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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HOUSE RULES.

Resolved by this House:

1 That the following shall be the rules to regulate the proceedings of
2 the House of Representatives for the 2021 and 2022 sessions:

3 THE SPEAKER

4 1. The speaker shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the
5 House has adjourned and shall immediately call the House to order and,
6 after prayer and recitation of the pledge of allegiance, proceed to
7 business if a quorum is present in the House Chamber.

8 During a declaration by the Governor of a public health or civil
9 preparedness emergency related to COVID-19, or at any other time
10 deemed necessary by the speaker for public health reasons related to
11 COVID-19, every member logged into the House of Representatives
12 electronic voting system shall be considered present for the purpose of
13 determining whether a quorum is present if the member is present in
14 the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building or has received
15 permission pursuant to Rule 49.

16 2. In the absence of a quorum, the speaker may adjourn the House to
17 a later time or to the next session day. At all other times an adjournment
18 shall be pronounced by the speaker on motion.

19 3. The speaker shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide all
20 questions of order and discipline, upon which no debate shall be
21 allowed except at the speaker's request, but the decision shall be subject
22 to an appeal to the House, which must be seconded and on which no
23 member shall speak more than once. No other business shall be in order
24 until the disposition of such appeal.

25 4. The speaker shall rise to put a question or to address the House.

26 5. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity in
27 or about the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building which, in the
28 opinion of the speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the
29 business of the House of Representatives, the speaker may take such
30 action as the speaker deems necessary to preserve and restore order.

31 6. If the speaker wishes to leave the chair, a deputy speaker or a
32 member may be designated by the speaker to perform the duties of the
33 chair.

34 7. If the speaker or a deputy speaker or the member named by the
35 speaker in accordance with the preceding rule, is absent at the hour to
36 which the House has adjourned, the clerk shall call the House to order
37 and first business shall be the election of an acting speaker, which shall
38 be done immediately without debate, by ballot or otherwise, as the
39 House shall determine, also without debate; and the person thus elected
40 shall preside in the House and discharge all the duties of the speaker
41 until the speaker's return. In the case of the death, resignation or
42 permanent disability of the speaker, a deputy speaker shall then call the
43 House to order and the first business shall be the election of a speaker,
44 which the House shall immediately proceed to do without debate. The
45 person thus elected shall immediately assume the duties of speaker
46 during the continuance of the General Assembly.

47 DEPUTY SPEAKERS

48 8. There shall be such deputy speakers as determined and appointed
49 by the speaker of the House. The speaker shall designate a deputy
50 speaker to assume the duties of the speaker in the speaker's absence.

51 CHAPLAIN AND DEPUTY CHAPLAINS

52 9. Within one week after the appointment of the speaker, the speaker
53 shall nominate a chaplain and up to three deputy chaplains, and if such
54 nominations are confirmed by the House by a majority vote, the
55 candidates so nominated and confirmed shall serve for the regular
56 sessions and any special sessions during the 2021-2022 legislative term.

57 CLERK

58 10. The clerk shall keep a journal of the House, and shall enter therein
59 a record of each day's proceedings, record any amendment that may be
60 offered to any bill or resolution and record the date of filing of an
61 agreement, award or stipulation that is filed in accordance with Joint
62 Rule 31 or 32.

63 11. Subject to Rule 50, the clerk shall keep a calendar and shall enter
64 daily on such calendar (1) all bills and joint resolutions received from
65 the senate except (a) bills and resolutions which do not have the
66 favorable report of a joint committee which shall, upon being read by
67 the clerk, be referred without further action to the appropriate
68 committee, and (b) all bills and joint resolutions received from the senate
69 which have not been referred by the House to any committee; and (2) all
70 bills and resolutions favorably reported to the House from any
71 committee and these shall be entered on the calendar in the order in
72 which they are received. Each joint resolution proposing an amendment
73 to the constitution and each bill so entered shall be printed and in the
74 files and on the calendar for two session days with a file number and
75 shall be starred for action on the session day next succeeding, except
76 that:

77 (A) A bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the

78 general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted
79 upon first by the senate with the consent of the speaker; and if filed in
80 the senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with
81 the consent of the president pro tempore,

82 (B) (i) Except as provided in subclause (ii) of this subparagraph, any
83 bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general
84 statutes may be acted upon in the House (I) on the same session day that
85 electronic notice of the filing and number of the bill or resolution is
86 provided to the members of the House, except the bill or resolution may
87 not be acted upon less than six hours after the House is called to order
88 or less than six hours after such notice is provided to the members,
89 whichever is later, (II) at any time on the next session day following the
90 day that such notice is provided to the members, or (III) during the last
91 five calendar days of the session, immediately after such notice is
92 provided to the members, and in any such case may be transmitted
93 immediately to the senate,

94 (ii) The clerk shall immediately provide an electronic notice of the
95 filing, in either chamber, and number of any emergency certified bill
96 introduced by the President Pro Tempore and the speaker, certified in
97 accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, that is the biennial
98 budget bill or a bill that amends the biennial budget bill to the members
99 of the House. No such emergency certified bill may be marked ready for
100 action or acted upon less than twelve hours following the provision of
101 such electronic notice.

102 (C) If the House refers a bill or resolution to another committee and
103 that committee favorably reports the bill or resolution not as a substitute
104 on the same session day as the House referral, the clerk shall
105 immediately enter the bill or resolution on the calendar and the House
106 may act upon it on the same session day,

107 (D) If the House rejects an amendment adopted by the senate, the bill
108 or resolution after final action in the House, may be transmitted
109 immediately to the senate, or if the senate rejects an amendment
110 adopted by the House, the bill or resolution when received from the

111 senate may be placed immediately on the calendar,

112 (E) During the last ten calendar days of the session, if the House
113 rejects an amendment adopted by the senate, or adopts a House
114 amendment to a bill or resolution received from the senate, or takes any
115 action on the bill or resolution requiring further action by the senate, the
116 bill or resolution after final action in the House, may be transmitted
117 immediately to the senate, or if the senate rejects an amendment
118 adopted by the House or adopts a senate amendment to a bill or
119 resolution received from the House, or takes any action on the bill or
120 resolution requiring further action by the House, the bill or resolution
121 when received from the senate may be placed immediately on the
122 calendar and may be acted upon immediately,

123 (F) During the last ten calendar days of the session, any bill or
124 resolution, after final action in the House, may be transmitted
125 immediately to the Senate,

126 (G) During the last five days of the session, any bill or resolution
127 received by the House after final action by the senate may be placed on
128 the calendar immediately and the bill or resolution may be acted upon
129 after it has appeared on the calendar for two session days, or

130 (H) A report by a joint standing committee of a resolution concerning
131 a judicial, workers' compensation commissioner or Board of Pardons
132 and Paroles member nomination may be acted upon after it has
133 appeared on the calendar for two days.

134 All bills and resolutions starred for action shall be acted upon only
135 when called and any bill or resolution not acted upon shall retain its
136 place on the calendar unless it is moved to the foot of the calendar or
137 unless its consideration is made the order of the day for some specified
138 time. When a bill or resolution is removed from the foot of the calendar,
139 it shall not be acted upon before the next regular succeeding session day.

140 Prior to the convening of the House on each session day, the speaker
141 shall make available on the floor of the House a list of bills and

142 resolutions intended to be acted upon during that session day. Such list
143 shall set forth the action intended to be taken on each bill or resolution
144 so listed. The list shall be for informational purposes only.

145 12. The clerk shall retain all bills, resolutions and other papers, in
146 reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration,
147 until the right of reconsideration has expired, and no longer.

148 13. The clerk shall keep a record of all petitions, resolutions, joint
149 resolutions and bills for all acts presented for consideration of the
150 House, and said record shall be so kept as to show by one and a single
151 reference thereto the action of the House on any specified petition,
152 resolution, joint resolution or bill up to the time of such reference.

153 14. The clerk shall supervise all clerical work to be done for the House
154 and shall supervise all employees subject to the direction of the speaker.
155 The assistant clerk shall have the same powers and perform the same
156 duties as the clerk, subject to the direction of the clerk. The bill clerk, the
157 journal clerk and the calendar clerk shall perform such duties as are
158 assigned to them by the clerk.

159 15. Upon the request of any member, the clerk shall provide a
160 calendar to such member on each session day.

161 MEMBERS

162 16. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any
163 matter to the House, the member shall rise and address the chair as "Mr.
164 Speaker" or "Madam Speaker," as the case may be.

165 If two or more rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the
166 member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in place to one
167 who does not.

168 During a declaration by the Governor of a public health or civil
169 preparedness emergency related to COVID-19, or at any other time
170 deemed necessary by the speaker for public health reasons related to
171 COVID-19, any member may rise and address the chair through the

172 House of Representatives electronic voting system and shall be entitled
173 to the floor when named by the speaker.

174 17. No member shall speak on the same question more than twice
175 without unanimous consent of the members of the House present.

176 18. The speaker shall, or any member may, call to order any member
177 who in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules and orders of the
178 House. If speaking, the member shall sit down, unless permitted to
179 explain; and if a member is guilty of a breach of any of the rules and
180 orders, the member may be required by the House, on motion, to make
181 satisfaction therefor, and shall not be allowed to vote or speak except by
182 way of excuse until such satisfaction is made.

183 COMMITTEES AND LEADERS

184 19. At the opening of each session a committee on contested elections,
185 consisting of four members, at least two of whom shall be members of
186 the minority party in the House, shall be appointed by the speaker to
187 take into consideration all contested elections of the members of the
188 House and to report the facts, with their opinion thereon in a manner
189 that may be directed by House resolution.

190 20. (a) Majority Election and Appointments. The majority leader shall
191 be elected by the members of the majority party in the House and the
192 deputy majority leaders shall be appointed by the majority leader and
193 shall serve at the pleasure of the majority leader. The assistant deputy
194 speaker, majority caucus chairperson, deputy majority caucus
195 chairperson, assistant majority leaders and majority whips shall be
196 appointed by the speaker in consultation with the majority leader, and
197 shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker.

198 The chairpersons, and where appropriate, vice-chairpersons, of the
199 standing committees shall be appointed by the speaker of the House and
200 shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker, except when a chairperson is
201 designated or appointed by the minority leader pursuant to these rules
202 or the joint rules, in which case, the person so designated or appointed

203 shall serve at the pleasure of the minority leader. Notwithstanding any
204 provision of the general statutes, during the 2021-2022 biennium, the
205 chairperson of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee shall be
206 appointed by the minority leader.

207 (b) Minority Election and Appointments. The minority leader shall be
208 elected by the members of the minority party in the House and the
209 deputy minority leaders, the minority caucus chairperson, the assistant
210 minority leaders, the minority whips and the ranking members of each
211 joint standing committee shall be appointed by the minority leader and
212 shall serve at the pleasure of the minority leader except when a ranking
213 member is designated or appointed by the speaker pursuant to these
214 rules or the joint rules, in which case, the person so designated or
215 appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker. Notwithstanding
216 any provision of the general statutes, during the 2021-2022 biennium,
217 the ranking member of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee
218 shall be appointed by the speaker of the House.

219 (c) Number of Leaders. The number of members appointed to the
220 positions of assistant majority leader and majority whip shall not exceed
221 thirty-three per cent of the total membership of the majority party in the
222 House. The number of members appointed to the positions of assistant
223 minority leader shall not exceed thirty-three per cent of the total
224 membership of the minority party in the House. Notwithstanding the
225 provisions of this subsection, the chairpersons of the bonding
226 subcommittees of the joint standing committee on finance, revenue and
227 bonding may be assistant majority leaders and the ranking members of
228 said subcommittees may be assistant minority leaders.

229 (d) Committees. The staff clerks of the standing committees shall be
230 appointed by the speaker of the House. Chairpersons of subcommittees
231 may be appointed by the chairpersons of the respective standing
232 committees with the approval of the speaker of the House.

233 All standing committee members shall be appointed by the speaker
234 on or before the fifth regular session day of the first year of the term,
235 except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity, or resignation or

236 removal from the House or from a committee, and except that the
237 speaker may appoint any member elected after the fifth regular session
238 day of the first year of the term to any committee, within five calendar
239 days after the member takes the oath of office. The member first named
240 shall be chairperson. All members of standing committees shall serve
241 for both sessions of the term, except that: (1) The speaker may accept the
242 resignation, for good cause, of a member of a standing committee prior
243 to the expiration of the term, and (2) the speaker may remove a member,
244 provided the speaker's removal of a member of the minority party shall
245 require the concurrence of the minority leader. Chairpersons, vice-
246 chairpersons and subcommittee chairpersons shall serve for both
247 sessions of the term unless removed by the speaker.

248 (e) Referrals to Committees. (1) The House may refer any matter to a
249 committee either before or after the deadline of that committee (A) at
250 any regular session of the House, or (B) at a technical session of the
251 House provided the majority leader has notified the minority leader or
252 the minority leader's designee in writing, not later than 5 p.m. the day
253 before the technical session, of the majority leader's intent to move for
254 the referral, and received the approval of the minority leader or the
255 minority leader's designee for the referral, and provided further that no
256 matter may be recommitted at a technical session.

257 (2) The House may, but need not, refer to a committee before or after
258 its deadline a bill or resolution that was favorably or unfavorably
259 reported by another committee, except that every bill and resolution
260 shall be referred to the committees on Legislative Management,
261 Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Government
262 Administration and Elections or Judiciary if such referral is specifically
263 required under Joint Rule 3 or subsection (e) of Joint Rule 15.

264 (f) Meetings in Representatives' Chamber. Committee meetings shall
265 not be held in the representatives' chamber on session days.

266 REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

267 21. The order of business shall be as follows:

268 1. Reception of petitions.

269 2. Reception of communications from the Governor, Secretary of the
270 State, annual and biennial reports, interim committee reports and
271 special reports.

272 3. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

273 4. Reports of committees.

274 5. Reception of business from the senate.

275 6. Business on the calendar.

276 7. Miscellaneous.

277 RULES AND MOTIONS

278 22. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in the 2000 edition
279 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the House
280 whenever applicable and whenever they are not inconsistent with the
281 standing rules and orders of the House or the joint rules of the senate
282 and the House of Representatives.

283 23. The rules of the House shall take precedence over the joint rules
284 of the senate and the House of Representatives or Mason's Manual of
285 Legislative Procedure in the event of conflict.

286 24. When a motion is made, it shall be stated to the House by the
287 speaker before any debate is had thereon.

288 25. When a motion is stated by the speaker, or read by the clerk, it
289 shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House.

290 It may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or
291 amendment, but not after amendment, unless the House approves by a
292 majority vote.

293 26. The question first moved shall be first put, except as modified in
294 Rule 28.

295 27. If the question under debate consists of two or more independent
296 propositions any member may move to have the question divided. If the
297 House adopts the motion to divide, the speaker shall rule on the order
298 of voting on the divisions of a question.

299 28. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received
300 except:

301 1. To adjourn, which is not debatable.

302 2. To recess.

303 3. To postpone temporarily retaining position on the calendar.

304 4. To pass until next session day retaining position on calendar.

305 5. To close the debate at a specified time.

306 6. To postpone to a certain time.

307 7. To refer or recommit to a committee.

308 8. To amend.

309 9. To place at foot of calendar.

310 These motions shall have precedence in the order listed in this rule,
311 except that a point of order may be raised at any time.

312 29. When the consideration of a question regularly on the calendar is
313 interrupted by adjournment, the question comes up in its proper place
314 on the next session day's calendar.

315 30. A vote can be reconsidered only on the next regular succeeding
316 session day, provided there shall be no reconsideration of the vote upon
317 the following motions: To adjourn, or to reconsider, and no question
318 shall be twice reconsidered.

319 AMENDMENTS

320 31. (a) Amendments shall be filed with the clerk of the House before
321 10 a.m. on the day on which the bill or resolution is to be acted upon,
322 except that (1) the following may each sponsor or authorize
323 amendments at any time: The presiding officer, the majority leader or,
324 in the majority leader's absence, the majority leader's designated deputy
325 majority leader, the minority leader or in the minority leader's absence,
326 the minority leader's designated deputy minority leader; (2) the
327 presiding officer may waive the filing requirement upon the request of
328 the majority leader or the minority leader; (3) after any amendment or
329 amendments have been adopted, any member may offer a further
330 amendment only if it is directly related to the amendment or
331 amendments adopted.

332 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this rule, if a bill or resolution
333 has been scheduled for consideration on a date certain pursuant to a
334 special order, all amendments relating to that bill or resolution must be
335 filed with the clerk of the House before 5 p.m. on the last day the clerk's
336 office is open preceding the day on which the bill or resolution has been
337 scheduled for consideration. The only exceptions to this filing
338 requirement shall be: (1) The persons named in subdivision (1) of
339 subsection (a) of this rule may each sponsor an amendment at any time;
340 (2) after any amendment or amendments have been adopted, any
341 member may offer a further amendment only if it is directly related to
342 the amendment or amendments adopted.

343 (c) Members may co-sponsor an amendment that is in the possession
344 of the clerk of the House, or remove their names as co-sponsors, by
345 submitting a written request to the clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the
346 day following adoption or rejection of the amendment, excluding
347 weekends and holidays. Co-sponsorship of an amendment does not
348 constitute co-sponsorship of the bill it would amend unless the member
349 so specifies pursuant to Joint Rule 7(c).

350 (d) After a motion for passage of a bill or resolution has been made,
351 a motion to amend the bill or resolution is in order.

352 A pending amendment may not be amended. No substitute

353 amendment may be offered for a pending amendment.

354 (e) No independent new question may be introduced as an
355 amendment.

356 (f) Whenever a bill is amended, the speaker may order that it be
357 returned to the legislative commissioners for the purposes of re-
358 examination pursuant to Joint Rule 13 and for reprinting as amended.

359 SEATS

360 32. Immediately after the adoption of these rules the speaker shall
361 appoint a committee of four, who shall assign seats to all members of
362 the House.

363 33. The seats assigned to members shall be their seats for their term
364 of office.

365 REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER

366 34. Use of the representatives' chamber shall not be granted for non-
367 legislative use during a General Assembly session except by a vote of
368 the House, or by a vote of the legislative management committee or with
369 the permission of the speaker. The speaker shall grant use of the
370 chamber for legislative use and between General Assembly sessions.

371 PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE

372 35. No debate shall be allowed after a question is put and while it
373 remains undecided.

374 36. In all cases when a voice vote is taken without a division, the
375 speaker shall determine whether it is or is not a vote; and in all doubtful
376 cases the speaker shall state "The chair is in doubt." Whereupon, the
377 speaker shall try the question again by a voice vote or roll call, as the
378 speaker may so order.

379 After the speaker has declared a vote, it shall not be taken again
380 unless by a regular motion for reconsideration, made by a member in

381 the prevailing vote of the House.

382 37. If a division is called for, the House shall divide, those in the
383 affirmative first rising from their seats and standing until counted, and
384 afterwards those in the negative. For the purpose of more conveniently
385 counting upon the division of the House, the floor thereof shall be
386 divided by aisles into four divisions, to be numbered first, second, third
387 and fourth sections, commencing on the right of the chair; for each of
388 which divisions the speaker shall appoint a member whose seat is in
389 said division to be a teller and to count and report to the chair.

390 38. In case of a tie vote or an equal division, the question shall not be
391 passed.

392 39. The yeas and nays shall be taken on the roll call machine on all
393 final action on all bills, resolutions proposing amendments to the
394 constitution and all other substantive resolutions, except bills and
395 resolutions on the consent calendar. On all other questions, a roll call
396 vote shall be taken at the request of one-fifth of the members present,
397 expressed at any time before a declaration of the vote. In the event the
398 roll call machine is not functioning properly, the roll may be called by
399 the clerk.

400 40. Every member, when a question is put by the speaker, shall vote,
401 unless excused by the speaker, if (1) the member is in the House
402 chamber, or (2) during a declaration by the Governor of a public health
403 or civil preparedness emergency related to COVID-19, or, at any other
404 time deemed necessary by the speaker for public health reasons related
405 to COVID-19, the member is logged into the House of Representatives
406 electronic voting system and present in the State Capitol or Legislative
407 Office Building or has received permission pursuant to Rule 48. No
408 member shall absent herself or himself from the House chamber or the
409 State Capitol or Legislative Office Building, or log out of the electronic
410 voting system, without leave, unless there is a quorum without the
411 member's presence.

412 Whenever any vote is to be taken, the speaker may order the doors

413 closed and thereupon no member shall leave the House unless by
414 permission of the speaker, or the House, until the vote is declared, but
415 members shall be admitted at any time.

416 When a vote has been taken, if any member raises a question of an
417 excess of votes cast over the number of members present, a count of the
418 House shall be had, and if it appears that such excess of votes exists, the
419 speaker shall order the vote to be again taken.

420 41. No representative may vote or change his or her vote on a roll call
421 after the speaker has requested that the clerk announce the tally.

422 42. While the House is in session, admission to the floor of the House
423 shall be limited to members of the General Assembly, authorized
424 members of the press, authorized staff of the General Assembly and
425 such other persons as may be authorized by the presiding officer. On
426 any day during which the House is in session, lobbyists shall be
427 prohibited from the floor of the House except during a public hearing
428 on the floor of the House or as may be authorized by the presiding
429 officer for purposes of recognition or ceremony.

430 Electronic media equipment and media personnel shall occupy only
431 those areas designated by the presiding officer.

432 Proper facilities for transmitting messages to members of the House
433 shall be provided by the clerk and administered by the messengers.

434 The sergeant at arms, doorkeepers and messengers shall enforce this
435 rule and shall see that the aisles and the seats of the members are not
436 occupied by persons other than members of the General Assembly,
437 while the House is in session.

438 43. There shall be a consent calendar on which shall be entered such
439 bills and resolutions as the majority leader and the minority leader or
440 their designees shall agree, and shall be proposed to the House by the
441 majority leader or the designee of the majority leader in the form of a
442 motion to move to the consent calendar. The consent calendar may be
443 acted upon on the day of such motion or on a subsequent day. At the

444 request of a member made from the floor any bill or resolution shall be
445 removed from those included in the motion. All bills and resolutions
446 starred for action on the consent calendar shall be passed on motion
447 without discussion unless, at any time prior to the motion for passage,
448 a member requests from the floor removal of a bill or resolution from
449 the consent calendar in which case such bill or resolution shall be so
450 removed and placed on the regular calendar. Any bill or resolution so
451 removed shall be considered as having appeared on the regular
452 calendar for a period of time equivalent to that during which it appeared
453 on the consent calendar.

454 44. Upon motion made and adopted, the House may schedule
455 consideration of any matter appearing on the calendar for a date certain
456 by special order, but no sooner than the later of (1) the second day,
457 excluding weekends and holidays, after the adoption of the special
458 order, or (2) the day after the matter first appears on the calendar double
459 starred.

460 RESTRICTIONS

461 45. No person shall smoke in the House chamber or the gallery. No
462 person shall conduct a conversation on a wireless telephone or similar
463 device in the House chamber while the House is meeting. No person
464 shall take or possess a sign, banner, placard or other display material in
465 the gallery or in the House chamber while the House is meeting. The
466 presiding officer and the sergeant at arms shall enforce this rule.

467 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

468 46. These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except by
469 the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

470 47. Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.
471 Suspension of the rules shall be for a specified purpose. Upon
472 accomplishment of that purpose, any rule suspended shall be again in
473 force.

474 SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO COVID-19

475 48. Definition. Protocol. (a) As used in these rules, "COVID-19" means
476 the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on
477 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof
478 recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

479 (b) During a declaration by the Governor of a public health or civil
480 preparedness emergency related to COVID-19, or at any other time
481 deemed necessary by the speaker for public health reasons related to
482 COVID-19, each member or other person present in the chamber or
483 outside the Hall of the House shall maintain a cloth face covering or
484 mask over the member's or person's nose and mouth. This rule does not
485 apply to a member who is addressing the chair and able to maintain a
486 distance of at least six feet from any other member or person.

487 49. Voting. A member may vote remotely as otherwise permitted
488 under these rules while on the grounds of the Capitol or Legislative
489 Office Building and logged into the House of Representatives electronic
490 voting system if the majority leader or minority leader has given
491 permission to the member to cast such vote remotely and informed the
492 speaker of such permission, and the member:

493 (1) Is subject to a federal, state or local quarantine or isolation order
494 related to COVID-19;

495 (2) Has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due
496 to concerns related to COVID-19;

497 (3) Has COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis
498 related to those symptoms;

499 (4) Is caring for an individual who (A) is subject to a COVID-19
500 quarantine or isolation order, or (B) has been advised to self-quarantine
501 due to COVID-19 exposure, illness or transmission risk;

502 (5) Has a condition designated as substantially similar to COVID-19
503 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultation with the
504 secretaries of Labor and the Treasury; or

505 (6) Is at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 according to
506 guidelines issued by the National Centers for Disease Control.

507 50. House Agenda. (a) During a declaration by the Governor of a
508 public health or civil preparedness emergency related to COVID-19, or
509 at any other time deemed necessary by the speaker for public health
510 reasons related to COVID-19, upon acceptance of a House agenda, the
511 clerk's office shall act upon the items listed as indicated and shall
512 incorporate the items by reference in the House journal and House
513 transcript.

514 (b) On any day that is not scheduled as a session day, the speaker and
515 the minority leader, or their designees, may call the House into session
516 for purposes of transacting business of a procedural nature by filing
517 with the clerk or the clerk's designee a written instruction to conduct a
518 pro forma House session with or without the presence of a member. The
519 direction shall include a written motion to adopt the day's House
520 agenda and act on all items as indicated and incorporate the items by
521 reference into the House journal and House transcript. The motion shall
522 be read into the record and shall have the same force and effect as if the
523 House were convened with a presiding officer and a member.