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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE RULES AND JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Members present: Rep. Carmody, Chairperson  
Rep. McKechnie, Vice-chairperson  
Rep. Powell  
Rep. Loyd  
Rep. Klein

Staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Janet E. Jones, Chief Clerk of the House

The House Committee on Rules and Journal met Tuesday, January 12, 1999, upon adjournment of the House, in Room 531-N of the Statehouse.

**HR 6005** was discussed. It was noted that Article 1 (g) had been omitted from the resolution. This dealt with the items of business which are not affected by pro forma.

Changes to New Rule 1102 (c) in the temporary rules, **HR 6003**, relating to Budget Committees, were considered. Norm Furse was directed to draft language clarifying creation of the committees, appointment power and Open Meetings Act.

Rep. McKechnie proposed the following rule changes:

**Rule 103. First Business.** The first business each legislative day shall be the taking of the roll, the taking of the roll shall be followed by prayer and te prayer shall be followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the glad of the United States of America lead by a member designated by the Speaker.

The committee approved the concept of this amendment.

**New Rule 1105. Budget Committees.** Budget committees of the committee on appropriations shall be advisory to and make recommendations to the committee on appropriations. Budget committees may recommend but are not authorized to introduce bills or resolutions.

This proposed amendment will be dealt with in the above action.

**New Rule 1506.** When a motion to lay on the table a bill or resolution is adopted while on final action subject to amendment and debate, on the next legislative day such bill or resolution shall be placed on the calendar under the order of business the unfinished business before the House at the time of adjournment on the previous day unless the motion to lay on the table includes words to the effect that the bill or resolution so tabled shall on the next legislative day be placed on the calendar under the order of business general orders. In such case the tabled bill or resolution shall on the next legislative day be placed on the calendar under the order of business general orders in the form the bill appeared on general orders prior to being placed on final action subject to amendment and debate.

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Discussion on the proposed new rule was held to consider the effect of the motion to take from the table, i.e. amendments remaining with the bill, the location on General Orders, etc. The committee agreed to the concept of the proposed rule.

Rep. Carmody proposed the following rule changes:

**Rule 502. Smoking and Tobacco Products.** (b) Members may have drinks or food, or both, on their desks in the House chamber only when the member is present at the member's desk and the House is not in session.

Members were in agreement with the concept of the proposal but suggested a change in wording to reflect the exact meaning intended by the rule. Norman Furse will rewrite the language.

**New Rule 507. Name Badges.** Name badges shall be worn by members at all times while the member is on the floor of the House chamber and the House is in session.

Members did not pursue this addition of the rule to the Rules of the House.

**Rule 3905. Appropriations Bills.** All bills making an appropriation except the omnibus appropriation act and the omnibus reconciliation spending limit bill shall be printed and distributed at least 48 hours before such bills are considered by the House.

Members did not agree to make this change to the current House Rule 3905.

Discussion was held on **HCR 5007**, the proposed Joint Rules of the Senate and House. This resolution contains changes in the deadline for committees to request bill drafts and the deadline for introduction by individual members. Also, a new section **Joint rule 5. Closure of meetings to consider matters relating to security** has been added to the Joint Rules.

These proposals were agreed to by the committee.

Suggestions were given on:

- 1) Developing a new atmosphere in the cloak room to encourage members to eat and visit in those areas;
- 2) having the Speaker and Minority Leader discuss decorum, rules and traditions with the members;
- 3) consideration of having the wrap-up session start on May 5.

Rep. McKechnie and Rep. Carmody held a discussion on the topic of amendments being germane to the bill.

The meeting adjourned and will meet again Thursday, January 14 upon adjournment to review the proposals drafted by Mr. Furse.