
HOUSE RESOLUTION 4695

State of Washington

54th Legislature

1995 Regular Session

By Representative Foreman

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1 WHEREAS, The 1995 First Special Session of the Fifty-fourth
2 Legislature is drawing to a close; and

3 WHEREAS, It is necessary to provide for the continuation of the
4 work of the House after its adjournment and during the interim periods
5 between legislative sessions;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Executive Rules Committee,
7 created by this resolution and consisting of five members, may assign
8 subject matters and bills, memorials, and resolutions to authorized
9 committees for study during the interim, and the Speaker may create
10 special and select committees as may be necessary to carry out the
11 functions, including interim studies, of the House in an orderly manner
12 and appoint members to them with the approval of the Executive Rules
13 Committee; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the interim the Executive Rules
15 Committee shall authorize schedules and locations for meetings of any
16 authorized committee or subcommittee, and those committees or
17 subcommittees may conduct hearings and scheduling without a quorum
18 being present; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the interim, authorized
20 committees have the power of subpoena, the power to administer oaths,
21 and the power to issue commissions for the examination of witnesses in

1 accordance with chapter 44.16 RCW if and when specifically authorized
2 by the Executive Rules Committee for specific purposes and specific
3 subjects; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall complete the work of the Fifty-fourth Legislature
6 during interim periods, and all details that arise therefrom, including
7 the editing, indexing, and publishing of the journal of the House; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk shall see that the
9 House Chamber, adjoining rooms, members' offices, furniture, and
10 equipment are clean and in good order, and make the necessary inventory
11 of furnishings, fixtures, and supplies; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk may approve vouchers
13 of the members of the House, covering expenses incurred during the
14 interim for official business of the Legislature or in preparation for
15 the sessions of the Legislature and organizational duties in connection
16 with them, at the per diem rate provided by RCW 44.04.120, for each day
17 or major portion of a day, plus mileage at the rate established by law;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk shall, during the
20 interim, and as authorized by the Speaker, retain or hire any necessary
21 employees, order necessary supplies, equipment, and printing to enable
22 the House to carry out its work promptly and efficiently, and accept
23 committee reports, committee bills, prefiled bills, memorials, and
24 resolutions as directed by the Rules of the House and by Joint Rules of
25 the Legislature if any are adopted; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk shall make out the
27 necessary vouchers upon which warrants are drawn for the final payment
28 of all expenses in connection with the closing business and for any
29 other business of the House of Representatives; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Treasurer shall draw
31 warrants for the payment of salaries, per diem, in-lieu payments, and
32 reimbursements of and to the members of the House of Representatives,
33 the elected officers of the House of Representatives, and the employees
34 each month upon vouchers approved by the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of
35 the House of Representatives, and shall also deliver the warrants to
36 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for delivery or mailing
37 to those entitled to the warrants; and

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Speaker and the Chief Clerk may
39 authorize the attendance of members and staff members at such courses

1 or meetings as may be deemed pertinent and may authorize the
2 expenditure of registration or tuition fees and reimbursement for
3 subsistence and travel for that purpose; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That members of the Legislature be
5 reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending such conferences,
6 meetings, and continuing education courses at the rate prescribed by
7 RCW 44.04.120, plus mileage to and from the conferences, meetings, and
8 courses at the rate established by law, except that if travel was by
9 means of common carrier then only actual fare may be claimed, which
10 reimbursement shall be paid on their vouchers from any appropriation
11 made to the House of Representatives for legislative expenses; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That employees of the Legislature be
13 reimbursed for expense incurred in attending such conferences,
14 meetings, and continuing education courses at the rate prescribed by
15 RCW 43.03.050, plus mileage to and from the conferences, meetings, and
16 courses at the rate established by law, except that if travel was by
17 means of common carrier then only actual fare may be claimed, which
18 reimbursement shall be paid on their vouchers out of funds appropriated
19 for legislative expenses; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during the interim periods the use of
21 the House Chamber, any of its committee rooms, members' offices, or any
22 of the furniture or furnishings in them, shall not be granted to anyone
23 without the permission of the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of the House
24 of Representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk may express the
26 sympathy of the House by sending flowers when the necessity arises; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution applies throughout the
28 Fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly.

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