THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 11 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, ROTHMAN, GREINER, ECKER, MILLARD, TOOHIL, KEEFER, SANKEY, GREGORY AND JAMES, JANUARY 11, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 11, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 2 3 4	Adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives, further providing for order of business; providing for special order of business; and further providing for House and concurrent resolutions.
5	RESOLVED, That the Permanent Rules of the House of
6	Representatives (2019-2020) be adopted as the Permanent Rules of
7	the House of Representatives for the 2021-2022 session of the
8	House of Representatives with the following amendments to the
9	heading and Rules 17 and 35 and adding Rule 17(a):
10	[2019-2020] <u>2021-2022</u>
11	GENERAL OPERATING RULES
12	OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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14	RULE 17
15	Order of Business
16	The daily order of business shall be:
17	(1) Prayer.
18	(2) Pledge of Allegiance.
19	(3) Correction and approval of the Journal.

1 (4) Leaves of absence.

2 (5) Master Roll Call.

- 3 (6) Reports of Committee.
- 4 (7) First consideration bills.

5 (8) Second consideration bills.

6 (9) Third consideration bills, final passage bills

7 (including both third consideration and final passage postponed 8 bills) and resolutions.

9 (10) Final passage bills recalled from the Governor.

10 (11) Messages from the Senate and communications from the 11 Governor.

12 (12) Reference to appropriate committees of bills,

13 resolutions, petitions, memorials, remonstrances and other 14 papers.

15 (13) Unfinished business on the Speaker's table.

16 (14) Announcements.

17 (15) Floor speeches by members, including speeches by

18 members to congratulate individuals or organizations on

19 achievements or urge awareness on a public issue.

20 [(15)] <u>(16)</u> Adjournment.

Any question may, by a majority vote of the members elected, be made a special order of business. When the time arrives for its consideration, the Speaker shall lay the special order of business before the House.

In lieu of offering House Resolutions on topics of importance to members, any member, without unanimous consent, may address the House on such issue and have his or her remarks entered into the record during a special period of time established each week by the Speaker at the conclusion of House business on a specific day.

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1	<u>RULE 17(a)</u>
2	Special Order of Business
3	The Speaker or a member designated by the Speaker may preside
4	over the House one hour prior to the regular order of business
5	under Rule 17 to recognize any member under unanimous consent
6	during a special order of business. A member recognized under
7	this rule during a special order of business may speak for no
8	more than five minutes for any of the following reasons:
9	(1) Raising public awareness on an issue.
10	(2) Offering congratulations to an individual or
11	organization concerning a recent accomplishment.
12	(3) Offering condolences about the death of an individual.
13	(4) Voicing an opinion on a matter of public policy.
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15	RULE 35
16	House and Concurrent Resolutions
17	Members introducing resolutions other than concurrent
18	resolutions shall file five copies thereof; seven copies of
19	concurrent resolutions shall be filed. All resolutions shall be
20	signed by their sponsors, dated and filed with the Chief Clerk.
21	After being numbered, one copy of all resolutions shall be given
22	to the news media and all other copies delivered to the Speaker.
23	A sponsor may not be added or withdrawn after a resolution has
24	been printed. Resolutions may not be withdrawn after reference
25	to a committee.
26	Unless privileged under Rule 36 for immediate consideration
27	or deemed noncontroversial by the Speaker in consultation with
28	the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader, the Speaker shall
29	refer House resolutions (except discharge resolutions) and
30	Senate resolutions presented to the House for concurrence to
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appropriate committees. No House resolution shall be deemed 1 2 noncontroversial if an indictment is returned or a charge is 3 filed before a court of record against the prime sponsor of the resolution, and the gravamen of the indictment or charge is 4 directly related to his or her conduct as a member or is one 5 which would render the member ineligible to the General Assembly 6 under section 7 of Article II of the Constitution of 7 8 Pennsylvania. If, during the same legislative term, the indictment or charge is quashed, dismissed or withdrawn, or the 9 10 court finds that the member is not guilty of the offense alleged, the member may be the prime sponsor of subsequently 11 introduced House resolutions deemed noncontroversial as provided 12 13 in this rule.

14 House resolutions deemed noncontroversial[, including, but not limited to,] shall be limited to only condolence [and 15 16 congratulatory] resolutions for current or former members of the House of Representatives or a line of duty fatality of a 17 18 firefighter, police officer, EMT, fire police officer or member_ 19 of the armed services [,] and shall be considered under the 20 proper order of business on the same day as introduced or within two legislative days thereafter without being referred to 21 committee. The Speaker, in consultation with the Majority Leader 22 23 and the Minority Leader, shall place noncontroversial 24 resolutions[, except condolence or congratulatory resolutions,] on an uncontested resolution calendar. Resolutions on the 25 uncontested calendar may be voted by a single roll-call vote. 26 Each resolution listed on the uncontested resolution calendar 27 28 shall be printed separately in the journal with the vote 29 recorded on the approval of the uncontested calendar as the vote 30 on final passage of each resolution contained therein.

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1 <u>No House resolution other than a concurrent or joint</u>

2 resolution shall be considered by the House if the resolution

3 does any of the following:

4 (1) Recognizes or designates a calendar day which is not a
5 Federal or State holiday.

6 (2) Urges action on a public issue without any binding

7 action associated with the passage of the resolution.

8 <u>(3) Congratulates any organization or an individual on an</u>

9 <u>achievement.</u>

10 (4) Lacks a clear and specific legislative purpose.

11 The Speaker shall report to the House the committees to which 12 resolutions have been referred, either on the day introduced or 13 received or the next two legislative days the House is in 14 session.

15 A resolution introduced in the House and referred to 16 committee shall be printed and placed in the House files. 17 When a resolution (House or Senate) is reported from 18 committee, it shall be placed on the calendar and may be called 19 up by a member for consideration by the House under the order of business of resolutions. A House resolution other than a 20 concurrent or joint resolution shall be adopted by a majority of 21 the members voting. 22

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