THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 8 Session of 1993

INTRODUCED BY LEE, JANUARY 26, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 26, 1993

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rules 19(a), 30, 45, 48 and 71.

2 RESOLVED, That section 5 of Rule 19(a) and Rules 30, 45, 48 3 and 71 be amended and the Rules are amended by adding Rule 30(a) 4 to read:

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RULE 19 (a) Fiscal Notes

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8 (5) [No amendment to a bill, concurrences in Senate amendments, or adoption of a conference report which may result 9 10 in an increase in the expenditure of Commonwealth funds or those 11 of a political subdivision or which may entail a loss of 12 revenues in addition to that originally provided for in the bill prior to the proposed changes nor any bill requiring a fiscal 13 14 note for which re-referral to the Appropriations Committee has 15 been waived by the Rules Committee shall be voted upon until the 16 day following the distribution of a fiscal note to the members 17 with respect to such changes or to such bill showing the fiscal

effect of the changes with respect to the bill, and containing 1 2 the information set forth by subsection (3) of this rule.] Any 3 amendment submitted to the amendment clerk shall be 4 automatically forwarded to the Appropriations Committee by the 5 clerk. If the amendment requires an expenditure of Commonwealth funds over and above what is already provided in the bill, the 6 7 Appropriations Committee shall prepare a fiscal note containing the information set forth in subsection (3) of this rule. 8 9 However, on no account shall an amendment be ruled out of order 10 for failing to have a fiscal note if it is presented to the 11 amendment clerk on any calendar day prior to third consideration 12 of the bill. * * * 13 RULE 30 14 15 Bills Amended by the Senate 16 When a bill or joint resolution has been amended by the 17 Senate and returned to the House for concurrence, it shall be 18 referred automatically to the Committee on Rules immediately upon the reading of the message from the Senate by the Clerk. 19 20 The Committee on Rules may amend any bill or resolution 21 containing Senate amendments. 22 [When said bill or resolution has been favorably reported by 23 the Committee on Rules, either as committed or as amended, said 24 bill or resolution shall be placed on the calendar and copies 25 thereof shall be placed on the desks of the members. When acting 26 on bills or joint resolutions amended by the Senate, the 27 amendments shall be read and the question put on the concurrence 28 in the amendments. 29 The House shall not consider any proposed amendment to any 30 amendment made by the Senate to a bill or joint resolution, nor

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consider any amendment to any amendment made by the Committee on
Rules.

3	A majority vote of the members elected to the House taken by
4	yeas and nays shall be required to concur in amendments made by
5	the Senate, except for appropriations to charitable and
6	educational institutions not under the absolute control of the
7	Commonwealth, where a vote of two-thirds of all the members
8	elected to the House shall be required to concur. (Constitution,
9	Article III, Sections 5 and 30).]
10	<u>RULE 30 (a)</u>
11	House Consideration of Bills Amended by the Senate
12	When a bill or resolution amended by the Senate has been
13	favorably reported by the Committee on Rules, either as
14	committed or as amended, the bill or resolution shall not be
15	considered until placed on the calendar and copies thereof have
16	been on the desks of the members for 30 minutes. When acting on
17	bills or joint resolutions amended by the Senate, the amendments
18	shall be read and the question put on the concurrence in the
19	amendments.
20	The House shall not consider any proposed amendment to any
21	amendment made by the Senate to a bill or joint resolution, nor
22	consider any amendment to any amendment made by the Committee on
23	<u>Rules.</u>
24	<u>A majority vote of the members elected to the House taken by</u>
25	yeas and nays shall be required to concur in amendments made by
26	the Senate, except for appropriations to charitable and
27	educational institutions not under the absolute control of the
28	Commonwealth, where a vote of two-thirds of all the members
29	elected to the House shall be required to concur. (Constitution,
30	Article III, Sections 5 and 30).
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1	RULE 45	
2	Powers and Duties of Standing Committees	
3	and Subcommittees	
4	The chairman of each standing committee and subcommittee	
5	shall fix regular weekly, biweekly or monthly meeting days for	
6	the transaction of business before the committee or	
7	subcommittee. The chairman of the committee or subcommittee	
8	shall notify all members, at least 24 hours in advance of the	
9	date, time and place of regular meetings[,] and[, insofar as	
10	possible,] the subjects on the agenda. In addition to regular	
11	meetings, special meetings which do not meet the requirements of	
12	regular meetings set forth above may be called from time to time	
13	by the chairman of the committee or subcommittee as they deem	
14	necessary. <u>However, no bill may be considered at a special</u>	
15	meeting unless a majority of all members of the standing	
16	committee (i.e., 13 for all committees except the Appropriations	
17	<u>Committee, where 17 shall be required) agree to do so.</u> No	
18	committee shall meet during any session of the House without	
19	first obtaining permission of the Speaker. During any such	
20	meeting, no vote shall be taken on the Floor of the House on any	
21	amendment, recommittal motion, final passage of any bill, or any	
22	other matter requiring a roll call vote. Any committee meeting	
23	called off the Floor of the House shall meet in a committee	
24	room. In addition to the specific provisions of this Rule 45,	
25	all provisions of the act of July 19, 1974 (P.L.486, No.175)	
26	relative to notice of meetings shall be complied with.	
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28	RULE 48	
29	Conference Committee	
30	All Committees of Conference shall be appointed by the	
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Speaker and shall be composed of three members, two of whom
shall be selected from the majority party and one from the
minority party.

4 The conferees shall confine themselves to the differences5 which exist between the House and Senate.

6 The presentation of reports of Committees of Conference shall 7 be in order after having been signed by a majority of members of 8 the committee of each House.

9 Consideration of a report of a Committee of Conference by the 10 House shall be in order when it has been printed, placed on the 11 desks of the members <u>for 24 hours</u> and listed on the calendar.

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RULE 71

House Calendar

14 Bills and non-privileged resolutions reported from committees 15 to the House with an affirmative recommendation shall be listed 16 on the calendar in such manner as prescribed by the Rules Committee and any other rule of the House. House bills and House 17 resolutions shall precede Senate bills and Senate resolutions. 18 Bills and non-privileged resolutions shall be listed on the 19 20 House Calendar for no more than 15 consecutive legislative days. 21 At the end of the 15th consecutive legislative day the said bill or non-privileged resolution shall be automatically recommitted 22 23 to the committee from which it was reported to the floor of the 24 House.

Any bill or non-privileged resolution on the calendar which cannot, by its status, be recommitted shall be removed from the calendar and laid on the table, unless the House shall otherwise direct.

29 The Majority Leader shall notify the members of his intent to 30 consider a bill on third consideration 24 hours prior to voting. A26L80PJP/19930H0008R0007 - 5 -