RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

Resolved by the Senate:

That the following are the Senate Rules for the 2023 and 2024 sessions:

1. The President shall take the chair on each session day, at the hour to which the Senate stands adjourned. The President shall thereupon call the Senate to order and after prayer and recitation of the pledge of allegiance, if a quorum is present, proceed to business.

2. In the absence of a quorum, the President may adjourn the Senate to a subsequent time on that day or to the next session day. At all other times an adjournment shall be pronounced by the President on motion.

3. The President shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide all questions of order, upon which no debate shall be allowed except at the request of the President; but the decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Senate which must be seconded and on which no member shall speak more than once. No other business shall be in order until such appeal is disposed of.
4. The President shall rise to put a question or to address the Senate, but may read sitting.

5. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity in or about the chamber which, in the opinion of the presiding officer, may impede the orderly transaction of the business of the Senate, the presiding officer may take such action as is deemed necessary to preserve and restore order.

6. If the President while presiding, wishes to leave the chair, the President Pro Tempore shall preside, or, in the absence of the President Pro Tempore, the President Pro Tempore's designee shall preside for a period not exceeding one day.

7. Within one week after appointment, the President Pro Tempore shall nominate a chaplain and up to three deputy chaplains, and if such nominations are confirmed by the Senate by a majority vote, the candidates so nominated and confirmed shall serve for the 2023 and 2024 sessions.

8. The clerk shall keep a journal of the Senate, and shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings and record any amendment that may be offered to any bill or resolution.

9. (a) Upon acceptance of a Senate agenda, the clerk's office shall act upon the items listed as indicated and shall incorporate the items by reference in the Senate journal and Senate transcript. The clerk shall keep a Calendar on which he or she shall enter daily (1) all bills and joint resolutions received from the House for action except (a) bills and resolutions which do not have a favorable or unfavorable report of a joint committee which shall, upon being read by the clerk, be referred without further action to the appropriate committee, (b) all bills and joint resolutions received from the House for action by the Senate which have not been referred by the Senate to any committee, and (2) all bills and resolutions favorably reported to the Senate from any committee; and these shall be entered on the Calendar in the order in which they
are received. Each joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution and each bill so entered shall be printed and in the files and on the Calendar, with a file number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the session day next succeeding, except that:

(A) A resolution may be acted on in accordance with Rule 17(b) of the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives,

(B) A bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the Senate with the consent of the speaker; and if filed in the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with the consent of the President Pro Tempore,

(C) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this rule, any bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, may be acted upon immediately in the first house, may be transmitted immediately to the second house and may be acted upon immediately when received by the second house,

(D) If the Senate rejects an amendment adopted by the House, the bill or resolution after final action by the Senate may be transmitted immediately to the House, or if the House rejects an amendment adopted by the Senate, the bill or resolution when received from the House may be placed immediately on the Calendar,

(E) During the last five calendar days of the session, if the Senate rejects an amendment adopted by the House, or adopts a Senate amendment to a bill or resolution received from the House, or takes any action on the bill or resolution requiring further action by the House, the bill or resolution after final action by the Senate, may be transmitted immediately to the House, or if the House rejects an amendment adopted by the Senate or adopts a House amendment to a bill or resolution received from the Senate, or takes any action on the bill or resolution requiring further action by the Senate, the bill or resolution when received from the House may be placed immediately on the
calendar and may be acted upon immediately,

(F) During the last five calendar days of the session, any bill or resolution after final action by the Senate may be transmitted immediately to the House, or

(G) During the last five calendar days of the session, any bill or resolution received by the Senate after final action by the House may be placed on the Calendar immediately.

(b) All bills and resolutions starred for action shall be acted upon only when reached in their regular order, and any bill or resolution passed over when so reached shall retain its place on the Calendar unless it is passed temporarily, put on the foot of the Calendar or its consideration is made the order of the day for some specified time.

(c) The clerk shall immediately provide an electronic notice of the filing, in either chamber, and number of any emergency certified bill introduced by the President Pro Tempore and the speaker, certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, that is the biennial budget bill or a bill that amends or implements the biennial budget bill to the members of the Senate. No such emergency certified bill may be marked ready for action or acted upon less than twelve hours following the provision of such electronic notice.

(d) On any day that is not scheduled as a session day, there shall be a pro forma session, with or without the presence of a senator, for purposes of transacting business of a procedural nature. There shall be a written motion to adopt the day's Senate agenda and act on all items as indicated and incorporate the items by reference into the Senate journal and Senate transcript. Said motion shall be read into the record and shall have the same force and effect as if the Senate were convened with a presiding officer and senator.

10. The clerk shall retain all bills, resolutions and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration,
107 until the right of reconsideration has expired, and no longer.

108 11. The clerk shall also keep a record of all petitions, resolutions, and
109 bills for all acts which are presented for the consideration of the Senate,
110 and said record shall be so kept as to show by a single reference the
111 action of the Senate on each of them to that date.

112 12. The assistant clerk shall have the same powers and perform the
113 same duties as the clerk, subject to the direction of the clerk. The bill
114 clerk and the journal clerk shall perform such duties as are assigned to
115 them by the clerk.

116 13. The clerk shall cause the journals and calendars to be distributed
117 on the desks of the members daily, before the opening of the session.

118 14. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question
119 without leave of the Senate, except to explain.

120 15. No member who is interested in the decision of any question in
121 such manner that he or she cannot vote thereon may stay in the chamber
122 when such question is discussed or decided.

123 16. If a member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules and
124 order of the Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call such
125 member to order; and if speaking, such member shall sit down, unless
126 permitted to explain; and if a member is guilty of a breach of any of the
127 rules and orders, such member may be required by the Senate, on
128 motion, to make satisfaction therefor, and until satisfaction has been
129 made, shall not be allowed to vote or speak except by way of excuse.

130 17. If a candidate for the Senate notifies the clerk on or before the
131 opening day of the session that such candidate contests the results of the
132 election for his or her district, a committee of three shall be appointed
133 by the President Pro Tempore within the first two days of the session. If
134 a candidate for the Senate in a special election notifies the clerk no later
135 than fourteen days following such election that such candidate contests
136 the results of the election for his or her district, a committee of three shall
be appointed by the President Pro Tempore no later than sixteen days
following such election. The committee shall take into consideration
such contested election and report the facts with its opinion thereon.

18. The majority leader shall be elected by the members of the
majority party in the Senate. The other leaders of the majority party in
the Senate and the chairperson and vice chairpersons of each standing
committee shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
Senate. Chairpersons and vice chairpersons shall serve at the pleasure
of the President Pro Tempore and the majority leader. The clerks of the
standing committees and the chairpersons of the subcommittees thereof
shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the respective committees
with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The
minority leader shall be elected by the members of the minority party in
the Senate and the other leaders of the minority party in the Senate shall
be appointed by the minority leader. The minority leader shall appoint
ranking minority members to each standing committee. Such ranking
members shall serve at the pleasure of the minority leader. All standing
committee members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
by the fifth regular session day of the first year of the term, except to fill
a vacancy caused by death or incapacity or resignation from the Senate
or from a committee; and except that the President Pro Tempore may
appoint any member elected after the fifth regular session day of the
first year of the term to any committee within five calendar days after
the member takes the oath of office. Not more than nine senators shall
be appointed to any standing committee, except that the joint standing
committee on Judiciary shall consist of not more than eleven senators
and the joint standing committees on Appropriations and Finance,
Revenue and Bonding shall consist of not more than thirteen senators.
The member first named shall be chairperson. The chairperson of each
committee may appoint one of the members of the committee as clerk
thereof. All Senate leaders, standing committee assignments,
chairpersons, vice chairpersons and clerks and subcommittee
chairpersons shall serve for both the 2023 and the 2024 sessions.
170  19. The order of business shall be as follows:

171  1. Reception of petitions.

172  2. Reception of communications from the Governor, secretary of
    the state, annual and biennial reports, interim committee reports and reports.

175  3. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

176  4. Reports of committees.

177  5. Reception of business from the House.


180  8. Miscellaneous business.

181  9. Resolutions removed from consent calendar.

20. Before any petition or resolution is received, a brief statement of
its object shall be made by the introducer.

21. When a motion is made, it shall be stated to the Senate by the
President before any debate is had thereon, and every motion shall be
reduced to writing if the President so directs or any member desires it.

22. When a motion is stated by the President, or read by the clerk, it
shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Senate. It may be
withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment, but
not after amendment, unless the Senate gives leave.

23. If the question under debate consists of two or more independent
propositions any member may move to have the question divided. The
President shall rule on the order of voting on the division of a question.

24. (a) The yeas and nays shall be cast on the roll call machine or
through use of the electronic remote voting system on all final action on
bills on the regular calendar and on all other questions at the desire of
one-fifth of the members present, expressed at any time before a
declaration of the vote. A vote may only be cast using the electronic
remote voting system from the Legislative Office Building or State
Capitol.

(b) Exceptions to this rule shall be allowed as to how and where the
yeas and nays are cast and recorded as follows:

(1) In the case that the roll call machine or electronic remote voting
system is not functioning properly, the roll may be called by the clerk;
or

(2) If the electronic remote voting system is not functioning properly
and there is a member who is unwilling or unable to be in the chamber,
such member may vote remotely from the Legislative Office Building or
State Capitol in writing, citing the LCO number of the bill, resolution or
amendment or the number of the consent calendar upon which the vote
is cast and signed by the member's hand. Such written remote vote shall
be delivered by a runner selected by the member's caucus to the
presiding officer before the roll call is announced. The presiding officer
shall announce the result of any such vote by such member as indicated
in the member's written remote vote and such vote shall be included in
the roll call vote announced after the receipt of such vote. No voice vote
may be made by written remote vote. The clerk shall retain each written
remote vote until the end of the regular session in which the vote was
cast.

25. Whenever the result of a vote as stated by the presiding officer is
doubted, it shall be taken again by rising.

26. When a vote has been taken, it shall be in order for any senator on
the prevailing side to move for a reconsideration thereof on the day of
the vote or on the next succeeding session day, if the bill is still in the
possession of the Senate; provided also that there shall be no
reconsideration of the following motions: To adjourn, for the previous question or to reconsider, and no question shall be twice reconsidered.

27. Pairs may be made by senators whose votes if they were present would be cast on opposite sides of any question, by filing with the clerk of the Senate a memorandum, containing the names of the senators, and their votes, who are thus paired and the subject matter or matters to which such pairs apply. Senators making any such pairs shall be excused from voting upon the merits of the matters involved while the pair continues, but no pairs shall operate while both of the senators paired are present.

28. Persons, other than members of the General Assembly, shall not be permitted on the chamber floor while the Senate is in session. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the chamber floor on any day during which the Senate is in session except during a public hearing in the chamber. This rule shall not apply to the staff of the General Assembly, to any state or municipal official or member of the media who has been given permission to be on the chamber floor by the President of the Senate, President Pro Tempore, majority leader or minority leader, or to persons invited to the chamber for purposes of recognition or ceremony. Other persons who desire to speak with a member of the Senate while it is in session shall communicate such desire through one of the messengers and shall not converse with such member in the chamber while the Senate is in session.

29. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except:

1. To adjourn.

2. To recess.

3. For the previous question.

4. To close the debate at a specified time.
5. To pass temporarily.

6. To pass retain.

7. To postpone to a certain time.

8. To commit or recommit.

9. To divide the question.

10. To amend.

11. To refer to another committee.

12. To postpone indefinitely.

13. To place at foot of calendar.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order listed in this rule, and no motion to commit or recommit, to continue to the next General Assembly or to postpone indefinitely, having been once decided, shall be again allowed at the same session and at the same state of the bill or subject matter.

30. (a) Amendments shall be filed with the clerk of the Senate before 12 noon on the day the bill is acted upon. Exceptions to this rule shall be allowed: (1) Upon approval of any two of the following: The President Pro Tempore, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate; or (2) in the case of bills or resolutions not starred for action or bills or resolutions reported in accordance with subdivision (1) of paragraph (d) of Rule 15 of the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(b) Upon approval of an amendment pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the sponsor of the amendment shall cause a copy of the signed approval to be provided electronically or by hand to a designated leader or staff member of the other party.
(c) Any member who offers an amendment, originating in the Senate which, if adopted, would reduce state revenues or increase state expenditures by a specified amount or which would involve a significant fiscal impact, shall make available to the President, President Pro Tempore, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the Senate at the time the amendment is offered, in addition to a fiscal note, a signed and typewritten explanation, of the decrease in expenditures or the source of the increased revenues required to balance the state budget.

(d) Whenever a bill or resolution is substantively amended, it may be referred to the legislative commissioners to be re-examined for the purposes set forth in Rule 13 of the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives and to be reprinted as amended. The legislative commissioners' office shall complete its examination of any such bill within three calendar days of its receipt. It shall then be printed in the files with a file number and marked on the calendar starred for action on the session day on which it appears.

31. There shall be a consent calendar on which shall be entered such bills and resolutions as the majority and minority leaders of the respective house shall designate. All bills and resolutions starred for action on the consent calendar shall be passed on motion without discussion unless, at any time before voting has commenced, a member requests removal of a bill or resolution from the consent calendar in which case such bill or resolution shall be so removed.

32. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the 2010 edition of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the Senate whenever applicable and whenever they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the Senate or the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

33. The rules of the Senate shall take precedence over the joint rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives or Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure in the event of conflict.
34. No person shall smoke in the chamber or the gallery.

35. (a) These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except by vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

(b) Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day. Suspension of a rule shall be for a specified purpose; after the accomplishment of such purpose, the rule shall remain in force as before.

36. Every member present in the chamber when a question is put by the presiding officer shall vote, unless excused under Rule 15.

37. If deemed necessary in the opinion of the President Pro Tempore due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, each member or other person present in or about the chamber shall maintain a cloth face covering or mask over the member's or person's nose and mouth. This rule does not apply to a member who is in the chamber and is addressing the chair and able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from any other member or person. For purposes of this rule, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.