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5 On page 2, after line 12, insert the following:

6 **"Duties of Committees**

7 **Rule 24.** House committees shall operate as follows:

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

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

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

21 (D) DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

32 Majority recommendations of a committee can only be "do pass", "do
33 pass as amended" or that "the substitute bill be substituted therefor

1 and that the substitute bill do pass."

2 (3) Members of the committee not concurring in the majority report
3 may prepare a written minority report containing a recommendation of
4 "do not pass" or "without recommendation", which shall be signed by
5 those members of the committee subscribing thereto, and submitted with
6 the majority report.

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

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

18 (6) All bills having a direct appropriation or a fiscal impact in
19 excess of fifty thousand dollars shall be referred to the appropriate
20 fiscal committee before their final passage. For purposes of this
21 subsection, fiscal committee means the appropriations, capital budget,
22 finance, and transportation committees.

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

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

28 (9) A standing committee to which a bill was originally referred
29 shall, prior to voting the bill out of committee, consider whether the
30 bill authorizes rule-making powers or requires the exercise of rule-
31 making powers and, if so, consider:

32 (a) The nature of the new rule-making powers; and

33 (b) To which agencies the new rule-making powers would be delegated
34 and which agencies, if any, may have related rule-making powers."

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