A RESOLUTION

Adopting temporary Rules of the House of Representatives relating to roll call votes, to voting meetings of committees, to consideration of bills, to third consideration and final passage bills, to conference committee reports and to electronic mass communication.

RESOLVED, That this resolution adopts temporary rules to apply notwithstanding provisions in the Rules of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a member who is not present in the Hall of the House may designate either the Majority or Minority Whip to cast the member's vote on any question as to which there has been consultation between the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, after consultation between the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, if the process permitted for designated voting under this temporary rule is not agreed upon, the vote shall be cast pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives in existence on March 15, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if a designated Whip is on leave, that
designated Whip may appoint another member to cast all votes designated to that Whip; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a designation shall be accomplished by filing an attestation with the Chief Clerk which affirms that the member will not be present in the Hall of the House and identifies either the Majority or Minority Whip as the designee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a designation shall also include a commencement date and an expiration date; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a member may revoke the member's designation by notifying the Chief Clerk in writing of the revocation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a member voting by designation under this temporary rule shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a designation shall be effective until the designation expires or is revoked or until this temporary rule expires; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, at any voting meeting of a committee of the House of Representatives, a member of the committee who is not present may designate the chair or minority chair to cast the member's vote on any question; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the designation shall be accomplished by filing an attestation with the chair or minority chair which affirms that the member will not be present at the voting meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a member voting by designation under this temporary rule shall be counted in determining whether a quorum is present; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a bill may not receive action on concurrence
until at least three hours have elapsed from the time the bill
and its amendatory language was available to the public, unless
the amendment was a technical amendment as described under the
first paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
members elected to the House indicates that they have had
sufficient time to review the language and thereby approve
proceeding with the bill; and be it further
RESOLVED, That members shall be notified and conference
committee reports shall be made available to members at least
three hours prior to the adoption of all conference committee
reports; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a bill may not receive action on final passage
until at least three hours have elapsed from the time the bill
and its amendatory language was available to the public, unless
the amendment was a technical amendment permitted under the
first paragraph of Rule 24 or an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the
members elected to the House indicates that they have had
sufficient time to review the language of the bill and thereby
approve proceeding with the bill; and be it further
RESOLVED, That electronic mass communication shall be
permitted during a restricted period if the electronic mass
communication is limited to information concerning the
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) obtained from the Centers
for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pennsylvania Emergency
Management Agency, the Department of Health, a health department
of a political subdivision or a Federal, State or local agency
responsible for emergency management or public health; and be it
further
RESOLVED, That, unless amended or revoked by the House, the
temporary rules adopted in this resolution shall expire when the
declaration of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, is terminated by executive order, proclamation or operation of law.