

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 330 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY O'NEAL, SMITH, ECKER, M. MACKENZIE, MARCELL, ROAE, LEADBETER, STAMBAUGH, KUTZ, R. MACKENZIE, PICKETT, M. JONES, STAATS, KAUFFMAN, LAWRENCE, HAMM, JAMES, OWLETT, KEEFER, BANTA, MENTZER, BENNINGHOFF, WARNER, JOZWIAK, T. JONES, ZIMMERMAN, GILLEN AND ROWE, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending Rule 15 of the 2023-2024 General Operating Rules of the
2 House of Representatives, further providing for time of
3 meeting.

4 WHEREAS, On October 4, 2023, the Appropriations Committee of
5 the House of Representatives met after 11 P.M. and voted on
6 A02452 to Senate Bill 224 (Printer's Number 1159) and a motion
7 to report the bill from the committee as amended; and

8 WHEREAS, Republican members of the Appropriations Committee
9 received the text of the amendment at the meeting on October 4,
10 2023, and were given minutes to review the amendment before
11 having to vote on the proposal; and

12 WHEREAS, A portion of Rule 15 of the 2023-2024 General
13 Operating Rules of the House of Representatives states that "No
14 session of the House may begin before 8:00 A.M. nor may any roll
15 call votes be taken after 11:00 P.M. unless exigent
16 circumstances exist, as determined by an affirmative vote of
17 three-fourths of the members elected to the House, by a roll

1 call vote on a motion to extend session."; and

2 WHEREAS, On October 5, 2023, the House of Representatives
3 voted on a motion to object to the October 4, 2023, committee
4 report of the Appropriations Committee, with all Republican
5 members voting to object to the committee report; therefore be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That Rule 15 of the 2023-2024 General Operating
8 Rules of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

9 RULE 15

10 TIME OF MEETING

11 The House shall convene on the first legislative day of the
12 week at 12:00 noon prevailing time, unless otherwise ordered by
13 a roll call vote of the majority of those elected to the House.

14 On other days the House shall convene at the discretion of
15 the House. No session of the House may begin before 8:00 A.M.
16 nor may any roll call votes or votes in a committee or
17 subcommittee be taken after 11:00 P.M. unless exigent
18 circumstances exist, as determined by an affirmative vote of
19 three-fourths of the members elected to the House, by a roll
20 call vote on a motion to extend session. A motion to extend
21 session may be made to extend session generally or to conclude
22 business on a specific question or questions. If a motion to
23 extend session is made prior to 10:15 P.M. and a roll call vote
24 has not been ordered, the arrival of 10:45 P.M. shall put an end
25 to all debate and shall bring the House to an immediate roll
26 call vote on the question to extend session. Nothing in this
27 rule shall prevent the House from conducting administrative
28 matters, including the making of announcements regarding the
29 House schedule for the benefit of members or in order to comply
30 with 65 Pa.C.S. § 709 (relating to public notice) after 11:00

1 P.M. Upon the Speaker's determination that all administrative
2 matters are concluded, the Speaker shall adjourn the House.