
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 617 Session of
2004

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, MARCH 18, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 18, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 19(b).

2 RESOLVED, That Rule 19(b) of the Rules of the House of
3 Representatives be amended to read as follows:

4 RULE 19 (b)

5 General Appropriation Bill and Non-Preferred Bills

6 This rule shall apply to all amendments offered to the
7 General Appropriation Bill for each proposed fiscal year
8 including any amendments offered to or for supplemental
9 appropriations to prior fiscal years contained within the
10 General Appropriation Bill, and shall also apply to all
11 amendments offered to any non-preferred appropriation bill for
12 the same fiscal year.

13 Any amendment offered on the floor of the House to the
14 General Appropriation Bill that proposes to increase spending of
15 State dollars for the Commonwealth's proposed fiscal year or
16 prior fiscal years above the levels contained in the General
17 Appropriation Bill as reported from the Appropriations Committee

plus any aggregate if certified each year by the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may not be considered unless the same amendment contains sufficient reductions in line items of that General Appropriation Bill so that the amendment offered does not result in a net increase in the total proposed spending contained within the General Appropriation Bill plus any aggregate if certified by the Appropriations Committee.

Any amendment offered on the floor of the House to any non-preferred appropriation bill that proposes to increase spending of State dollars for the current fiscal year above the levels contained in that non-preferred appropriation bill as reported from the Appropriations Committee shall not be in order and may not be considered unless the same amendment contains sufficient reductions in that non-preferred appropriation bill so that the amendment offered does not result in a net increase in the total proposed spending contained within that non-preferred appropriation bill.

In order to be considered, amendments to the General Appropriation Bill must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk by 2:00 P.M. of the Monday of the week prior to the scheduled vote of the General Appropriation Bill. The Appropriations Committee for special and proper reason and by majority vote, may waive this deadline. Members shall be notified of the scheduled vote on the General Appropriation Bill no later than 4:30 P.M. of the Wednesday preceding the above noted Monday on which the amendments must be filed to the Bill. Rule 21 of the Rules of the House, insofar as it applies to the filing deadline for amendments and notice requirements for the voting schedule for the General Appropriation Bill, shall not apply to this rule. Rule 21 shall, however, apply to the non-

1 preferred appropriation bills.

2 If the amendment cannot be submitted in accordance with the
3 provision of the previous paragraph because it is still being
4 prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau, the member must,
5 by 2:00 P.M. on the Monday of the week prior to the scheduled
6 vote, provide the Office of the Chief Clerk with a statement,
7 prepared by the member containing the factual content and exact
8 amounts of increases and decreases in line items which would be
9 proposed in the amendment, along with certification from the
10 Legislative Reference Bureau that the amendment was submitted to
11 the Legislative Reference Bureau prior to 2:00 P.M. on the
12 aforementioned Monday. This filing deadline does not apply to
13 amendments to any non-preferred appropriation bill.

14 Debate on any debatable question related to the General
15 Appropriation Bill shall be limited to five minutes each time a
16 member is recognized. On the bill a sponsor of an amendment
17 shall be entitled to be recognized twice, a maker of a debatable
18 motion shall be entitled to be recognized twice, any other
19 members shall be entitled to be recognized once.

20 This rule may be temporarily suspended only by two-thirds
21 vote of the members elected to the House by a roll call vote.
22 Rule 77 of the Rules of the House of Representatives, insofar as
23 it applies to the temporary suspension of the rules of the
24 House, shall not apply to this rule.