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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VITALI, BARD, BEBKO-JONES, DeLUCA, FRANKEL,  
FREEMAN, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HARHAI, LEACH, LEVDANSKY,  
MANDERINO, McGEEHAN, NAILOR, PALLONE, PISTELLA, RUBLEY,  
SCRIMENTI, SOLOBAY, TIGUE AND WANSACZ, FEBRUARY 11, 2003

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 11, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rules 24 and 27.

2 RESOLVED, That House Rules 24 and 27 be amended to read:

3 RULE 24

4 Third Consideration and Final Passage Bills

5 Bills on third consideration and final passage shall be  
6 considered in their calendar order.

7 A bill on third consideration may be amended.

8 After a bill is agreed to on third consideration, prior to  
9 voting, [if the bill has not been caucused upon by both caucuses  
10 or if the bill is not available on the Legislative Data  
11 Processing floor system,] the title or a brief analysis of the  
12 bill shall be read.

13 The Speaker shall then state the question as follows:

14 "This bill has been considered on three different days  
15 and agreed to and is now on final passage."

16 "The question is, shall the bill pass finally?"

1 "Agreeable to the provision of the Constitution, the yeas  
2 and nays will now be taken."

3 When more than one bill shall be considered at the same time,  
4 prior to voting, [if the bill has not been caucused upon by both  
5 caucuses or if the bill is not available on the Legislative Data  
6 Processing floor system,] the title or a brief analysis of the  
7 bill shall be read.

8 The Speaker shall then state the question as follows:

9 "These bills have been considered on three different days  
10 and agreed to and are now on final passage."

11 "The question is, shall the bills on the uncontested  
12 calendar pass finally?"

13 "Agreeable to the provision of the Constitution, the yeas  
14 and nays will now be taken."

15 RULE 27

16 Amendments

17 No bill shall be amended so as to change its original  
18 purpose. (Constitution, Article III, Section 1).

19 No motion or proposition on a subject different from that  
20 under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

21 Any member may move to amend a bill or resolution, provided  
22 the proposed amendment is germane to the subject. Questions  
23 involving whether an amendment is germane to the subject shall  
24 be decided by the House.

25 No amendment to an amendment shall be admitted nor  
26 considered.

27 [If an amendment is not filed in a timely manner pursuant to  
28 the provisions of House Rule 21, then the] The sponsor of the  
29 amendment shall explain the amendment prior to consideration by  
30 the House.

1       Before consideration, nine typewritten copies of a proposed  
2 amendment signed by its sponsor shall be presented to the  
3 Speaker, one copy of which shall be delivered to the news media  
4 and a printed copy in typewritten form prepared by the  
5 Legislative Reference Bureau shall be placed on the desk of each  
6 member if the amendment is not available on the Legislative Data  
7 Processing floor system.

8       Amendments adopted or defeated may not be considered again  
9 without first reconsidering the vote.