

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94-4678, by Representatives Peery and Ballard

1                   PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2                                   FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
3   1993-1994

4   **Reading of Bills**

5           **Sec. I.** HR 4608 Rule 10 is amended to read as follows:

6           **Rule 10.** Every bill shall be read on three separate days:  
7 PROVIDED, That this rule may be temporarily suspended at any time by  
8 a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present; and that on and after  
9 the fifth day prior to the day of adjournment sine die of any  
10 session, as determined pursuant to Article II, Section 12 of the  
11 state Constitution or concurrent resolution, or on and after the  
12 third day prior to the day a bill must be reported from the house as  
13 established by concurrent resolution, this rule may be suspended by  
14 a majority vote.

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

18           After the first reading the bill shall be referred to an  
19 appropriate committee.

20           Upon being reported out of committee, all bills shall be  
21 referred to the rules committee, unless otherwise ordered by the  
22 house.

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

27           (B) SECOND READING. Upon second reading, the bill number and

1 short title and the last line of the bill shall be read unless a  
2 majority of the members present shall demand its reading in full.  
3 The bill shall be subject to amendment section by section. No  
4 amendment shall be considered by the house until it has been sent to  
5 the chief clerk's desk in writing, distributed to the desk of each  
6 member and read by the clerk. All amendments adopted during second  
7 reading shall be securely fastened to the original bill. All  
8 amendments rejected by the house shall be passed to the minute clerk,  
9 and the journal shall show the disposition of such amendments.

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

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

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

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

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

1 advance the bill to third reading. If the question fails to receive  
2 a two-thirds vote of the members present, the bill shall be referred  
3 to the rules committee for second reading.

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

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

16 **Standing Committees**

17 **Sec. II.** HR 4608 Rule 23 is amended to read as follows:

18 **Rule 23.** The standing committees of the house and the number  
19 of members that shall serve on each committee shall be as follows:

20	1.	Agriculture & Rural Development . . . . .	10
21	2.	Appropriations . . . . .	27
22	3.	Capital Budget . . . . .	15
23	4.	Commerce & Labor . . . . .	9
24	5.	Corrections . . . . . ((9))	10
25	6.	Education . . . . .	19
26	7.	Energy & Utilities . . . . .	9
27	8.	Environmental Affairs . . . . .	14
28	9.	Financial Institutions & Insurance . . . . .	16
29	10.	Fisheries & Wildlife . . . . .	9
30	11.	Health Care . . . . .	16

1	12.	Higher Education . . . . .	18
2	13.	Human Services . . . . .	<del>((11))</del> <u>12</u>
3	14.	Judiciary . . . . .	17
4	15.	Local Government . . . . .	<del>((12))</del> <u>11</u>
5	16.	Natural Resources & Parks . . . . .	11
6	17.	Revenue . . . . .	16
7	18.	Rules . . . . .	18
8	19.	State Government . . . . .	9
9	20.	Trade, Economic Development & Housing . . . . .	14
10	21.	Transportation . . . . .	27

11 Committee members shall be selected by each party's caucus. The  
12 majority party caucus shall select all committee chairs.

13 **Standing Rules Amendment**

14 **Sec. III.** HR 4608 Rule 30 is amended to read as follows:

15 **Rule 30.** Any standing rule may be rescinded or changed by a  
16 majority vote of the members elected: PROVIDED, That the proposed  
17 change or changes be submitted at least one day in advance in writing  
18 to the members together with notice of the consideration thereof.  
19 Any standing rule may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds (2/3)  
20 vote of the members present except as provided in Rule 10.

21 **Legislative Mailings**

22 **Sec. IV.** HR 4608 is amended by adding a new rule to read as  
23 follows:

24 **Rule 32.** The house of representatives directs the house  
25 executive rules committee to adopt procedures and guidelines to  
26 ensure that all legislative mailings at public expense are for  
27 legitimate legislative purposes. With respect to member mailings to

1 constituents, these policies and guidelines shall ensure that:

2 (A) All mailings are subject to applicable provisions of the  
3 code of ethics established in Rules 1 through 9 of the joint rules of  
4 the legislature.

5 (B) Within the twelve months preceding the expiration of a  
6 member's term of office, identical mailings are limited as follows:  
7 One mailing mailed within thirty days after the start of the regular  
8 legislative session and one mailing mailed within sixty days after  
9 the end of the regular legislative session. For purposes of this  
10 rule, an identical mailing is a mailing of identical content in  
11 excess of two hundred pieces not mailed in response to a constituent  
12 contact.

13 (C) Within the twelve months preceding the expiration of a  
14 member's term of office, individual letters are limited as follows:  
15 A member may mail to an individual constituent a letter or other  
16 information, including the member's opinion, on a matter relevant to  
17 legislative business if the member has a reasonable belief that the  
18 constituent is interested in that matter.

19 (D) The total cost of each member's mailings, including  
20 production costs, printing costs, and postage, are limited by an  
21 annual expenditure level established by the house executive rules  
22 committee.