state building
168 code, legalized gambling, and military and veterans' affairs, except
169 veterans' pensions.

170 (17) A committee on COMMERCE which shall have cognizance of

171 all matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community
172 Development, the Connecticut Development Authority, Connecticut
173 Innovations, Incorporated and the Connecticut Commission on
174 Culture and Tourism.

175 (18) A committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
176 ADVANCEMENT which shall have cognizance of all matters relating
177 to public and independent colleges and universities, the Department of
178 Higher Education including private occupational schools, the Board of
179 Governors of Higher Education, post-secondary education and job
180 training institutions and programs, apprenticeship training programs,
181 adult job training programs offered to the public by any state agency
182 or funded in whole or in part by the state, and the Office of Workforce
183 Competitiveness.

184 (19) A committee on HOUSING which shall have cognizance of all
185 matters relating to housing.

186 (c) *Statutory Committees.* In addition, there shall be:

187 (1) A committee on LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT which shall
188 conduct the business affairs of the General Assembly. Said committee
189 shall consist of twenty members of the House who shall be the
190 Speaker, the deputy speakers, the majority leader, three members
191 appointed by the majority leader, four members appointed by the
192 Speaker, the minority leader and two deputy minority leaders
193 designated by the minority leader of the House and five members
194 designated by the minority leader of the House, thirteen members of
195 the Senate who shall be the President Pro Tempore, the majority
196 leader, a deputy majority leader designated by the majority leader, and
197 five members of the Senate designated by the President Pro Tempore,
198 the minority leader, an assistant minority leader designated by the
199 minority leader and three members of the Senate designated by the
200 minority leader. In matters of legislative operations, the committee
201 shall include the legislative commissioners and the clerks of each
202 chamber ex officio. The committee shall be chaired by the President

203 Pro Tempore and the Speaker. A majority of the membership shall
204 constitute a quorum and all actions shall require the affirmative vote of
205 a majority. At any meeting, if a committee member present of either
206 chamber requests, a vote of the majority of the members present of
207 each chamber shall be required for approval of a question. The
208 committee shall be responsible for the operation of the General
209 Assembly, coordination and supervision of committee work,
210 improvement of legislative operations and deciding on matters of
211 organization, procedures, facilities and working conditions of the
212 General Assembly and compensation of employees of the legislative
213 branch. All bills and resolutions relating to such matters shall be
214 referred to said committee. The committee shall be responsible for the
215 facilitation of positive relationships with the federal government and
216 other state governments.

217 (2) A committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
218 NOMINATIONS, the members of which shall be the majority leader of
219 the Senate or said leader's designee, the minority leader of the Senate
220 or said leader's designee, four members of the Senate three of whom
221 shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore and one of whom
222 shall be appointed by the minority leader, the majority leader of the
223 House or said leader's designee, the minority leader of the House or
224 said leader's designee, and fifteen members of the House, nine of
225 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker and six of whom shall be
226 appointed by the minority leader. In addition, the cochairpersons and
227 ranking members of the committee having cognizance of matters
228 relating to the duties of a nominee for the position of a department
229 head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, shall be
230 nonvoting, ex-officio members of the committee on executive and
231 legislative nominations for the consideration of such nomination. All
232 executive and legislative nominations requiring action of either or both
233 chambers, except judicial nominations, nominations of workers'
234 compensation commissioners and nominations of members of the
235 Board of Pardons and Paroles, shall be referred to the committee on
236 executive and legislative nominations.

237 (3) A committee on LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
238 INVESTIGATIONS, the members of which shall be appointed as
239 provided in section 2-53e of the general statutes, except that any
240 member may be appointed to the committee, which may originate and
241 report any bill it deems necessary concerning a program, department
242 or other matter under review or investigation by the committee, in the
243 manner prescribed in these rules.

244 (d) *Select Committees.* In addition, there shall be select committees
245 as follows:

246 (1) A select committee on CHILDREN the members of which shall
247 be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro
248 Tempore of the Senate. In addition, the chairpersons and ranking
249 members of the committees on education, human services, public
250 health and judiciary shall be ex-officio members of the committee, but
251 without the right to vote on this committee, and shall be given written
252 notice of all meetings of the committee. Said committee may conduct
253 public hearings, may issue reports of its findings and may originate
254 and report any bill or resolution it deems necessary concerning
255 children. Any bill or resolution favorably reported by said committee
256 shall be referred to the appropriate joint standing committee.

257 (2) A select committee on AGING the members of which shall be
258 appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore
259 of the Senate. In addition, the chairpersons and ranking members of
260 the committees on human services and public health shall be ex-officio
261 members of the committee, but without the right to vote on this
262 committee, and shall be given written notice of all meetings of the
263 committee. Said committee may conduct public hearings, may issue
264 reports of its findings and may originate and report any bill or
265 resolution it deems necessary concerning senior citizens. Any bill or
266 resolution favorably reported by said committee shall be referred to
267 the appropriate joint standing committee.

268 (3) A select committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS the members of

269 which shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the
270 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. In addition, the chairpersons and
271 ranking members of the committee on public safety and security shall
272 be ex-officio members of the committee, but without the right to vote
273 on this committee, and shall be given written notice of all meetings of
274 the committee. Said committee may conduct public hearings, may
275 issue reports of its findings and may originate and report any bill or
276 resolution it deems necessary concerning military and veterans' affairs,
277 except veterans' pensions. Any bill or resolution favorably reported by
278 said committee shall be referred to the appropriate joint standing
279 committee.

280 (e) *Committee Appointments.* Appointments of committee
281 members, except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity or by
282 resignation from the General Assembly or a committee of the General
283 Assembly, shall be made on or before the fifth regular session day of
284 the first year of the term and, except as otherwise provided in the rules
285 of each chamber, shall be for the entire term for which the members
286 were elected. Committee appointments of a member elected after the
287 fifth regular session day of the first year of the term shall be made
288 within five calendar days after the member takes the oath of office, and
289 may be made, at the discretion of the appointing authority, to any
290 committee. Senate and House committees shall be appointed and
291 organized in accordance with the rules of each chamber and members
292 of the minority party shall be appointed on nomination of the minority
293 leader of each chamber.

294 LEADERS ON COMMITTEES

295 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House,
296 and majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House shall be
297 ex-officio members of all committees, with the right to be present at all
298 meetings and to take part in deliberations but without the right to vote,
299 except as to those committees to which they are appointed members.

300 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

301 5. (a) *Scheduling*. Except as hereinafter provided in this Rule and in
302 Rule 15, chairpersons of committees shall jointly schedule meetings
303 during periods when the General Assembly is in session as follows:

304 (1) Committees may meet on any day from January 7 through
305 January 14, in 2009 and from February 3 through February 5 in 2010.
306 The chairpersons of each committee shall jointly call a meeting during
307 said period in 2009 for the purpose of organization and to consider
308 such other business as is deemed necessary.

309 (2) Beginning on January 15, in 2009, and on February 8, in 2010,
310 and ending on the committee's reporting out date in such year
311 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, Group A committees
312 shall meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only and Group B
313 committees and the joint select committees shall meet on Tuesdays and
314 Thursdays only.

315 (3) Committees, except conference committees, may not meet during
316 a session of either chamber without the consent of each chamber which
317 is in session.

318 (b) *Exceptions to Scheduling Requirements*.

319 (1) The committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and
320 Bonding may meet on any day. The committee on Judiciary may meet
321 on any day after March 18 in 2009 and after March 15 in 2010.

322 (2) Any committee may meet at the Capitol or in the legislative
323 office building on any day, provided certification of a significant need
324 for the meeting is made in writing by the Speaker of the House and the
325 President Pro Tempore of the Senate or their designees.

326 (3) If, in any week, the designated meeting day of a committee falls
327 on a holiday or on a day when the state capitol or legislative office
328 building is officially closed, the committee may meet on another day,
329 not so designated, within seven calendar days before or after such day,
330 provided certification of the need for the meeting is made, in writing,

331 by one of the following: The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
332 Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the majority
333 leader of the House and all reasonable efforts have been made to notify
334 each member of the committee of the meeting.

335 (c) *Conduct of Meetings.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson shall
336 convene all meetings. If a meeting, other than a meeting on the day of
337 the committee's deadline to report bills as provided in Rule 15, is not
338 so convened within fifteen minutes following its scheduled starting
339 time, the meeting shall be deemed cancelled. In all meetings of joint
340 committees, and at all public hearings held by such committees, the
341 Senate and House chairpersons shall mutually agree as to who shall
342 preside and in the absence of agreement the Senate chairperson and
343 the House chairperson shall alternately preside. A chairperson shall
344 recognize each member wishing to be heard prior to ordering the vote
345 on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable report, a favorable
346 change of reference or the boxing of a bill or resolution. All questions
347 of order, hearings and other proceedings including the raising of bills
348 or resolutions and questions relating to evidence shall be determined
349 by a majority of votes but, if the majority of the committee members
350 present of either chamber so request, the committee members of each
351 chamber shall separately determine all questions. A vote of a
352 committee may be reconsidered only at the next regular meeting of the
353 committee, except that any vote on the day of the committee's deadline
354 to report bills as provided in Rule 15 may be reconsidered at the same
355 meeting not later than 5 p.m.

356 (d) *Final Action.* Except as otherwise provided, at each committee
357 meeting, the vote on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable
358 report, a favorable change of reference or the boxing of a bill or
359 resolution shall be recorded to show the names of the members voting
360 yea and the members voting nay. No motion to dispense with the
361 recording of the names of the members voting yea and the members
362 voting nay shall be entertained and no bill or resolution shall be
363 reported to either chamber unless the names of the members voting

364 yea and the members voting nay have been recorded and a record of
365 the names of the members voting yea and the members voting nay has
366 been attached to the bill or resolution submitted to the Legislative
367 Commissioners' Office as provided in Rule 13. A copy of the voting
368 record shall be sent to the clerk of the appropriate chamber, by the
369 Legislative Commissioners' Office, with the favorably or unfavorably
370 reported bill or resolution and retained by the clerks.

371 (e) *Proxies*. No member may vote by proxy and no joint committee
372 shall record a vote cast by any member as a proxy for any other
373 member.

374 (f) *Notice Requirements*. Notice of the date, time and place of
375 committee meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in
376 session shall be given to the clerk of each chamber at least one day in
377 advance of the meeting and, when practicable, to the Legislative
378 Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative Bulletin. The
379 committee clerks shall post notice of the meetings in a conspicuous
380 place in or near their respective committee offices.

381 (g) *Exception to Notice Requirements*. A meeting may be held on
382 less than one calendar day's notice, provided announcement of the
383 meeting is made from the floor of the Senate or House during a session
384 and both chairpersons have approved the date, time, place and agenda
385 for the meeting. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If
386 the announcement cannot be made in one or both chambers because
387 no regular session is being held on that day, an emergency meeting
388 may still be held, provided certification of the need for the meeting is
389 made, in writing, by one of the following: The President Pro Tempore
390 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the
391 Senate or the majority leader of the House, and all reasonable efforts
392 have been made to notify each member of the committee of the
393 meeting.

394 (h) *Agendas*. An agenda, approved by both chairpersons, shall be
395 prepared for each meeting and made available at least one day before

396 the meeting, except that for a meeting held under subsection (g) of this
397 rule, the agenda shall be prepared and made available prior to the
398 meeting. Items not on the agenda may be considered upon a majority
399 vote of the committee members present.

400 PUBLIC HEARINGS

401 6. (a) *Scheduling.*

402 (1) A committee may hold subject matter public hearings on any
403 subject and on specified proposed bills, proposed drafts and proposed
404 resolutions, and on committee and raised bills and resolutions, during
405 sessions, except that subject matter public hearings on proposed bills,
406 proposed drafts and proposed resolutions shall be held not later than
407 twenty-one calendar days in 2009 and fourteen calendar days in 2010
408 before the committee's reporting out date designated in the schedule
409 shown in Rule 15.

410 (2) Public hearings shall be scheduled for the convenience of the
411 public and in accordance with the schedule for Group A and Group B
412 committee meetings as provided in Rule 5.

413 (3) In the event of inclement weather on the day on which a
414 committee has scheduled a public hearing:

415 (A) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been
416 officially closed due to inclement weather:

417 (i) If the hearing has been convened prior to the official closing, the
418 committee may continue the hearing or may recess the hearing as
419 provided in subsection (c)(5) of this rule.

420 (ii) If the hearing has not been convened prior to the official closing,
421 the hearing shall be deemed cancelled and shall be rescheduled
422 pursuant to subsection (a)(3)(D) of this rule.

423 (B) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been

424 officially closed:

425 (i) If the hearing has been convened, the committee may recess the
426 hearing as provided in subsection (c)(5) of this rule.

427 (ii) If the hearing has not yet been convened, the chairpersons of the
428 committee may cancel the hearing if, in their opinion, the seriousness
429 of the weather conditions is likely to reduce substantially the
430 attendance at the hearing by members of the public or members of the
431 committee.

432 (C) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been
433 officially closed, the committee clerk shall give notice of cancellation to
434 the clerk of each chamber and shall post notice of the cancellation in a
435 conspicuous place in or near the committee office, at the location of the
436 scheduled hearing and on the General Assembly web site.

437 (D) The chairpersons shall reschedule a cancelled hearing on the
438 earliest feasible date that is on a day specified for that committee in
439 Rule 5(a) or 5(b) or on any other day with the approval of the President
440 Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority
441 leader of the Senate or the majority leader of the House. The committee
442 clerk shall give notice of the rescheduled hearing to the clerk of each
443 chamber and, when practicable, to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for
444 inclusion in the next Legislative Bulletin and shall post notice of the
445 rescheduled hearing in a conspicuous place in or near that committee
446 office and on the General Assembly web site. The notice of the
447 rescheduled hearing shall include the date, time, place and subject
448 matter of the rescheduled hearing, together with a list of the numbers
449 and titles of each bill and resolution to be considered, which subject
450 matter and list shall be identical to the subject matter and list in the
451 notice of the original hearing. The notice of the rescheduled hearing is
452 not subject to subsection (b) of this rule if the notice of the original
453 hearing complied with said subsection (b).

454 (4) Committees may group bills and resolutions by subject matter

455 and schedule hearings so that similar bills and resolutions are heard at
456 the same time.

457 (b) *Notice Requirements.* During the periods when the General
458 Assembly is in session, notice of the date, time, place and subject
459 matter of each hearing, together with a list of the numbers and titles of
460 each bill and resolution to be considered shall be published in the
461 Legislative Bulletin at least five calendar days in advance of the
462 hearing. In no event shall a bill or resolution be listed for a hearing
463 unless copies of the bill or resolution have been made in accordance
464 with section 2-23 of the general statutes, and the original bill or
465 resolution has been returned from the printer and is in the possession
466 of the committee.

467 For the purpose of meeting the hearing requirements under this
468 rule, the day of publication in the Legislative Bulletin during the time
469 the General Assembly is in session and the day of the hearing shall
470 both be counted as full days.

471 (c) *Conduct of Hearings.*

472 (1) *Convening and Procedures.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson
473 shall convene all hearings. If a hearing is not so convened within
474 fifteen minutes following its scheduled starting time, any member of
475 the committee may convene that hearing. The time of commencement
476 of the public hearing shall be designated in the published notice. The
477 order of testimony of the witnesses and the length of time that each
478 witness may testify shall be determined by the presiding chairperson
479 who shall give due regard for the convenience of the public. Members
480 of the public who wish to testify at a public hearing may place their
481 names on a list, which shall be made available at a time and place to be
482 determined by the chairpersons. Members of the public shall either (A)
483 place their own name on the list, if they wish to testify, or (B) place the
484 name of one other person on the list who will testify. Members of the
485 public placing the name of another person on the list shall also place
486 their own name on the list next to the name of the person who will

487 testify. The placement of another person's name on the list by a person
488 who receives a fee solely for that service shall be ineffective and the
489 person so named shall not be permitted to testify.

490 (2) *Testimony by Public Officials.* A committee may permit
491 legislators who are not members of the committee, representatives of
492 state agencies, and municipal chief elected officials testifying in their
493 official capacity to testify during but not beyond the first hour of a
494 public hearing. The public portion of the hearing shall be
495 uninterrupted by testimony from a legislator, a representative of a
496 state agency or a municipal chief elected official. If any legislators,
497 representatives of state agencies or municipal chief elected officials are
498 unable to testify during the first hour, they may testify at the end of the
499 hearing after all members of the public wishing to testify have been
500 heard.

501 (3) *Written Testimony.* Legislators, representatives of state agencies,
502 municipal chief elected officials and members of the public may
503 submit to the committee written testimony on a bill or resolution or
504 subject matter in person, by mail or facsimile transmission, or
505 electronically at any time and the written testimony may be included
506 by the committee in the transcript of the hearing. If the written
507 testimony is not included in the transcript, it shall be attached to the
508 transcript. Committee chairpersons should encourage a witness to
509 submit a written statement and confine oral testimony to a summary of
510 that statement, but the full written statement shall be included in or
511 attached to the transcript of the hearing.

512 (4) *Notifying Other Committees.* Each bill or resolution referred by
513 one committee to another with a favorable report shall be accompanied
514 by a notation of the date or dates on which public hearings were held
515 by the first committee. The chairpersons of any committee other than
516 Appropriations or Finance, Revenue and Bonding to which any bill or
517 resolution calling for an appropriation or a bond issue is referred shall
518 notify the chairpersons of the committee on Appropriations or Finance,

519 Revenue and Bonding of the date, time and place of the hearing
520 thereon.

521 (5) *Recessing*. The committee may recess any public hearing to a
522 date, time and place specified at the time of the recess, which shall be
523 on a day specified for that committee in Rule 5(a) or 5(b) or on any
524 other day with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the
525 Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or
526 the majority leader of the House. The committee clerk shall give notice
527 of any hearing recessed to another date to the clerk of each chamber
528 and, when practicable, to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in
529 the next Legislative Bulletin, and shall post notice of the recessed
530 hearing in a conspicuous place in or near that committee office.

531 FORM AND INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

532 7. (a) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Introduction by Members*.
533 Members of the General Assembly may introduce proposed bills,
534 proposed drafts of bills, proposed resolutions or proposed resolutions
535 proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive
536 proposed resolutions for consideration by the joint standing
537 committees, the select committees and the Legislative Management
538 committee for incorporation into a bill or resolution.

539 (b) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Form*. A proposed bill or
540 resolution shall be stated in informal language setting forth the
541 substance of the proposal and shall be followed by a statement of
542 purpose in not more than one hundred fifty words. At the request of
543 any member of the General Assembly, the Legislative Commissioners'
544 Office shall draft a proposed bill or resolution in proper form. All
545 proposed bills and resolutions shall be filed in triplicate with the clerk
546 of the chamber of the introducer in the form required by these rules.

547 A proposed draft shall be stated in full statutory language, and
548 must be submitted on proposed draft forms obtained from the
549 Legislative Commissioners' Office. Proposed drafts shall be processed

550 by the Legislative Commissioners' Office as submitted by the legislator
551 without alteration and assigned an LCO number and entered by that
552 office into the legislative database by introducer, title and statement of
553 purpose only.

554 (c) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Sponsors.* (1) A proposed bill,
555 proposed draft or proposed resolution may be sponsored by more than
556 one member of the General Assembly and its designation as to
557 chamber of origin shall be made by the Legislative Commissioners'
558 Office based on the chamber of the introducer. Any member of the
559 General Assembly may co-sponsor a bill or resolution by (A)
560 requesting the Legislative Commissioners' Office, in writing, to add
561 such member's name to a proposed bill, proposed draft or proposed
562 resolution in its possession, or (B) making a request in writing after a
563 bill or resolution has been filed, to the clerk of the chamber in which
564 the bill or resolution has been filed to add such member's name as a co-
565 sponsor of the bill or resolution, but not later than the date of the
566 signing of the bill, or the deadline for the signing of the bill, by the
567 Governor, whichever is earlier, or the date of the adoption of the
568 resolution.

569 (2) A member may remove his or her name as an introducer or a co-
570 sponsor of a bill or resolution by submitting a written notice to the
571 clerk of the chamber in which the bill or resolution was filed to remove
572 the member's name but not later than the time specified in subsection
573 (c)(1)(B) of this rule. The clerk shall notify the Legislative
574 Commissioners' Office of such removal, and the member's name shall
575 be removed from the legislative database for that bill or resolution.

576 (d) *Form and introduction of Bills and Resolutions -- Numbering.*
577 Senate bills shall be numbered from 1 to 5000, and House bills from
578 5001 to 9999 and resolutions shall be numbered starting with 1 in each
579 chamber. The original number on a proposed bill, proposed draft or
580 proposed resolution shall be retained and shall be used in any
581 reference to it.

582 (e) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Initial Reference to*
583 *Committee.* The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall make a
584 notation, based on subject matter, of the suggested committee
585 reference on proposed bills and proposed resolutions drafted by that
586 office, proposed drafts processed by that office, and fully drafted bills
587 or resolutions drafted by that office and accompanying the Governor's
588 budget or other message. The clerks shall, on introduction of each such
589 bill, draft or resolution, make a tentative reference for the Speaker or
590 the President Pro Tempore.

591 (f) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Copies.* Sufficient copies of
592 proposed bills, proposed drafts and proposed resolutions shall be
593 reproduced for use of the General Assembly and the public and shall
594 be available in the legislative bill room. The copies shall show the
595 number of the proposed bill, proposed draft or proposed resolution,
596 session of introduction, name of the member or members introducing
597 it and committee to which it was referred.

598 (g) *Form and Introduction of Bills and Resolutions -- Format.* Each
599 proposed bill, proposed draft, proposed resolution, committee or
600 raised bill or resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution or
601 other substantive resolution shall be printed without interlineation or
602 erasure. At the conclusion of each bill there shall be a statement of its
603 purpose in not more than one hundred fifty words, to be printed under
604 the caption "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE"; but the statement of
605 purpose shall not be a part of the bill for consideration and enactment
606 into law. Each committee or raised bill or resolution shall be endorsed
607 with the signature of both chairpersons. The duplicate copies of each
608 bill or resolution shall be made on yellow-colored and blue-colored
609 paper, respectively, of the same size and format as the original.

610 (h) *Form and Introduction of Bills and Resolutions -- Clerks'*
611 *Certified Copies.* The clerks shall certify and keep on file a duplicate
612 copy of each resolution or proposed resolution proposing an
613 amendment to the constitution or other proposed substantive

614 resolution, each proposed bill, each proposed draft and each
615 committee and raised bill. The certified duplicate copy shall remain at
616 all times in the clerk's office. If the original cannot be located, a copy of
617 the certified duplicate copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu
618 of the original. The clerk shall make a notation on the original of the
619 certified duplicate copy of all action taken on the original.

620 (i) *Form and Introduction of Bills and Resolutions -- Alteration.*
621 After introduction no bill or resolution shall be altered except by the
622 legislative commissioners, as provided by Rule 13.

623 TIME LIMIT ON NEW BUSINESS REFERENCE AND
624 TRANSMITTAL

625 8. (a) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Proposed Bill Deadline.* The
626 time for receiving new business from members shall be limited and
627 shall terminate on January 16, 2009 for the 2009 session and on
628 February 5, 2010 for the 2010 session, in each session at 5 p.m. or at an
629 hour the presiding officer of each chamber designates. Filing of a
630 request for a proposed bill or resolution or proposed resolution
631 proposing an amendment to the constitution or other proposed
632 substantive resolution with the Legislative Commissioners' Office, or
633 submission of a proposed draft to the Legislative Commissioners'
634 Office shall be deemed compliance with this time requirement. Unless
635 the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a
636 request by a legislative commissioner for an extension of time, the
637 Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare and return or file the
638 proposed bill or resolution with the clerk of the appropriate chamber,
639 not later than ten days after the receipt of the request.

640 (b) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Receipt by Clerk; Delivery to*
641 *Committee.* Each proposed bill, proposed draft or proposed resolution
642 shall be received by the clerk of the Senate or House, who shall cause
643 copies to be prepared in accordance with section 2-23 of the general
644 statutes. After copies of the proposed bill, proposed draft or proposed
645 resolution have been made, the proposed bill, proposed draft or

646 proposed resolution shall receive its first reading as set forth in Rule 16
647 and be referred to the appropriate joint committee by the President Pro
648 Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House and then sent to the
649 other chamber for concurring reference. The original of the proposed
650 bill, proposed draft or proposed resolution shall be delivered forthwith
651 to the clerk of such appropriate joint committee.

652 (c) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Change of Reference.*
653 Subsequent to the initial reference as determined by the Speaker and
654 the President Pro Tempore and prior to final action on the bill or
655 resolution by either chamber, the chairpersons of a joint standing
656 committee may request that a bill or resolution receive a change of
657 reference to their committee and, if a controversy results, the matter
658 shall be referred by the Speaker or the President Pro Tempore, as the
659 case may be, to the ad hoc committee on reference for the purpose of
660 final determination of the appropriate committee of cognizance. The
661 ad hoc committee on reference shall consist of the President Pro
662 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, as
663 cochairpersons, the Senate majority leader, the House majority leader,
664 the Senate minority leader and the House minority leader.

665 (d) *Proposed Bills and Resolutions -- Additional Information From*
666 *Members.* Members may submit additional information or
667 documentation on any proposed bill, proposed draft or proposed
668 resolution to the committee to which the bill, draft or resolution has
669 been referred at any time prior to 12 o'clock noon on January 26 in 2009
670 and February 10 in 2010.

671 COMMITTEE BILLS, RAISED BILLS, BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

672 9. (a) *Introduction.* Committee and raised bills may be introduced
673 only by committees and shall be set forth in formal statutory language.
674 Fully drafted bills accompanying the Governor's budget or other
675 message may be introduced by the legislative leaders of the Governor's
676 party in the House and the Senate provided one copy of each bill is
677 supplied by the Governor to the legislative leaders of both parties.

678 (b) *Definitions.* Bills or resolutions which incorporate the principles
679 expressed in proposed bills, proposed drafts or proposed resolutions
680 or proposed resolutions proposing an amendment to the constitution
681 or other substantive resolutions shall be identified as committee bills
682 or resolutions. Raised bills or resolutions shall be original bills or
683 resolutions in formal statutory language raised by committees without
684 reference to proposed bills, proposed drafts or proposed resolutions
685 and shall be identified as raised bills or resolutions. Bills certified by
686 the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore to be of an emergency
687 nature shall be identified simply as bills. Bills accompanying the
688 Governor's budget or other message shall be identified as Governor's
689 bills.

690 (c) *Format.* Each bill amending any statute or special act shall set
691 forth in full the section or subsection of the statute or the special act to
692 be amended. Matter to be omitted or repealed shall be surrounded by
693 brackets or overstricken so that the omitted or repealed matter remains
694 readable, and new matter shall be indicated by capitalization or
695 underscoring of all words in the original bill and by capitalization,
696 underscoring or italics in its printed form. In the case of a section or
697 subsection not amending an existing section of the general statutes but
698 intended to be part of the general statutes, the section or subsection
699 may be in upper and lower case letters preceded by the word (NEW).
700 Each proposed bill and proposed resolution, and each other bill and
701 resolution shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office.

702 (d) *Preparation of Committee and Raised Bills and Resolutions.* A
703 committee upon receiving the proposed bills, proposed drafts or
704 proposed resolutions or proposed resolutions proposing an
705 amendment to the constitution or other proposed substantive
706 resolutions referred to it, shall separate them into subject categories
707 and may vote to have committee bills or resolutions on the subjects
708 prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. The Legislative
709 Commissioners' Office at the request of any committee shall prepare
710 all committee and raised bills, resolutions and amendments thereto.

711 Each committee bill or resolution shall have the same number and
712 chamber of origin as the proposed bill, proposed draft or proposed
713 resolution on which it is based. When a committee bill is based on two
714 or more proposed bills or proposed drafts or a resolution is based on
715 two or more proposed resolutions, the members of the committee shall
716 designate the proposed bill, proposed draft or proposed resolution
717 number to be used on the committee bill or resolution. The numbers of
718 any other proposed bills, proposed drafts or proposed resolutions on
719 which the bill or resolution is based shall be listed at the end of the bill
720 or resolution together with the names of the introducers.

721 The number of any committee bill or resolution based on proposed
722 bills, proposed drafts or proposed resolutions on which subject matter
723 public hearings are held shall be determined by the committee in the
724 same manner as provided in this subsection.

725 (e) *Committee Bill Deadline.* The time limit for committees to
726 submit to the Legislative Commissioners' Office requests for drafting
727 committee bills and resolutions, except those based on proposed bills,
728 proposed drafts and proposed resolutions on which subject matter
729 public hearings are held, and to reserve proposed bills, proposed
730 drafts and proposed resolutions for subject matter public hearings
731 shall be 5 p.m. on the following dates in 2009.

T1	February 3	Aging Banks Housing Children Veterans' Affairs
T2	February 5	Energy and Technology Higher Education and Employment Advancement Insurance and Real Estate General Law Public Safety and Security

T3	February 10	Labor and Public Employees Legislative Management Commerce Human Services
T4	February 13	Education Environment Planning and Development Public Health Transportation
T5	February 18	Government Administration & Elections Judiciary
T6		Finance, Revenue and Bonding Appropriations

732 In 2010, the time limit shall be 5 p.m. on February 17 for the
733 committees in Group A and on February 18 for the committees in
734 Group B, the Legislative Management committee and the select
735 committees.

736 (f) *Committee Bill Deadline -- Exception.* The time limit for
737 committees to submit to the Legislative Commissioners' Office
738 requests for drafting committee bills or resolutions based on proposed
739 bills, proposed drafts or proposed resolutions on which subject matter
740 public hearings are held shall be 5 p.m. on the seventeenth calendar
741 day in 2009 and the tenth calendar day in 2010 prior to the committee's
742 reporting out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15.

743 (g) *Raised Bill Deadline.* In 2009, the time limit for committees to
744 submit to the Legislative Commissioners' Office requests for drafting
745 raised bills and resolutions shall be 5 p.m. on February 18 for the
746 committees in Group A and the Program Review and Investigations
747 Committee, and 5 p.m. on February 17 for the committees in Group B,
748 the Legislative Management committee and the select committees. In
749 2010, the time limit for committees to submit to the Legislative

750 Commissioners' Office requests for drafting raised bills and resolutions
751 shall be 5 p.m. on February 19 for the committees in Group A and the
752 Program Review and Investigations Committee, and 5 p.m. on
753 February 18 for the committees in Group B, the Legislative
754 Management committee and the select committees.

755 (h) *Raised Bill Deadline -- Exceptions.* Notwithstanding the time
756 limits established in this rule, the following may be raised at any time:
757 (1) Bills or resolutions to provide for the current expenses of
758 government, (2) bills or resolutions the Speaker of the House and the
759 President Pro Tempore of the Senate certify in writing to be, in their
760 opinion, of an emergency nature, (3) bills or resolutions which the
761 Governor requests in a special message addressed to the General
762 Assembly, which message sets forth the emergency or necessity
763 requiring the legislation, and (4) the legislative commissioners'
764 revisor's bill.

765 (i) *Form and Introduction of Bills and Resolutions -- Types of Bills*
766 *and Resolutions in 2010 Session.* In the 2010 session only bills and
767 resolutions relating to budgetary, revenue and financial matters,
768 committee bills and resolutions to correct technical defects in the
769 statutes, bills and resolutions raised by committees of the General
770 Assembly and bills and resolutions relating to matters certified in
771 writing by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of
772 the Senate to be of an emergency nature may be introduced.

773 (j) *Signing and Filing Bills and Resolutions with Clerks.* When a
774 committee bill or resolution or a raised bill or resolution has been
775 prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office, it shall be signed
776 by the appropriate committee chairpersons, as provided in Rule 7. The
777 clerk of the committee shall immediately give the bill or resolution to
778 the clerk of the Senate or the House as designated.

779 **SUBSTITUTE BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS**

780 10. A bill or resolution redrafted with a favorable report by a

781 committee shall be reported as a substitute bill or resolution.

782 Any substitute bill or resolution reported favorably shall be filed in
783 triplicate with the clerk of the chamber where the bill or resolution
784 originated. The yellow-colored copy shall be certified by the clerk and
785 shall be kept at all times in the clerk's office. If the original bill or
786 resolution cannot be located, a copy of the certified yellow-colored
787 copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of the original. The
788 clerk shall make a notation on the yellow-colored copy of all action
789 taken on the original.

790 PETITION FOR PREPARATION OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

791 11. Not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh calendar day after the
792 deadline of a committee to request the drafting of a committee bill or
793 resolution, set forth in Rule 9, any member of the General Assembly
794 may present to the clerk of the member's chamber, who shall present
795 the same to the Legislative Commissioners' Office, a written petition
796 requesting preparation of a bill or resolution based on a proposed bill,
797 proposed draft or proposed resolution, introduced or co-sponsored by
798 such member and previously referred to such committee, unless the
799 proposed bill, draft or resolution has been scheduled for a subject
800 matter public hearing to be held after the committee's deadline to
801 request a committee bill or resolution, in which case the petition may
802 be presented not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh calendar day before
803 the committee's reporting out date designated in the schedule shown
804 in Rule 15. The petition shall be signed in the original by at least fifty-
805 one members of the House if a House petition and by at least twelve
806 members of the Senate if a Senate petition. The Legislative
807 Commissioners' Office shall prepare the requested bill or resolution
808 and forward it to the clerk of the chamber of origin for processing and
809 referral to the appropriate committee which shall hold a public hearing
810 on the bill or resolution, except that if the committee has already held a
811 subject matter public hearing on the bill or resolution no further public
812 hearing shall be required.

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AMENDMENTS

814 12. All amendments shall be prepared by the Legislative
815 Commissioners' Office and submitted in duplicate or triplicate. If
816 submitted in duplicate, the copy shall be printed on white-colored or
817 yellow-colored paper. If submitted in triplicate, the copies shall be
818 printed on yellow-colored and blue-colored paper, or on white-colored
819 paper. All copies shall be of the same size and format as the original.
820 One copy shall be certified by the clerk and shall be kept at all times in
821 the clerk's office.

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PROCESS AFTER COMMITTEE ACTION

824 13. (a) *Receipt*. When a committee reports a bill or resolution
825 favorably it shall be submitted forthwith to the Legislative
826 Commissioners' Office which shall immediately enter the receipt of the
827 bill or resolution in the legislative database and notify the Office of
828 Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of the bill or
829 resolution number and the committee's action.

830 (b) *Examination and Correction*. The legislative commissioners shall
831 examine the bill or resolution and make any correction therein as may
832 be necessary for the purpose of avoiding repetition and
833 unconstitutional provisions, and of ensuring accuracy in the text and
834 references, clearness and conciseness in the phraseology and
835 consistency with existing statutes. Whenever the legislative
836 commissioners make any changes in a bill or resolution, other than
837 corrections of spelling, grammar, punctuation or typographical errors
838 the correction of which in no way alters the meaning, they shall
839 prepare a statement which describes each change, where it was made,
840 and explicitly why they made the change. This statement shall be
841 entered into the legislative database and printed with the file copy of
842 the bill or resolution and shall bear the same file number as the bill or
843 resolution.

844 (c) *Deadline.* Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
845 consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative commissioner for an
846 extension of time, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete
847 its examination of the bill or resolution within ten calendar days,
848 excluding holidays, after its receipt. If the bill or resolution is approved
849 by a commissioner, the commissioner shall notify the Office of Fiscal
850 Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of the approval and, if
851 a substitute, furnish each office with a copy of the bill or resolution for
852 preparation of a fiscal note and bill analysis and, when requested
853 pursuant to Rule 15(c)(2), a racial and ethnic impact statement. Unless
854 the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a
855 request by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis or the director of
856 the Office of Legislative Research for an extension of time, a legislative
857 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her
858 approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated within five
859 calendar days, excluding holidays, after such notice.

860 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Returned to Committee.* If the
861 commissioner finds upon completion of the examination of a bill or
862 resolution that the bill or resolution is unconstitutional or is already
863 law, the commissioner shall return the bill or resolution to the
864 committee and shall notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office
865 of Legislative Research of its return. Whenever a bill or resolution has
866 been so returned to the committee, it may nevertheless be reported
867 favorably by the committee and be returned to the Legislative
868 Commissioners' Office for completion of the procedures prescribed
869 above, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15. If a bill or resolution
870 is returned after the committee's reporting out date designated in the
871 schedule shown in Rule 15, the committee shall take such action before
872 the start of the session on the third regular session day of the chamber
873 making the referral after the bill or resolution is returned by the
874 Legislative Commissioners' Office. The clerk shall enter it on the
875 calendar under a heading "Favorable Report, Matter Not Approved by
876 Legislative Commissioner" unless the committee reports a substitute
877 bill or resolution which the legislative commissioners approve.

878 (e) *Change of Reference.* Favorable changes of reference shall be
879 treated as provided in this rule except that no fiscal note or bill
880 analysis shall be required. When a committee votes a straight change
881 of reference, the bill or resolution shall be submitted to the Legislative
882 Commissioners' Office which shall prepare the change of reference
883 jacket and deliver the bill or resolution to the clerk of the chamber of
884 origin. Reading and referral of straight changes of reference shall be by
885 printing in the House and Senate journals.

886 **REPORTING OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS**

887 14. Except as provided in Rules 19 and 20, all bills and joint
888 resolutions reported by any committee shall be first reported to the
889 chamber of origin, but any bill or resolution favorably reported by
890 only one chamber shall first be reported to that chamber regardless of
891 the chamber of origin.

892 **FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION**

893 15. (a) *Deadline for Favorable Reports.* The time limit for
894 committees to vote to report favorably and submit bills and resolutions
895 proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive
896 resolutions to the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall be 5 p.m. on
897 the dates designated in the following schedule:

T7	Committee	2009	2010
T8	Aging	March 5	March 11
T9	Children	March 5	March 11
T10	Veterans' Affairs	March 5	March 11
T11	Program Review and Investigations	March 9	March 12
T12	General Law	March 10	March 16
T13	Housing	March 10	March 16
T14	Public Safety and Security	March 10	March 11
T15	Legislative Management	March 11	March 15
T16	Banks	March 12	March 18
T17	Insurance & Real Estate	March 12	March 18
T18	Labor and Public Employees	March 12	March 18
T19	Transportation	March 16	March 17

T7	Committee	2009	2010
T20	Commerce	March 17	March 23
T21	Higher Education and Employment Advancement	March 17	March 16
T22	Energy & Technology	March 19	March 25
T23	Human Services	March 19	March 23
T24	Environment	March 20	March 22
T25	Education	March 23	March 24
T26	Planning and Development	March 23	March 24
T27	Public Health	March 27	March 26
T28	Government Administration and Elections	March 30	March 26
T29	Judiciary	April 3	March 29
T30	Appropriations	April 16	April 1
T31	Finance, Revenue and Bonding	April 17	April 6
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899 (b) *Hearing Requirement for Favorable Report.* Except as provided
900 in Rule 32 (2)(A), no bill and no resolution proposing an amendment to
901 the constitution or other substantive resolution shall be reported
902 favorably by a committee unless a public hearing has been held as
903 provided in Rule 6, but no further public hearing shall be required for
904 a favorable report on a substitute for such bill or resolution, provided
905 the substitute is based on or is germane to the subject matter of the
906 original bill or resolution, or for a bill or resolution petitioned under
907 Rule 11 on which a subject matter public hearing has been held.

908 (c) *Fiscal Notes and Bill Analyses; Bills or Resolutions*
909 *Unfavorably Reported; List of Reported Bills or Resolutions.* (1) Any
910 bill reported favorably by any committee which if passed, would affect
911 state or municipal revenue or would require the expenditure of state or
912 municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note attached, as required by
913 section 2-24 of the general statutes. The fiscal note and a bill analysis
914 shall be printed with the bill and shall bear the same file number as the
915 bill. Any fiscal note printed with or prepared for a bill and any analysis
916 of a bill printed with or prepared for a bill, are solely for the purpose of
917 information, summarization and explanation for members of the
918 General Assembly and shall not be construed to represent the intent of

919 the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. Each
920 such fiscal note and bill analysis shall bear the following disclaimer:
921 "The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared
922 for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for
923 purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not
924 represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof
925 for any purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or resolution
926 in the House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require the
927 expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal
928 revenue, a fiscal note shall be available at the time the amendment is
929 offered and, in the case of an amendment which is substantially similar
930 to a favorably-reported bill for which a racial and ethnic impact
931 statement has been prepared pursuant to this rule, such fiscal note may
932 include a copy of such impact statement. Any fiscal note prepared for
933 such an amendment shall be construed in accordance with the
934 provisions of this rule and shall bear the disclaimer required under this
935 rule. Each fiscal note prepared under this subdivision shall include a
936 brief statement of the sources of information, in addition to the general
937 knowledge of the fiscal analyst, consulted or relied on to calculate the
938 fiscal impact.

939 (2) Whenever a committee reports a bill favorably which, if passed,
940 would increase or decrease the pretrial or sentenced population of
941 correctional facilities in this state, a majority of the committee members
942 present may request that a racial and ethnic impact statement be
943 prepared. The racial and ethnic impact statement shall be prepared by
944 the Office of Legislative Research and the Office of Fiscal Analysis,
945 which may, in the preparation of such statement, consult with any
946 person or agency including, but not limited to, the Judicial Branch, the
947 Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Correction and
948 the Connecticut Sentencing Task Force. The statement shall indicate:
949 (A) Whether the bill would have a disparate impact on the racial and
950 ethnic composition of the correctional facility population and an
951 explanation of that impact, (B) that it cannot be determined whether
952 the bill would have a disparate impact on the racial and ethnic

953 composition of the correctional facility population, or (C) that the
954 offices cannot determine within the time limitation specified in Rule
955 13(c) whether the bill would have a disparate impact on the racial and
956 ethnic composition of the correctional facility population. The racial
957 and ethnic impact statement shall be attached to and printed with the
958 bill and shall bear the same file number as the bill. Any racial and
959 ethnic impact statement printed with or prepared for a bill is solely for
960 the purpose of information, summarization and explanation for
961 members of the General Assembly and shall not be construed to
962 represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof
963 for any purpose. Each racial and ethnic impact statement shall bear the
964 following disclaimer: "The following Racial and Ethnic Impact
965 Statement is prepared for the benefit of the members of the General
966 Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and
967 explanation and does not represent the intent of the General Assembly
968 or either chamber thereof for any purpose."

969 (3) All bills or resolutions unfavorably reported by a committee
970 shall be submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office not later
971 than 5 p.m. on the final reporting out date for favorable reports for that
972 committee, designated in the schedule shown in this rule.

973 (4) The legislative commissioners shall prepare a list of the bills or
974 resolutions submitted to them which at the deadline time for each
975 committee are not printed and in the files and the clerks shall print the
976 same in the House and Senate journals.

977 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Not Acted on by Committee; Bills or*
978 *Resolutions Not Printed and in Files.* All bills or resolutions not acted
979 on by the committees within the time limits established by this section
980 shall be deemed to have failed in committee, except that (1) a bill or
981 resolution shall be reported to the chamber in which it originated if the
982 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
983 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate it being
984 acted on by the General Assembly or (2) if a majority of the members

985 of either chamber present to the clerk of such chamber a written
986 petition as provided by Rule 19, requesting that a bill or resolution be
987 reported, it shall be reported to the chamber in which the petition
988 originated. Any bill or resolution not printed and in the files of the
989 members of the General Assembly may be acted upon by the General
990 Assembly if the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore
991 of the Senate certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion
992 necessitate an immediate vote on the bill or resolution, in which case a
993 copy of the bill or resolution, accompanied by a fiscal note, shall
994 nevertheless be upon the desks of the members, but not necessarily
995 printed, before the bill or resolution is acted upon.

996 (e) *Bills Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property by State.*
997 Notwithstanding any provision of these rules to the contrary (1) no bill
998 authorizing the conveyance of real property, or any interest therein, by
999 the state of Connecticut to any person or entity shall be printed or
1000 placed on the calendar or in the files for action unless the bill has
1001 received a favorable or unfavorable report from the joint standing
1002 committee on government administration and elections, and (2) no bill
1003 which has been amended to authorize the conveyance of real property,
1004 or any interest therein, by the state of Connecticut to any person or
1005 entity shall be passed by either chamber unless such bill, as amended,
1006 has been referred to the joint standing committee on government
1007 administration and elections, and that committee has reported
1008 favorably or unfavorably on such amended bill to the chamber from
1009 which it was referred, within two regular session days of the date of
1010 referral.

1011 (f) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee After*
1012 *Deadline.* Whenever a bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably
1013 reported by one committee is referred by the House or the Senate to
1014 another committee after its deadline, that committee, at any time
1015 thereafter but before the start of the session on the third regular session
1016 day of the chamber making the referral after the date that the motion
1017 to refer is adopted, but no later than seven calendar days after such

1018 date of adoption, shall meet to consider the bill or resolution and may
1019 report it favorably or unfavorably, box it or take no action. If the
1020 committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably, and
1021 the bill or resolution has not been amended in either chamber, the
1022 committee may report a substitute bill or resolution, in which case,
1023 there shall be a reprinting of the file. If the committee reports the bill or
1024 resolution favorably or unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has been
1025 amended in either chamber, the committee shall include in its report
1026 its recommendation on the adoption or rejection of each amendment,
1027 and may submit additional amendments to be offered on the floor. In
1028 the latter case there shall be no reprinting of the file. The entry on the
1029 calendar in both chambers, in each case, shall indicate the actions and
1030 recommendations of the committee.

1031 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - READINGS**

1032 16. First reading of all bills and resolutions shall be (1) by the
1033 acceptance by each chamber of a printed list of bills and resolutions,
1034 prepared by the clerks of the House and Senate, setting forth numbers,
1035 sponsors, titles and committees to which referred, or (2) by title,
1036 number and reference to a committee.

1037 Second reading shall be the report of a committee.

1038 Third reading shall be passage or rejection of a bill or resolution on
1039 the calendar. Each bill and each resolution proposing an amendment
1040 to the constitution shall receive three readings in each chamber prior to
1041 passage, and no bill or resolution proposing an amendment to the
1042 constitution shall be read twice on the same day.

1043 **FAVORABLE REPORTS**

1044 17. (a) *Committee Clerk's Signature.* When the House and Senate
1045 members of any committee jointly vote to report a committee or raised
1046 bill or resolution favorably, the committee clerk shall sign the
1047 committee report form.

1048 (b) *Resolutions on Appointments and Nominations.* A favorable
1049 report by a joint standing committee of a resolution concerning a
1050 General Assembly appointment or a nomination requiring joint
1051 confirmation and a favorable report of any committee to which
1052 executive nominations are referred shall be tabled for the calendar and
1053 printed by number and title only. The report may be accepted and the
1054 resolution adopted after it has appeared on the calendar for two days.

1055 (c) *File Copies Distributed to Members.* All bills and all resolutions
1056 proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive
1057 resolutions reported favorably by the committees to which they have
1058 been referred, or by a majority of the members of the Senate or House
1059 committee making the report, before third reading, shall be laid upon
1060 the table, and two hundred seventy-five copies of each bill or
1061 resolution together with the number of committee members voting yea
1062 and the number voting nay shall be printed under the supervision of
1063 the Legislative Commissioners' Office for the use of the General
1064 Assembly.

1065 (d) *Timing of Action by Chambers.* Each bill and each joint
1066 resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution and each other
1067 substantive resolution so printed shall be in the files and on the
1068 calendar with a file number for two session days and shall be starred
1069 for action on the session day next succeeding, except that: (1) A bill or
1070 resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general
1071 statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted upon
1072 first by the Senate with the consent of the Speaker; and if filed in the
1073 Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with
1074 the consent of the President Pro Tempore, (2) any bill or resolution
1075 certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes may be
1076 acted upon immediately and may be transmitted immediately to the
1077 second chamber and may be acted upon immediately when received
1078 by the second chamber, (3) if one chamber rejects an amendment
1079 adopted by the other chamber, the bill or resolution after final action
1080 may be transmitted immediately to and may be placed on the calendar

1081 immediately in the second chamber, (4) during the last five calendar
1082 days of the session, if one chamber rejects an amendment adopted by
1083 the other chamber or adopts an amendment to a bill or resolution
1084 received from the other chamber, or takes any action on such bill or
1085 resolution requiring further action by the other chamber, the bill or
1086 resolution after final action may be transmitted immediately to the
1087 second chamber and placed immediately on the calendar and may be
1088 acted upon immediately in the second chamber, or (5) during the last
1089 five calendar days of the session, any bill or resolution, after final
1090 action in one chamber, may be transmitted immediately to the second
1091 chamber and may be placed on the calendar immediately in the second
1092 chamber.

1093 (e) *Action on Calendar.* All bills and resolutions starred for action
1094 shall be acted upon only when reached and any bill or resolution not
1095 acted upon shall retain its place on the calendar, unless it is put at the
1096 foot of the calendar or unless its consideration is made the order of the
1097 day for some specified time.

1098 (f) *Other Provisions.* When the House or Senate members only of a
1099 committee vote to report a bill or resolution favorably, the House or
1100 Senate chairperson of the committee, as the case may be, shall sign the
1101 bill or resolution. When the House members and Senate members of a
1102 committee vote to report separate versions of a bill or resolution and
1103 each chamber adopts its own version, both bills or resolutions may be
1104 referred by a joint resolution to a committee of conference, appointed
1105 as provided in Rule 22, with instructions to report a bill or resolution,
1106 as the case may be. If no bill or resolution is reported within three
1107 session days following the committee's appointment, the committee
1108 shall submit an interim report to both chambers and shall continue to
1109 report every second session day thereafter until a final decision is
1110 reached. If a bill or resolution is agreed upon by the committee it shall
1111 be submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as a favorable
1112 report for processing as provided in Rule 13. A legislative
1113 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her

1114 approval to the clerk of the chamber which initiated the joint
1115 resolution for a committee of conference and the bill or resolution shall
1116 thereupon be tabled for the calendar and printing. The report of the
1117 committee may be accepted or rejected, but the bill or resolution may
1118 not be amended.

1119 No bill or resolution shall appear on the calendar of either chamber
1120 unless it has received a joint favorable or a favorable report of the
1121 members of the committee of that chamber, except as provided in this
1122 rule or in Rule 19 or 20.

1123 (g) *Roll Call Requirement.* Each bill and each resolution proposing
1124 an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive
1125 resolution appearing on the regular calendar shall be voted upon by a
1126 roll call vote.

1127 **REPRINTING AFTER AMENDMENT**

1128 18. Whenever a bill or resolution is substantively amended there
1129 shall be no action on passage of the bill or resolution until it has been
1130 re-examined by the legislative commissioners for the purposes set
1131 forth in Rule 13 and it has been reprinted as amended. The chamber in
1132 which the bill or resolution is pending shall not take final action
1133 thereon until the reprinted bill or resolution has been distributed to the
1134 members. This rule shall not apply to amendments offered solely for
1135 the purposes of correcting clerical defects or imperfections, such as but
1136 not limited to, grammatical or spelling errors or mistakes as to form or
1137 dates, or to make other changes which do not alter the substance of a
1138 bill or resolution. Reprinting of amended bills or resolutions shall not
1139 be required for bills or resolutions passed after May 30, 2009, for the
1140 2009 session and May 1 for the 2010 session.

1141 **PETITION FOR COMMITTEE REPORT**

1142 19. Upon presentation to the clerk of either chamber of a petition
1143 signed in the original by not less than a majority of the members of

1144 either chamber requesting a joint standing committee to report a bill or
1145 resolution in its possession, the clerk shall immediately give notice to
1146 the committee of the filing of the petition. The petition may not be
1147 presented sooner than the day following the committee's deadline,
1148 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, to report the bill or
1149 resolution out of committee and not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh
1150 calendar day after that deadline. Within two regular session days
1151 thereafter the committee shall report the bill or resolution with or
1152 without its recommendations to the chamber from which the petition
1153 was received. If no recommendation is made, the bill or resolution
1154 shall be considered as having received an unfavorable report and the
1155 procedures in Rule 20 shall be followed. Each petition or page of the
1156 petition shall contain a statement of its purpose and may be circulated
1157 only by a member of the chamber whose clerk will receive the petition.
1158 If the committee members of one chamber vote to report a bill or
1159 resolution favorably, the petition so circulated and presented to the
1160 clerk may be signed only by the members of the other chamber.

1161 Any bill or resolution so petitioned, except those carrying or
1162 requiring appropriations, shall not be referred to any other committee
1163 without first having been voted upon by the House or Senate. Those
1164 carrying or requiring appropriations shall be referred first to the joint
1165 standing committee on Appropriations. The Appropriations committee
1166 shall, within two session days after such reference, report such bill or
1167 resolution back to the chamber in which the petition originated with
1168 either a favorable or unfavorable report thereon and the bill or
1169 resolution shall then be voted upon. In the event of a conflict between
1170 the report of the original committee and that of the Appropriations
1171 committee, the vote shall be on the report of the Appropriations
1172 committee.

1173 UNFAVORABLE REPORTS

1174 20. All bills and resolutions reported unfavorably shall first be
1175 printed under the supervision of the legislative commissioners,

1176 without correction and without their approval, and shall be in the files
1177 and on the calendar as if favorably reported but shall appear on the
1178 calendar under the heading "Unfavorable Reports." If the unfavorable
1179 report is rejected by the chamber of origin, the bill or resolution shall
1180 be returned to the legislative commissioners for their approval and
1181 reprinting in final form, except that in the case of an unfavorable
1182 report of the committee on executive and legislative nominations, or an
1183 unfavorable report of the committee on judiciary of a judicial
1184 nomination, a nomination of a workers' compensation commissioner
1185 or a nomination of a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the
1186 resolution shall not be returned to the legislative commissioners and
1187 may be acted upon immediately. If the bill or resolution is returned to
1188 the legislative commissioners after May 20, 2009 in the 2009 session or
1189 April 21, 2010 in the 2010 session, the legislative commissioners shall
1190 transmit the bill or resolution, with or without approval, to the clerk of
1191 the chamber from which it was received, not later than five calendar
1192 days after it is received. It shall then be in the files, with special
1193 marking on the calendar, as if favorably reported with a file number
1194 for two session days and starred for action on the session day next
1195 succeeding in the chamber of origin. If the unfavorable report is
1196 accepted by the chamber of origin, the bill or resolution shall be lost.

1197 When an unfavorable report is rejected by the first chamber and the
1198 bill is passed or the resolution adopted by that chamber, it shall then
1199 be in the files and on the calendar of the other chamber, but shall
1200 appear on the calendar under the heading "Unfavorable Reports".

1201 RECALL FROM OTHER CHAMBER FOR RECONSIDERATION

1202 21. No resolution or motion to recall a bill, resolution or other
1203 matter from the other chamber shall be allowed for the purpose of
1204 reconsideration or amendment after the time has elapsed for the
1205 reconsideration of any vote thereon except when there has clearly been
1206 a mistake in such vote or an error in the language of the bill, resolution
1207 or other matter.

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COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

1209 22. (a) *Appointment of Committee.* When one chamber rejects an
1210 amendment adopted by the other chamber, the bill or resolution shall
1211 be returned to the other chamber for further action. If that chamber
1212 readopts the rejected amendment, the readoption constitutes a matter
1213 for a committee of conference, and a committee of conference shall be
1214 appointed by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore. The
1215 committee of conference shall be comprised of three members from
1216 each chamber. If the vote has not been unanimous there shall be at
1217 least one member of the committee who was not on the prevailing side
1218 in such member's chamber, except that in all cases, at least one member
1219 in each chamber shall be a member of the minority party.

1220 (b) *Committee Reports.* The committee may propose any changes
1221 within the scope of the bill or resolution, but any action, including
1222 changes, taken by the committee shall be by a majority vote of the
1223 members of each chamber on the committee. The committee report
1224 shall be made to both chambers at the same time. The committee
1225 report shall contain the following information: The bill or resolution
1226 number and title, the members of the committee, the action of the
1227 committee, indicating the adoption or rejection of each House or
1228 Senate amendment previously adopted, identified by schedule letter,
1229 which accompanied the bill or resolution, the adoption of a new
1230 amendment, if any, and the signature of the members of the committee
1231 accepting or rejecting the report. A member's refusal to sign shall be
1232 deemed a rejection. Any new amendment shall be prepared by the
1233 Legislative Commissioners' Office and shall be attached to and made a
1234 part of the report and shall be identified by a schedule letter of the
1235 chamber which created the disagreeing action.

1236 (c) *Action by Chambers.* Each chamber shall vote to accept or reject
1237 the report. A vote by either chamber to accept the report of the
1238 committee shall be final action by that chamber on the bill or
1239 resolution. If both chambers vote to accept the report of the committee,

1240 the bill is passed or the resolution is adopted as of the time the last
1241 chamber votes to accept the report. If either chamber rejects the report
1242 of the committee, the bill or resolution is defeated and the second
1243 chamber shall not be required to consider the committee report. The
1244 report of the committee may be accepted or rejected, but it may not be
1245 amended.

1246 RETURN OF BILL FROM GOVERNOR OR LEGISLATIVE
1247 COMMISSIONERS

1248 23. Whenever a bill has passed both chambers and has been
1249 transmitted to the Governor for approval, or to the legislative
1250 commissioners for engrossing, if either chamber desires its return for
1251 further consideration, it may, by resolution adopted by both chambers,
1252 appoint a joint committee of one senator and two representatives to be
1253 sent to the Governor or the commissioners to request them to return
1254 the bill. In the case of a bill transmitted to the Governor, if the
1255 Governor consents, and in the case of a bill transmitted to the
1256 legislative commissioners, the bill shall be returned first to that
1257 chamber in which the motion for its return originated, and the bill may
1258 then be altered or totally rejected by a concurrent vote of the two
1259 chambers; but, if not altered or rejected by concurrent vote, it shall be
1260 again transmitted to the Governor or the legislative commissioners, as
1261 the case may be, in the same form in which it was first presented to the
1262 Governor or legislative commissioners.

1263 EXAMINATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1264 24. (a) *Examination and Correction.* All bills, and all resolutions
1265 proposing amendments to the constitution, when finally passed, shall
1266 be examined immediately by the legislative commissioners. If the
1267 legislative commissioners find that any correction should be made in
1268 the text, they shall report it to the committee on legislative
1269 management. If the committee believes that no correction should be
1270 made, it shall so inform the legislative commissioners. If the committee
1271 believes a correction should be made, it shall so inform the legislative

1272 commissioners who shall report the bill or resolution to the chamber
1273 which last took action upon it, with the proposed correction in the
1274 form of an amendment, within five calendar days, Sundays and
1275 holidays excepted, after its passage.

1276 (b) *Consideration of Proposed Correction.* The report shall be
1277 placed at the head of the calendar, and shall take precedence of all
1278 other business on the calendar; and the only question on the report
1279 shall be, "Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?" If the proposed
1280 amendment is adopted by both chambers, the bill or resolution shall
1281 stand as amended. If the proposed amendment is rejected by either
1282 chamber, the bill or resolution shall not be transmitted to the other
1283 chamber, but shall stand as originally passed. If, in the consequence of
1284 the adjournment of the General Assembly subject to reconvening for
1285 the consideration of vetoed bills or for any other reason, any bill or
1286 resolution which has been passed by both chambers fails to be
1287 amended as recommended by the commissioners, the bill or resolution
1288 shall stand as originally passed.

1289 **ENGROSSING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

1290 25. All bills, all resolutions proposing amendments to the
1291 constitution and all resolutions memorializing Congress when finally
1292 passed shall be engrossed under the direction of the legislative
1293 commissioners, and immediately thereafter shall be transmitted to the
1294 clerks. The legislative commissioners shall carefully compare all
1295 engrossed bills and resolutions with the bills and resolutions as finally
1296 passed, and a commissioner shall certify by his or her signature to the
1297 correctness of the engrossed copies. As soon as engrossed and
1298 certified, as herein provided, the bill or resolution and amendment
1299 shall be presented to the House and Senate clerks, who shall sign the
1300 engrossed and certified copies.

1301 **TRANSMITTAL TO GOVERNOR**

1302 26. (a) *Transmittal of Copy.* On the passage of a bill by both

1303 chambers, the clerk of the chamber last taking action thereon shall
1304 forthwith cause a copy to be sent to the Governor.

1305 (b) *Engrossed Bills and Resolutions*. Each bill and resolution, with
1306 the engrossed copy, shall be transmitted by the clerks of the House and
1307 Senate to the Secretary of the State as soon as it has been signed, as
1308 herein provided, and not later than the twelfth day after the expiration
1309 of the time allowed for reconsideration under the rules of the General
1310 Assembly, Sundays and legal holidays excepted; and the Secretary of
1311 the State shall forthwith present the engrossed copy of each bill to the
1312 Governor for approval.

1313 (c) *Records of Transmittal*. The Secretary of the State shall give the
1314 clerks a receipt for each bill or resolution, and shall notify them of the
1315 date and hour at which each bill was presented to the Governor. The
1316 Secretary of the State shall give the Governor a receipt showing the
1317 date and hour at which the Governor approved it or returned it to the
1318 Secretary of the State with a statement of his or her objections and shall
1319 notify the clerks of the dates and hours. The clerks shall record the
1320 dates and hours of presentation and approval or return in the journals
1321 of the House and Senate.

1322 (d) *Immediate Transmittal*. The chamber last taking action on a bill,
1323 before engrossing, may order immediate transmittal of the bill to the
1324 Governor, in which case the clerk of that chamber shall forthwith
1325 present the bill to the Governor, taking a duplicate receipt therefor
1326 showing the date and hour at which the bill was deposited in the
1327 executive office, one of which receipts the clerk shall deliver to the
1328 Secretary of the State. Except as provided in this subsection, a bill shall
1329 be transmitted to the Governor only after engrossing.

1330 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS NOT REPORTED**

1331 27. The official copies of all bills and joint resolutions not reported
1332 by committees shall be delivered to the Secretary of the State by the
1333 clerk of the committee.

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DISTURBANCES

1335 28. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity
1336 in or about the State Capitol or the grounds thereof which, in the
1337 opinion of the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker, may impede
1338 the orderly transaction of the business of the General Assembly or any
1339 of its committees, they may take whatever action they deem necessary
1340 to preserve and restore order.

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AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES

1342 29. These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except
1343 by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present in each
1344 chamber.

1345 Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.

1346 Suspension of the rules shall be for a specified purpose. Upon
1347 accomplishment of that purpose, any rule suspended shall be again in
1348 force.

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RESTRICTIONS

1350 30. (a) *Smoking*. No person shall smoke in the State Capitol or
1351 Legislative Office Building.

1352 (b) *Nonpartisan Offices*. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the
1353 Legislative Commissioners' Office, the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the
1354 Office of Legislative Research but not from the legislative library.

1355 (c) *Wireless Telephones*. No person shall operate a wireless
1356 telephone or similar device in the senate chamber while the senate is
1357 meeting, in the house chamber while the house is meeting, or in any
1358 room while a committee is meeting or holding a public hearing in that
1359 room.

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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

1361 31. When a collective bargaining agreement, negotiated under the
1362 provisions of chapter 68 of the general statutes, or a supplemental
1363 understanding reached between the parties to such agreement, or an
1364 arbitration award resulting from an arbitration proceeding under that
1365 chapter, is submitted to the General Assembly for approval as
1366 provided in section 5-278 of the general statutes, the following
1367 procedures shall apply:

1368 (1) In the case of a collective bargaining agreement or supplemental
1369 understanding, the bargaining representative of the employer shall file
1370 one executed original and five photocopies of the agreement, or of the
1371 master agreement and individual working agreements or the
1372 supplemental understanding, to the clerk of the House, and one
1373 executed original and five photocopies to the clerk of the Senate. In the
1374 case of an arbitration award, the bargaining representative of the
1375 employer shall file five photocopies of the original arbitration award,
1376 showing that the original award was signed by the arbitrator, and a
1377 statement setting forth the amount of funds necessary to implement
1378 the award, to the clerk of the House and to the clerk of the Senate. The
1379 bargaining representative of the employer shall file with such
1380 agreement, supplemental understanding or award: (A) A list of the
1381 sections of the general statutes or state agency regulations, if any,
1382 proposed to be superseded, and (B) the effective date and expiration
1383 date of the agreement, supplemental understanding or award. An
1384 agreement shall be deemed executed only when it has been approved,
1385 in the case of an executive branch employer, including the division of
1386 criminal justice, by the Governor's designee, in the case of a judicial
1387 branch employer, by the chief administrative officer or such officer's
1388 designee, and in the case of a segment of the system of higher
1389 education, the chairperson of the appropriate board of trustees, and by
1390 the executive committee or officers of the respective bargaining unit or
1391 units and has been ratified by the membership of such bargaining unit
1392 or units.

1393 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the

1394 agreement or supplemental understanding or the award shall be filed
1395 with the clerks, and the clerks shall stamp such agreement or
1396 supplemental understanding or award with the date of receipt and,
1397 within two calendar days thereafter, the Speaker of the House and the
1398 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall cause separate House and
1399 Senate resolutions to be prepared proposing approval of the agreement
1400 or supplemental understanding or, in the case of an award, separate
1401 House and Senate resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for
1402 implementation of the award. The agreement or supplemental
1403 understanding or the award shall be submitted to the General
1404 Assembly on the date that both such resolutions are filed with the
1405 clerks. Each resolution shall be given a first reading in the appropriate
1406 chamber. Resolutions proposing approval of a collective bargaining
1407 agreement or a supplemental understanding, together with a copy of
1408 the agreement or supplemental understanding, and resolutions
1409 concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation of an
1410 arbitration award, together with a copy of the award, shall be referred
1411 to the committee on Appropriations. With respect to each resolution
1412 referred to the committee on or before the deadline of the committee to
1413 report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule
1414 shown in Rule 15, the committee shall hold a public hearing on each
1415 such resolution, and within fifteen days after the referral, shall report
1416 the appropriate resolutions approving or disapproving the agreement
1417 or supplemental understanding or concerning the sufficiency of funds
1418 for implementation of the award to the House and the Senate,
1419 notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15. If the Appropriations
1420 committee fails to take action within the time period set forth in this
1421 rule, the agreement or supplemental understanding shall nevertheless
1422 be deemed approved or, in the case of an award, the sufficiency of
1423 funds affirmed and the resolutions shall be reported to the House and
1424 the Senate as favorable reports.

1425 (B) If an agreement or supplemental understanding is reached or an
1426 arbitration award is made during the interim between sessions, the
1427 provisions of subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, as

1428 amended, shall apply.

1429 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1430 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate
1431 chamber. Copies of the master agreement and individual working
1432 agreements, identified by the resolution numbers, copies of the salary
1433 schedules and appendices, and copies of the arbitration awards,
1434 identified by the resolution numbers, and the statements setting forth
1435 the amount of funds necessary to implement the awards, shall be made
1436 available in the clerks' offices.

1437 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1438 agreement, supplemental understanding and award and a fiscal note
1439 both of which shall be upon the desks of the members, but not
1440 necessarily printed in the files, before the resolution is acted upon.

1441 (5) The respective resolutions shall be in the files and on the
1442 calendar with a file number for two session days and shall be starred
1443 for action on the session day next succeeding unless it has been
1444 certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The
1445 House and the Senate shall vote to approve or reject each resolution
1446 proposing approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a
1447 supplemental understanding and each resolution concerning the
1448 sufficiency of funds for implementation of an arbitration award within
1449 thirty days after the date of the filing of the agreement, supplemental
1450 understanding or award with the clerks of the House and Senate.

1451 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when a resolution
1452 proposing approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a
1453 supplemental understanding or a resolution concerning the sufficiency
1454 of funds for implementation of an arbitration award is referred to the
1455 committee on Appropriations after the deadline of the committee to
1456 report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule
1457 shown in Rule 15, but was filed more than thirty days before the end of
1458 a regular session, the committee may act on such resolutions provided
1459 it reports such resolutions to the House and Senate not later than

1460 twelve days after such referral.

1461 (7) If the General Assembly is in regular session when an award,
1462 agreement or supplemental understanding is filed with the clerks, it
1463 may vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or supplemental
1464 understanding within thirty days after the date of filing. If the General
1465 Assembly does not vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or
1466 supplemental understanding within such thirty days, the award,
1467 agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed approved.
1468 If the regular session adjourns prior to such thirtieth day and the
1469 award, agreement or supplemental understanding has not been acted
1470 upon, the award, agreement or supplemental understanding shall be
1471 deemed to be filed on the first day of the next regular session.

1472 AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS UNDER SECTION 3-125a

1473 32. When an agreement or stipulation is submitted to the General
1474 Assembly as provided in section 3-125a of the general statutes, the
1475 following procedures shall apply:

1476 (1) Six copies of the agreement or stipulation shall be submitted to
1477 the clerk of the House, and six copies to the clerk of the Senate.

1478 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1479 agreement or stipulation shall be stamped by the clerks with the date
1480 of receipt and, within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays,
1481 Sundays and holidays excepted, the Speaker of the House and the
1482 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall cause separate House and
1483 Senate resolutions to be prepared proposing approval of the agreement
1484 or stipulation. Each resolution shall be given a first reading in the
1485 appropriate chamber. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
1486 shall designate the committees of cognizance and the committees, if
1487 any, that will hold a public hearing on each agreement or stipulation.
1488 Each resolution, accompanied by the agreement or stipulation, shall be
1489 referred to the committees of cognizance, which shall report thereon.

1490 (B) If an agreement or stipulation is submitted during the interim
1491 between regular sessions, it shall be deemed to be submitted on the
1492 first day of the next regular session.

1493 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1494 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate
1495 chamber.

1496 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1497 agreement or stipulation and a fiscal note both of which shall be upon
1498 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed in the files,
1499 before the resolution is acted upon.

1500 (5) The resolution shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file
1501 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the
1502 session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in accordance
1503 with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the Senate
1504 may vote to approve or reject each resolution within thirty days of the
1505 date of submittal of the agreement or stipulation.

1506 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when an agreement
1507 or stipulation is referred to a committee of cognizance after the
1508 deadline of the committee to report favorably on a bill or resolution as
1509 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, but not later than the
1510 time of submission specified in subdivision (7) of this rule, the
1511 committee may act on such resolution provided it reports such
1512 resolution not later than twelve days after such referral.

1513 (7) Any agreement or stipulation submitted to the clerks within
1514 thirty days before the end of a regular session and not acted upon
1515 dispositively before the end of such session shall be deemed to be
1516 submitted on the first day of the next regular session.

1517 **SPECIAL SESSIONS**

1518 33. A majority of the total membership of each chamber shall be
1519 required for the calling of a special session by the General Assembly.

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INTERIM

1521 34. (a) *Meetings*. During the interim between sessions, chairpersons
1522 of a committee may schedule meetings on any day. Notice of the date,
1523 time and place of committee meetings shall be given to the Office of
1524 Legislative Management.

1525 (b) *Public Hearings*. A committee may hold subject matter public
1526 hearings on any subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed
1527 resolutions, and on committee and raised bills and resolutions. Notice
1528 of any public hearing shall be given, not later than ten calendar days
1529 before the hearing, to the Office of Legislative Management for
1530 appropriate publication by that office at least five calendar days in
1531 advance of the hearing. The notice shall contain the date, time, place
1532 and general subject matter of the hearing and the title of the bills or
1533 resolutions, if any, to be considered. In no event shall a bill or
1534 resolution be listed for a public hearing unless the committee holding
1535 the public hearing has copies available for the public. For the purpose
1536 of meeting the hearing requirements under this rule, the day of
1537 publication by the Office of Legislative Management and the day of the
1538 hearing shall both be counted as full days.

1539 (c) *Raised Bills - Hearing During Session Required*. In the interim
1540 between the 2009 and 2010 sessions, a committee may, after October 1,
1541 2009, raise bills and resolutions for public hearing and consideration in
1542 the interim but no such bill or resolution shall be reported by any
1543 committee unless a public hearing has been held during the 2010
1544 session, notice of which has been given, as provided in subsection (b)
1545 of this rule, on or after February 3, 2010.