SENATE RESOLUTION 8601

By Senators Riccelli and Short

1	WHEREAS, The Facilities and Operations Committee has the		
2	authority to determine whether physically convening all members and		
3	staff in a single location could present a danger to health or safety		
4	of the participants and requires continued operational changes to		
5	adhere to public health guidance during the 2025 legislative session		
6	and		
7	WHEREAS, Permanent Senate Rule 70 establishes a process by which		
8	the Senate will adopt a resolution establishing the rules and		
9	procedures to govern floor and committee action for such a		
10	legislative session;		
11	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of		
12	Washington, That the following be adopted as the Emergency		
13	Parliamentary Rules of the Sixty-Ninth Legislature:		
14	"EMERGENCY PARLIAMENTARY RULES		
15	OF THE SENATE		
16	SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE		
17	2025		
18	SECTION I: GENERAL		
19	Rule A Public Health Measures.		
20	Rule B Interpretation of Permanent Senate Rules.		
21	SECTION II: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES		

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1	Rule C	Remote Voting.	
2	Rule D	Call of the Senate.	
3	Rule E	Relieving Rules Committee of Bills.	
4	Rule F	Floor Amendments.	
5	SECTION III: COMMITTEES		
6	Rule G	Committee Procedures.	
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8	GENERAL		
9	Public Health Measures		
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Senate Session Guidelines adopted Committee, including any subsequent Senate Administration. These guided distancing, and COVID-19 isolation (2)(a) Regular floor action with only the number of member Facilities and Operations Committee Session Guidelines. (b) Committee hearings and remotely. (3) Public access to the Sensiball be determined by the Facilities and floor proceedings with the sensible committee and floor proceedings with the sen	by the Facilities and Operations t amendments and as implemented by elines govern mask-wearing, social procedures. Il occur in a hybrid remote format is present as determined by the ee and subject to the 2023 Senate executive action will be held ate galleries during floor action ties and Operations Committee. All ill be broadcast to the public viase to ensure public access. (See	
25	Article II, Section 11 of the state	e Constitution.)	
26	Interpretation of Pe	ermanent Senate Rules	
27 28 29 30 31	Resolution, the Permanent Rules of 2025, will govern. The President procedures to facilitate legislative manner in light of the ongoing emer	natter is not addressed in this of the Senate adopted January 13, at will interpret all rules and we business in a fair and efficient agency and remote session.	
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34	Remote	Voting	

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- c. (1) Members will record their vote using the remote voting system. The clerk will close electronic voting and announce each member's vote individually. The President will call on those members who are present but have not yet voted. The President will then provide members a final opportunity to be recognized and change their votes. The clerk will then announce the vote.
- (2) In accordance with Senate Rule 22, once begun, a roll call vote will not be interrupted because a member participating remotely has connectivity issues. However, if a majority of members elected is no longer present due to connectivity issues, a majority of those still present may defer consideration of a bill, adjourn, or recess the Senate until a quorum can be reestablished.

13 Call of the Senate

D. A call of the Senate may be moved by the majority or minority floor leader and sustained by three Senators. If carried by a majority of those present, the Secretary shall call the roll, after which the names of the absentees shall again be called. The business of the Senate will be suspended until the absent senators are considered within the bar of the Senate for such action as the Senate may deem proper. A call of the Senate may not interrupt a roll call vote, and no penalties shall be sustained for members experiencing connectivity issues.

Relieving Rules Committee of Bills

E. The Senate may relieve the Rules Committee of a bill with the consent of a majority of the Senate, provided that two hours' notice has been given to the President and all members of the Senate by the majority leader. The majority leader will consult with the President prior to giving such notice.

Floor Amendments

F. Any floor amendments must be submitted electronically by a member to the Secretary of the Senate for consideration. Each floor amendment shall be submitted in a separate email with the number of the bill to be amended included in the subject line of the email. Floor amendments received after second reading on the bill has begun shall not be in order.

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- **G.** (1) All committees will meet remotely, except that, after consultation with the President, the majority leader may choose to hold a Rules Committee meeting in person. A member shall be considered in attendance at a committee hearing if the member is participating through a remote access program established by the Secretary of the Senate as provided in Senate Rule 70.
- (2) Committee voting will be done through recorded roll call votes with the results transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate via electronic means. Members must be present and visible to be eligible to vote during the executive session. Voting will not be allowed "subject to signatures."
- (3) Electronic reports of standing committees must be received one hour prior to convening of the session in order to be read at said session. This requirement may be suspended by a majority of the Senate. This rule does not apply to reports of biennial or supplemental omnibus operating appropriations act, omnibus capital appropriations act, or omnibus transportation appropriations act bills.

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