
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 288 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY STEELMAN, HANNA, KREBS, PLATTS, FREEMAN AND
VITALI, OCTOBER 25, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 25, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives by adding a
2 rule relating to automatic calendars and floor votes.

3 RESOLVED, That Rules of the House of Representatives be
4 amended by adding a rule to read:

5 RULE 21 (a)

6 Automatic Calendar, Floor Votes

7 Within 24 legislative days of when a bill is reported from a
8 standing committee, a roll call vote in which the yeas and nays
9 are taken concerning the disposition of said bill shall occur on
10 second consideration, third consideration or final passage. The
11 24-legislative-day period shall include any legislative days
12 during which a bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee
13 for a fiscal note pursuant to Rule 19 (a). The prime sponsor of
14 a bill may waive the requirements of this Rule 21 (a) by written
15 notice to the Speaker and the Majority Leader and the Minority
16 Leader.

17 The requirement of this Rule 21 (a) that a roll call vote

1 shall occur on second consideration, third consideration or
2 final passage within 24 legislative days of when a bill is
3 reported from a standing committee shall be null and void if the
4 Appropriations Committee, upon being referred a bill for a
5 fiscal note pursuant to Rule 19 (a), takes a roll call vote in
6 which a majority of the votes cast are in favor of not reporting
7 the bill out of committee.

8 Once a bill has been reported from a standing committee, said
9 bill shall not be recommitted to a standing committee unless a
10 majority vote of a roll call vote in which the yeas and nays are
11 taken directs such a recommittal; however, a roll call vote in
12 which the yeas and nays are taken shall not be required for a
13 bill to be committed to the Appropriations Committee, pursuant
14 to Rule 19 (a), for a fiscal note nor for a bill to be
15 automatically recommitted to the Committee on Rules pursuant to
16 Rule 22.