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Definitions

2 **Rule 1.** "Absent" means an unexcused failure to attend.

3 "((Assembly)) Term" means the two-year term during which the
4 members as a body may act.

5 "Session" means a constitutional gathering of the ((assembly))
6 house in accordance with Article 2 ú 12 of the state Constitution.

7 "Committee" means any standing, conference, joint, or select
8 committee ((of the house)) as so designated by rule or resolution.

9 "Bill" means bill, joint memorial, joint resolution, or
10 concurrent resolution unless the context indicates otherwise.

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Chief Clerk to Call to Order

12 **Rule 2.** It shall be the duty of the chief clerk of the
13 previous ((assembly)) term to call the ((assembly)) house to order
14 and to conduct the proceedings until a speaker is chosen.

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Election of Officers

16 **Rule 3.** The house shall elect the following officers at the
17 commencement of each ((assembly)) term: Its presiding officer, who
18 shall be styled speaker of the house; a speaker pro tempore, who
19 shall serve in absence or in case of the inability of the speaker;
20 and a chief clerk of the house. Such officers shall hold office
21 during all sessions until the convening of the succeeding
22 ((assembly)) term: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any of these offices may

1 be declared vacant by the vote of a constitutional majority of the
2 house, the members voting viva voce and their votes shall be entered
3 on the journal. If any office is declared vacant, the house shall
4 fill such vacant office as hereinafter provided. In all elections by
5 the house a constitutional majority shall be required, the members
6 shall vote viva voce and their votes shall be entered on the journal.
7 (Art. II ú 27)

8 **Powers and Duties of the Speaker**

9 **Rule 4.** The speaker shall have the following powers and
10 duties:

11 (A) The speaker shall take the chair and call the house to
12 order precisely at the hour appointed for meeting and if a quorum be
13 present, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read and
14 shall proceed with the order of business.

15 (B) The speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and in case
16 of any disturbance or disorderly conduct within the chamber or
17 legislative area, shall order the sergeant at arms to suppress the
18 same and may order the sergeant at arms to remove any person creating
19 any disturbance within the house chamber or legislative area.

20 (C) The speaker may speak to points of order in preference to
21 other members, arising from the seat for that purpose, and shall
22 decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the house by
23 any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once
24 without leave of the house.

25 (D) The speaker shall sign all bills in open session. (Art. II
26 ú 32)

27 (E) The speaker shall sign all writs, warrants and subpoenas

1 issued by order of the house, all of which shall be attested to by
2 the chief clerk.

3 (F) The speaker shall have the right to name any member to
4 perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall neither
5 extend beyond adjournment nor authorize the representative so
6 substituted to sign any documents requiring the signature of the
7 speaker.

8 (G) ~~((In appointing the committee members to standing
9 committees, the speaker shall name members in the same ratio as the
10 membership of the respective parties in the house. Committee members
11 shall be selected by each party's caucus. The majority party caucus
12 shall select all committee chairs. Members of the rules committee
13 will be selected in the same manner and same ratio as provided above,
14 and the speaker shall serve as the chair of the rules committee.
15 Other committee memberships shall be selected by the respective
16 caucuses, unless otherwise provided by law, on a basis of statutory
17 and geographical representation; otherwise, the same ratio between
18 the parties will prevail in the selection of other committee
19 members.))~~ The speaker, in open session, shall appoint committee
20 chairs from the majority party of the house and shall appoint members
21 to committees in the same ratio as the membership of the respective
22 parties of the house, unless otherwise provided by law or house
23 rules.

24 (H) The speaker shall serve as chair of the rules committee.

25 (I) The speaker shall have charge of and see that all officers,
26 attaches and clerks perform their respective duties.

27 ~~((+I))~~ (J) The speaker pro tempore shall exercise the duties,
28 powers and prerogatives of the speaker in the event of the speaker's
29 death, illness, removal or inability to act until the speaker's

1 successor shall be elected.

2 **Chief Clerk**

3 **Rule 5.** The chief clerk shall perform the usual duties
4 pertaining to the office, and shall hold office until a successor has
5 been elected.

6 The chief clerk shall employ, upon the recommendation of the
7 employment committee and subject to the approval of the speaker, all
8 other house employees; the hours of duty and assignments of all house
9 employees shall be under the chief clerk's directions and
10 instructions, and they may be dismissed by the chief clerk with the
11 approval of the speaker. The speaker shall sign and the chief clerk
12 shall countersign all payrolls and vouchers for all expenses of the
13 house and appropriately transmit the same. In the event of the chief
14 clerk's death, illness, removal or inability to act, the speaker may
15 appoint an acting chief clerk who shall exercise the duties and
16 powers of the chief clerk until the chief clerk's successor shall be
17 elected.

18 **Duties of Employees**

19 **Rule 6.** Employees of the house shall perform such duties as
20 are assigned to them by the chief clerk. Under no circumstances
21 shall the compensation of any employee be increased for past
22 services. No house employee shall seek to influence the passage or
23 rejection of proposed legislation.

24 ~~((Admittance to the Floor))~~ Admission to the House

25 **Rule 7.** It shall be the general policy of the house to keep

1 the chamber clear as follows:

2 ~~((A) Except as provided otherwise in subsection (B) of this~~
3 ~~rule, the following persons shall be entitled to admittance to the~~
4 ~~third and fourth floor of the house chamber (excluding the~~
5 ~~galleries):~~

6 1. ~~Senate officers and members of the senate.~~

7 2. ~~Persons in the exercise of official duty directly~~
8 ~~connected with the business of the house.~~

9 3. ~~Reporters who have been designated by the speaker and~~
10 ~~who have received press cards of admittance, subject to revocation.~~

11 4. ~~Former members of the legislature not advocating any~~
12 ~~pending or proposed legislation, upon presentation of cards of~~
13 ~~admittance issued by the speaker and subject to revocation.~~

14 5. ~~The immediate family of members, upon presentation of~~
15 ~~cards of admittance issued by the speaker or speaker pro tempore and~~
16 ~~subject to revocation, may be admitted when the house is not in~~
17 ~~session.~~

18 6. ~~Other persons, upon presentation of cards of admittance~~
19 ~~issued by the speaker and subject to revocation, may be admitted~~
20 ~~except for one-half hour prior to the convening of each day's session~~
21 ~~and for one-half hour immediately following adjournment each day the~~
22 ~~house is in session.~~

23 ~~(B) No lobbyist, Washington state employee or public official~~
24 ~~shall be admitted to the house chamber either when the house is in~~
25 ~~session or one-half hour immediately prior to convening and one-half~~
26 ~~hour following the adjournment of its daily session, except with the~~
27 ~~consent of the speaker.))~~

28 (A) The sergeant at arms shall admit only
29 the following individuals to the wings and adjacent areas of the
30 house chamber for the period of time beginning one-half hour prior to
31 convening and ending one-half hour following the adjournment of the
house's daily session:

1 a direct vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members elected to each
2 house with such vote recorded and entered upon the journal. (Art. II
3 ú 36)

4 Any member or member-elect may prefile a bill with the chief
5 clerk commencing ~~((thirty (30)))~~ twenty (20) days before any session.
6 Prefiled bills shall be introduced on the first legislative day.

7 All bills shall be endorsed with a statement of the title and
8 the name of the member or members introducing the same. The chief
9 clerk shall attach to all bills a substantial cover bearing the title
10 and sponsors and shall number each bill in the order filed. All bills
11 shall be printed unless otherwise ordered by the house.

12 Any bill introduced at any session during the ~~((assembly))~~ term
13 shall be eligible for action at all subsequent sessions during the
14 ~~((assembly))~~ term.

15 ~~((Amendatory Bills -- Form~~

16 ~~**Rule 10.**— Bills intended to amend existing statutes shall have
17 the words underlined which are amendatory to such existing statutes.
18 Any matter to be deleted from the existing statutes shall be
19 indicated by lining out such matter with a broken line and enclosing
20 the lined out material within double parentheses. No bill shall be
21 printed or acted upon until the provisions of this rule have been
22 complied with.~~

23 ~~New sections need not be underlined but shall be designated "NEW
24 SECTION.".)~~

25 **Reading of Bills**

26 ~~**Rule ((11)) 10.** Every bill shall be read on three separate days:
27 PROVIDED, That this rule may be temporarily suspended at any time by~~

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1 a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present; and that on and after
2 the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any
3 session, as determined pursuant to Article II, Section 12 of the
4 state Constitution((7)) or concurrent resolution, or on and after the
5 third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as
6 established by concurrent resolution, this rule may be suspended by
7 a majority vote.

8 (A) FIRST READING. The first reading of a bill shall be by
9 title only, unless a majority of the members present demand a reading
10 in full.

11 After the first reading the bill shall be referred to an
12 appropriate committee (~~or committees. Bills referred to more than~~
13 ~~one committee shall be considered consecutively by the committees in~~
14 ~~the order set forth in the referral motion)).~~

15 Upon being reported out of committee, all bills shall be
16 referred to the rules committee(~~. However, bills referred to more~~
17 ~~than one committee, upon being reported out of committee, shall be~~
18 ~~transmitted to the next committee as set forth in the referral~~
19 ~~motion)), unless otherwise ordered by the house.~~

20 The rules committee may, by majority vote, refer any bill in its
21 possession to a committee for further consideration. Such referral
22 shall be reported to the house and entered in the journal under the
23 fifth order of business.

24 (B) SECOND READING. Upon second reading, the bill number and
25 short title and the last line of the bill shall be read unless a
26 majority of the members present shall demand its reading in full.
27 The bill shall be subject to amendment section by section. (~~No bill~~
28 ~~shall be considered for second reading unless a calendar of bills for~~
29 ~~second reading and copies of any amendment made by a committee have~~
30 ~~been distributed to each member no later than 8:00 p.m. on the second~~
31 ~~day preceding such consideration unless otherwise directed by the~~
32 ~~rules committee.)) No amendment shall be considered by the house~~

1 until it has been sent to the chief clerk's desk in writing,
2 distributed to the desk of each member and read by the clerk. All
3 amendments adopted during second reading shall be securely fastened
4 to the original bill. All amendments rejected by the house shall be
5 passed to the minute clerk, and the journal shall show the
6 disposition of such amendments.

7 When no further amendments shall be offered, the speaker shall
8 declare the bill has passed its second reading.

9 (C) SUBSTITUTE BILLS. When a committee reports a substitute
10 for an original bill with the recommendation that the substitute bill
11 do pass, it shall be in order to read the substitute the first time
12 and have the same printed. A bill for which a substitute has been
13 recommended by a standing committee may not be subject to another
14 substitute report by a committee that subsequently considers it.
15 Amendments to a recommended substitute may be adopted and reported by
16 such committee.

17 A motion for the substitution shall not be in order until the
18 second reading of the original bill.

19 (D) THIRD READING. Only the last line of bills shall be read
20 on third reading unless a majority of the members present demand a
21 reading in full. No amendments to a bill shall be received on third
22 reading but it may be referred or recommitted for the purpose of
23 amendment.

24 (E) SUSPENSION CALENDAR. Bills may be placed on the second
25 reading suspension calendar by the rules committee if at least two
26 minority party members of the rules committee join in such motion.
27 Bills on the second reading suspension calendar shall not be subject
28 to amendment or substitution except as recommended in the committee
29 report. When a bill is before the house on the suspension calendar,
30 the question shall be to adopt the committee recommendations and
31 advance the bill to third reading. If the question fails to receive

1 a two-thirds vote of the members present, the bill shall be referred
2 to the rules committee for second reading. ~~((If a bill on the
3 suspension calendar has been reported by more than one committee, the
4 question for consideration by the house shall be as directed by the
5 rules committee.))~~

6 (F) ~~((FLOOR))~~ HOUSE RESOLUTIONS. ~~((Floor))~~ House resolutions
7 shall be filed with the chief clerk who shall transmit them to the
8 rules committee. If a rules committee meeting is not scheduled to
9 occur prior to a time necessitated by the purpose of a house
10 resolution, the majority leader and minority leader by agreement may
11 waive transmission to the rules committee to permit consideration of
12 the resolution by the house. The rules committee may adopt ~~((floor))~~
13 house resolutions by a sixty percent majority vote of its entire
14 membership or may, by a majority vote of its members, place them on
15 the motions calendar for consideration by the house.

16 (G) CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS. Reading of concurrent resolutions
17 may be advanced by majority vote.

18 **Amendments**

19 **Rule ~~((12))~~ 11.** The right of any member to offer amendments to
20 proposed legislation shall not be limited except as provided in Rule
21 ~~((11))~~ 10(E) and as follows:

22 (A) AMENDMENTS TO BE OFFERED IN PROPER FORM. The chief clerk
23 shall establish the proper form for amendments and all amendments
24 offered shall bear the name of the member who offers the same, as
25 well as the number and section of the bill to be amended.

26 (B) COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS. When a bill is before the house on
27 second reading, amendments adopted by committees and recommended to

1 the house shall be acted upon by the house before any amendments that
2 may be offered from the floor.

3 (C) SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS. A house bill, passed by
4 the senate with amendment or amendments which shall change the scope
5 and object of the bill, upon being received in the house, shall be
6 referred to appropriate committee and shall take the same course as
7 for original bills unless a motion not to ~~((non-concur))~~ concur is
8 adopted prior to the bill being referred to committee.

9 (D) AMENDMENTS TO BE GERMANE. No motion or proposition on a
10 subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted
11 under color of amendment; and no bill or resolution shall at any time
12 be amended by annexing thereto or incorporating therein any other
13 bill or resolution pending before the house.

14 (E) SCOPE AND OBJECT NOT TO BE CHANGED. No amendment to any
15 bill shall be allowed which shall change the scope and object of the
16 bill. (Art. II ú 38)

17 (F) NO AMENDMENT BY REFERENCE. No act shall ever be revised or
18 amended without being set forth at full length. (Art. II ú 37)

19 (G) TITLE AMENDMENTS. ~~((All amendments to the title of a bill,
20 which do not amend the subject matter statement may be adopted by a
21 single motion.))~~ The title of a bill shall not be amended in
22 committee or on second reading. Changes to that part of the title
23 after the subject matter statement shall be incorporated by the chief
24 clerk in the engrossing process.

25 **Final Passage**

26 **Rule ~~((13))~~ 12.** Rules relating to bills on final passage are as

1 follows:

2 (A) RECOMMITMENT BEFORE FINAL PASSAGE. A bill may be
3 recommitted at any time before its final passage.

4 (B) FINAL PASSAGE. No bill shall become a law unless on its
5 final passage the vote be taken by yeas and nays, the names of the
6 members voting for and against the same be entered on the journal of
7 each house, and a majority of the members elected to each house be
8 recorded thereon as voting in its favor. (Art. II ú 22)

9 (C) BILLS PASSED - CERTIFICATION. When a bill passes, it shall
10 be certified to by the chief clerk, said certification to show the
11 date of its passage together with the vote thereon.

12 **Hour of Meeting, Roll Call and Quorum**

13 **Rule ~~((14))~~ 13.** (A) HOUR OF MEETING. The speaker shall call
14 the house to order each day of sitting at ~~((11:00))~~ 10:00 A.M.,
15 unless the house shall have adjourned to some other hour.

16 (B) ROLL CALL AND QUORUM. Before proceeding with business, the
17 roll of the members shall be called and the names of those absent or
18 excused shall be entered on the journal. A majority of all the
19 members elected must be present to constitute a quorum for the
20 transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, seven members
21 with the speaker, or eight members in the speaker's absence, having
22 chosen a speaker pro tempore, shall be authorized to demand a call of
23 the house and may compel the attendance of absent members in the
24 manner provided in Rule ~~((22))~~ 21(B). For the purpose of determining
25 if a quorum be present, the speaker shall count all members present,
26 whether voting or not. (Art. II ú 8)

1 (C) The house shall adjourn not later than 10:00 P.M. of each
2 working day. This rule may be suspended by a majority vote.

3 **Daily Calendar and Order of Business**

4 **Rule ~~((15))~~ 14.** The rules relating to the daily calendar and
5 order of business are as follows:

6 (A) DAILY CALENDAR. ~~((The rules committee shall have charge of
7 the daily calendar of the house and shall direct the chief clerk of
8 the order in which the business of the house shall be: PROVIDED,
9 That:~~

10 ~~(1) By motion under the eighth order of business, a bill in the
11 rules committee may be placed on the calendar by the affirmative vote
12 of a majority of all members of the house.~~

13 ~~(2) Messages from the senate, governor or other state officials
14 may be read at any time.~~

15 ~~(B) ORDER OF BUSINESS.))~~ Business of the house shall be
16 disposed of in the following order:

17 First: Roll call, presentation of colors, prayer and
18 approval of the journal of the preceding day.

19 Second: Introduction of visiting dignitaries.

20 Third: Messages from the senate, governor and other state
21 officials.

22 Fourth: Introduction and first reading of bills, memorials,
23 joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions.

24 Fifth: Committee reports.

25 Sixth: Second reading of bills.

26 Seventh: Third reading of bills.

27 Eighth: Floor resolutions and motions.

28 Ninth: Presentation of petitions, memorials and remonstrances

1 addressed to the Legislature.

2 Tenth: Introduction of visitors and other business to be
3 considered.

4 Eleventh: Announcements.

5 ~~((The order of business may be changed by a majority vote of
6 those present.~~

7 ~~(C))~~ (B) UNFINISHED BUSINESS. The unfinished business at
8 which the house was engaged preceding adjournment shall not be taken
9 up until reached in regular order, unless the previous question on
10 such unfinished business has been ordered prior to said adjournment.

11 (C) EXCEPTIONS. Exceptions to the order of business are as
12 follows:

13 (1) The order of business may be changed by a majority vote of
14 those present.

15 (2) By motion under the eighth order of business, a bill in the
16 rules committee may be placed on the calendar by the affirmative vote
17 of a majority of all members of the house.

18 (3) House resolutions and messages from the senate, governor,
19 or other state officials may be read at any time.

20 **Motions**

21 **Rule ~~((16))~~ 15.** Rules relating to motions are as follows:

22 (A) MOTIONS TO BE ENTERTAINED OR DEBATED. No motion shall be
23 entertained or debated until announced by the speaker and every
24 motion shall be deemed to have been seconded. A motion shall be
25 reduced to writing and read by the clerk, if desired by the speaker
26 or any member, before it shall be debated and by the consent of the
27 house may be withdrawn before amendment or action.

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1 (B) MOTIONS IN ORDER DURING DEBATE. When a motion has been
2 made and seconded and stated by the chair, the following motions are
3 in order, in the rank named:

4 (1) Privileged motions:

5 Adjourn
6 Adjourn to a time certain
7 Recess to a time certain
8 Reconsider
9 Demand for division
10 Question of privilege
11 Orders of the day

12 (2) Subsidiary motions:

13 First rank: Question of consideration
14 Second rank: To lay on the table
15 Third rank: For the previous question
16 Fourth rank: To postpone to a day certain
17 To commit or recommit
18 To postpone indefinitely
19 Fifth rank: To amend

20 (3) Incidental motions:

21 Points of order and appeal
22 Method of consideration
23 Suspension of the rules
24 Reading papers
25 Withdraw a motion
26 Division of a question

27 (C) THE EFFECT OF POSTPONEMENT - MOTIONS TO POSTPONE OR COMMIT.

28 Once decided, no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or
29 to postpone indefinitely (~~being decided~~) shall again be allowed on
30 the same day and at the same stage of the proceedings. When a

1 question has been postponed indefinitely, it shall not again be
2 introduced during the session. The motion to postpone indefinitely
3 may be made at any stage of the bill except when on first reading.

4 (D) MOTIONS DECIDED WITHOUT DEBATE. A motion to adjourn, to
5 recess, to lay on the table and to call for the previous question
6 shall be decided without debate.

7 All incidental motions shall be decided without debate, except
8 that members may speak to points of order and appeal as provided in
9 Rule ~~((23))~~ 22.

10 A motion for suspension of the rules shall not be debatable
11 except that the mover of the motion may briefly explain the purpose
12 of the motion and one member may briefly state the opposition to the
13 motion.

14 (E) MOTION TO ADJOURN. A motion to adjourn shall always be in
15 order, except when the house is voting or is working under the call
16 of the house; but this rule shall not authorize any member to move
17 for adjournment when another member has the floor.

18 **Members Right to Debate**

19 **Rule ~~((17))~~ 16**. The methods by which a member may exercise his
20 or her right to debate are as follows:

21 (A) RECOGNITION OF MEMBER. When any member desires to speak in
22 debate or deliver any matter to the house, the member shall rise and
23 respectfully address the speaker and pause until recognized.

24 (B) ORDER OF SPEAKING. When two or more members arise at once,
25 the speaker shall name the one who is to speak.

26 (C) LIMITATION OF DEBATE. No member shall speak longer than

1 ten (10) minutes without consent of the house: PROVIDED, That on and
2 after the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any
3 session, as determined pursuant to Article II, Section 12 of the
4 state Constitution(~~(7)~~) or concurrent resolution, or on and after the
5 third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as
6 established by concurrent resolution, no member shall speak more than
7 three (3) minutes without the consent of the house. No member
8 shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the
9 house: PROVIDED, That the chair of the committee or the mover of the
10 question may close debate if it is consistent with Rule (~~(19)~~) 18
11 (Previous Question).

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Rules of Debate

13 **Rule (~~(18)~~) 17.** The rules for debate in the house are as
14 follows:

15 (A) QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE. Any member may rise to a question
16 of privilege and explain a personal matter, by leave of the speaker,
17 but the member shall not discuss any pending question in such
18 explanations.

19 (B) WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION, BILL, ETC. After a motion is stated
20 by the speaker or a bill, memorial, resolution, petition or
21 remonstrance is read by the clerk, it shall be deemed to be in
22 possession of the house, but may be withdrawn by consent of the house
23 at any time before decision or amendment.

24 (C) READING OF A PAPER. When the reading of any paper is
25 called for and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined
26 by a vote of the house.

27 (D) DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS. Any materials of any nature

1 distributed to the members' desks on the floor shall be subject to
2 approval by the speaker and shall bear the name of at least one
3 member granting permission for the distribution. This shall not
4 apply to materials normally distributed by the chief clerk.

5 (E) ORDER OF QUESTIONS. All questions, whether in committee or
6 in the house, shall be propounded in the order in which they are
7 named except that in filling blanks, the largest sum and the longest
8 time shall be put first.

9 (F) DIVISION OF POINTS OF DEBATE. Any member may call for a
10 division of a question which shall be divided if it embraces subjects
11 so distinct that one being taken away a substantive proposition shall
12 remain for the decision of the house; but a motion to strike out and
13 to insert shall not be divided. The rejection of a motion to strike
14 out and to insert one proposition shall not prevent a motion to
15 strike out and to insert a different proposition.

16 (G) DECORUM OF MEMBERS. While the speaker is putting the
17 question, no member shall walk across or out of the house; nor when
18 a member is speaking shall any member entertain private discourse or
19 pass between the speaking member and the rostrum.

20 (H) REMARKS CONFINED. A member shall confine all remarks to
21 the question under debate and avoid personalities. No member shall
22 impugn the motive of any member's vote or argument.

23 (I) EXCEPTION TO WORDS SPOKEN IN DEBATE. If any member be
24 called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling the
25 member to order shall repeat the words excepted to and they shall be
26 taken down in writing at the clerk's table. No member shall be held
27 in answer or be subject to the censure of the house for words spoken
28 in debate if any other member has spoken before exception to them
29 shall have been taken.

1 (J) TRANSGRESSION OF RULES - APPEAL. If any member, in
2 speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the house the
3 speaker shall, or any member may, call the member to order, in which
4 case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down unless
5 permitted to explain; and the house shall, if appealed to, decide the
6 case without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the chair
7 shall ~~((be submitted to))~~ prevail.

8 If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, the
9 member shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case
10 shall require it, the member shall be liable to the censure of the
11 house.

12 **Ending of Debate - Previous Question**

13 **Rule ~~((19))~~ 18.** The previous question may be ordered by a two-
14 thirds (2/3) vote of the members present on all recognized motions or
15 amendments which are debatable ~~((by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the~~
16 ~~members present))~~.

17 The previous question is not debatable and cannot be amended.

18 The previous question shall be put in this form: "Representative
19 _____ demands the previous question. As many as are in favor of
20 ordering the previous question will say 'Aye'; as many as are opposed
21 will say 'No'."

22 The results of the motion are as follows: If determined in the
23 negative, the consideration goes on as if the motion had never been
24 made; if decided in the affirmative it shall have the effect of
25 cutting off all debate and bringing the house to a direct vote upon
26 the motion or amendment on which it has been ordered: PROVIDED
27 HOWEVER, That when a bill is on final passage or when the motion to
28 postpone indefinitely is pending, one of the sponsors of the bill or
29 the chair of the committee may have the privilege of closing debate
30 after the previous question has been ordered.

1 interest in any bill or measure proposed or pending before the
2 legislature shall disclose the fact to the house of which he is a
3 member, and shall not vote thereon. ~~((#))~~ (Art. II ú 30)

4 (E) INTERRUPTION OF ROLL CALL. Once begun, the roll call may
5 not be interrupted. No member or other person shall visit or remain
6 at the clerk's desk while the yeas and nays are being called.

7 (F) YEAS AND NAYS - RECORDED VOTES. Upon the final passage of
8 any bill, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays and shall be
9 recorded by the electric voting system: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That an
10 oral roll call shall be ordered when demanded by one-sixth (1/6) of
11 the members present. (Art. II ú 21)

12 The speaker may vote last when the yeas and nays are called.

13 When the vote is by electric voting machine or by oral roll call
14 on any question, it shall be entered upon the journal of the house.
15 A recorded vote may be compelled by one-sixth (1/6) of the members
16 present. A request for a recorded vote must be made before the vote
17 is commenced.

18 (G) TIE VOTE, QUESTION LOSES. In case of an equal division,
19 the question shall be lost.

20 (H) DIVISION. If the speaker is in doubt, or if division is
21 called for by any member, the house shall divide.

22 **Reconsideration**

23 **Rule ~~((21))~~ 20.** Notice of a motion for reconsideration on the
24 final passage of bills shall be made on the day the vote to be
25 reconsidered was taken and before the house has voted to transmit the
26 bill to the senate.

27 Reconsideration of the votes on the final passage of bills must

1 be taken on the next working day after such vote was taken:
2 PROVIDED, That on and after the fifth day prior to the day of
3 adjournment sine die of any session, as determined pursuant to
4 Article II, Section 12 of the state Constitution, or concurrent
5 resolution, or on and after the third day prior to the day a bill
6 must be reported from the house as established by concurrent
7 resolution, then reconsideration of votes on the final passage of
8 bills must be taken on the same day as the original vote was taken.

9 A motion to reconsider an amendment may be made at any time the
10 bill remains on second reading.

11 Any member who voted on the prevailing side may move for
12 reconsideration or give notice thereof.

13 A motion to reconsider can be decided only once when decided in
14 the negative.

15 When a motion to reconsider has been carried, its effect shall
16 be to place the original question before the house in the exact
17 position it occupied before it was voted upon.

18 **Call of the House**

19 **Rule ((22)) 21.** One-sixth (1/6) of the members present may
20 demand a call of the house at any time before the house has divided
21 or the voting has commenced by yeas and nays.

22 (A) DOORS TO BE CLOSED. When call of the house has been
23 ordered, the sergeant at arms shall close and lock the doors, and no
24 member shall be allowed to leave the chamber: PROVIDED, That the
25 rules committee shall be allowed to meet, upon request of the
26 speaker, while the house stands at ease: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That
27 the speaker may permit members to use such portions of the fourth
28 floor as may be properly secured.

29 (B) SERGEANT AT ARMS TO BRING IN THE ABSENTEES. The clerk

1 shall immediately call a roll of the members and note the absentees,
2 whose names shall be read and entered upon the journal in such manner
3 as to show who are excused and who are absent without leave.

4 The clerk shall furnish the sergeant at arms with a list of
5 those who are absent without leave, and the sergeant at arms shall
6 proceed to bring in such absentees; but arrests of members for
7 absence shall not be made unless ordered by a majority of the members
8 present.

9 (C) HOUSE UNDER CALL. While the house is under a call, no
10 business shall be transacted except to receive and act on the report
11 of the sergeant at arms; and no other motion shall be in order except
12 a motion to proceed with business under the call of the house or a
13 motion to excuse absentees. The motion to excuse absent members
14 shall not be adopted unless a majority of the members elected vote in
15 favor thereof.

16 ~~((D) CALL OF HOUSE RAISED WHEN ABSENTEES RETURN. When the~~
17 ~~sergeant at arms shall make a report showing that all who were absent~~
18 ~~without leave are present, the call of the house may be dispensed~~
19 ~~with.))~~

20 **Appeal from Decision of Chair**

21 **Rule ((23)) 22.** The decision of the chair may be appealed from
22 by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once
23 unless by leave of the house. In all cases of appeal, the question
24 shall be: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of
25 the house?"

26 **Standing Committees**

1 (A) NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING. The chief clerk shall make
2 public the time, place and subjects to be discussed at committee
3 meetings. All public hearings held by committees shall be scheduled
4 at least five (5) days in advance and shall be given adequate
5 publicity: PROVIDED, That when less than eight (8) days remain for
6 action on a bill, the Speaker may authorize a reduction of the
7 five-day notice period when required by the circumstances, including
8 but not limited to the time remaining for action on the bill, the
9 nature of the subject, and the number of prior hearings on the
10 subject.

11 (B) COMMITTEE QUORUM. A majority of any committee shall
12 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

13 (C) SESSION MEETINGS. No committee shall sit while the house
14 is in session without special leave of the speaker.

15 (D) DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

16 (1) Only such bills as are included on the written notice
17 of a committee meeting may be considered at that meeting except upon
18 the vote of a majority of the entire membership of the committee to
19 consider another bill.

20 (2) A majority recommendation of a committee must be
21 signed by a majority of the entire membership of the committee in a
22 regularly called meeting before a bill, memorial or resolution may be
23 reported out: PROVIDED, That by motion under the eighth order of
24 business, a majority of the members elected to the house may relieve
25 a committee of a bill and place it on the second reading calendar.

26 Majority recommendations of a committee can only be "do pass",
27 "do pass as amended" or that "the substitute bill be substituted
28 therefor and that the substitute bill do pass."

29 (3) ~~((Minority reports "do not pass" or "without
30 recommendation" may be submitted with the majority report.))~~ Members
31 of the committee not concurring in the majority report may prepare a

1 written minority report containing a ~~((different))~~ recommendation of
2 "do not pass" or "without recommendation", which shall be signed by
3 those members of the committee subscribing thereto, and submitted
4 with the majority report.

5 (4) All committee reports shall be spread upon the
6 journal. The journal of the house shall contain an exact copy of all
7 committee reports, together with the names of the members signing
8 such reports.

9 (5) Every vote to report a bill out of committee shall be
10 taken by the yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting for
11 and against, as well as the names of members absent, shall be
12 recorded on the committee report and spread upon the journal. Any
13 member may call for a recorded vote, which shall include the names of
14 absent members, on any substantive question before the committee. A
15 copy of all recorded committee votes shall be kept by the chief clerk
16 and shall be available for public inspection.

17 (6) All bills having a direct appropriation shall be
18 referred to the appropriate fiscal committee before their final
19 passage. For purposes of this subsection, ~~((\pm))~~fiscal committee~~((\pm))~~
20 means the appropriations, capital ~~((facilities and financing))~~
21 budget, revenue, and transportation committees.

22 (7) No standing committee shall vote by secret written
23 ballot on any issue.

24 (8) During its consideration of or vote on any bill,
25 resolution or memorial, the deliberations of any standing committee
26 of the house of representatives shall be open to the public.

27 **~~((Free Conference Committee Report~~**

28 **Rule 26.** ~~No floor vote may be taken on any free conference~~
29 ~~report within twenty-four (24) hours of its placement on each~~
30 ~~member's desk, unless the free conference committee made no changes~~
31 ~~in the bill as it was last acted upon by the house.))~~

1 **Standing Committees - Expenses - Subpoena Power**

2 **Rule 25.** Regardless of whether the legislature is in session,
3 members of the house may receive from moneys appropriated for the
4 legislature, reimbursement for necessary travel expenses, and
5 payments in lieu of subsistence and lodging for conducting official
6 business of the house.

7 The standing committees of the house may have the powers of
8 subpoena, the power to administer oaths, and the power to issue
9 commissions for the examination of witnesses in accordance with the
10 provisions of chapter 44.16 RCW. Before a standing committee of the
11 house may issue any process, the committee chairperson shall submit
12 for approval of the executive rules committee a statement of purpose
13 setting forth the name or names of those subject to process. The
14 process shall not be issued prior to approval by the executive rules
15 committee. The process shall be limited to the named individuals.

16 **Vetoed Bills**

17 **Rule ((27)) 26.** Veto messages of the governor shall be read in
18 the house and entered upon the journal. It shall then be in order to
19 proceed to reconsider the bill, refer it, lay it on the table, or
20 postpone its consideration to a day certain.

21 The merits of the bill may be debated before the vote is taken,
22 but the vote on a vetoed bill cannot be reconsidered.

23 In case of a bill containing several sections or items, one or
24 more of which has been objected to by the governor, each section or
25 item so objected to shall be voted upon separately by the house.
26 Action by the house upon all vetoed bills shall be endorsed upon the
27 bill and certified by the speaker.

28 Vetoed bills originating in the house, which have not been
29 passed notwithstanding the veto of the governor, shall remain in the

1 custody of the officers of the house until the close of the
2 ~~((assembly))~~ term, after which they shall be filed with the secretary
3 of state.

4 **Suspension of Compensation**

5 **Rule ~~((28))~~ 27.** (1) Any member of the house of representatives
6 convicted and sentenced for any felony punishable by death or by
7 imprisonment in a Washington state penal institution shall, as of the
8 time of sentencing, be denied the legislative salary for future
9 service and be denied per diem, compensation for expenses, office
10 space facilities and assistance. Any member convicted of a felony
11 and sentenced therefor under any federal law or the law of any other
12 state shall, as of the time of sentencing, be similarly denied such
13 salary, per diem, expenses, facilities and assistance if either (a)
14 such crime would also constitute a crime punishable under the laws of
15 Washington by death or by imprisonment in a state penal institution,
16 or (b) the conduct resulting in the conviction and sentencing would
17 also constitute a crime punishable under the laws of Washington by
18 death or by imprisonment in a state penal institution.

19 (2) At any time, the house may vote by a constitutional
20 majority to restore the salary, per diem, expenses, facilities, and
21 assistance denied a member under subsection (1). If the conviction
22 of a member is reversed, then the salary, per diem, and expense
23 amounts denied the member since ~~((his))~~ sentencing shall be forthwith
24 paid ~~((to him))~~, and the member shall thereafter have the rights and
25 privileges of other members.

26 ~~**((Standing Rules Amendment**~~

27 ~~**Rule 29.** Any standing rule or order of the house may be~~
28 ~~rescinded or changed by a majority vote of the members elected:~~

~~((Temporary))~~ Permanent Rules of the House, 1993

1 ~~PROVIDED, That the proposed change or changes be submitted at least~~
2 ~~one day in advance in writing to the members together with notice of~~
3 ~~the consideration thereof.~~

4 ~~Any standing rule of order or business may be suspended~~
5 ~~temporarily by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present:~~
6 ~~PROVIDED, That on and after the fifth day prior to the day of~~
7 ~~adjournment sine die of any session, as determined pursuant to~~
8 ~~Article II, Section 12 of the state Constitution, or concurrent~~
9 ~~resolution, or on and after the third day prior to the day a bill~~
10 ~~must be reported from the house as established by concurrent~~
11 ~~resolution, bill reading may be advanced by majority vote. (Rule~~
12 ~~11))~~

13 **Smoking**

14 **Rule ((30)) 28.** Smoking of cigarettes, pipes or cigars shall not
15 be permitted at any public meeting of any committee of the house of
16 representatives or within ((the)) House ((Chamber)) facilities.

17 "No smoking" signs shall be posted ((in all committee rooms of
18 the house of representatives)) so as to give notice of this rule.

19 **Parliamentary Rules**

20 **Rule ((31)) 29.** The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in
21 Reed's Parliamentary Rules shall govern all cases in which they are
22 not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house.

23 **Standing Rules Amendment**

24 **Rule 30.** Any standing rule may be rescinded or changed by a
25 majority vote of the members elected: PROVIDED, That the proposed

((Temporary)) Permanent Rules of the House, 1993

1 change or changes be submitted at least one day in advance in writing
2 to the members together with notice of the consideration thereof.

3 **Rules to Apply for Assembly**

4 **Rule ((32)) 31.** The permanent house rules adopted at the
5 beginning of the ((assembly)) term are to govern all acts of the
6 house during the course of the ((assembly)) term unless amended or
7 repealed.

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