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MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Rules and Journal** recommends **HR 6004** be amended as recommended by the House Committee on Rules and Journal as reported in the Journal of the House on January 20, 2023, and the resolution, as printed as amended by House Committee, be further amended on page 10, following line 12, by inserting:

"(c) The House standing Committee on Legislative Modernization shall study the Rules of the House of Representatives and make recommendations to the Legislature to improve the legislative process, increase transparency and utilize technology.";

On page 13, by striking all in lines 2 and 3; in line 4, by striking all before "The"; in line 5, by striking "along with each individual member's vote"; in line 7, after the stricken material by inserting "An individual member's vote may be recorded at the member's request.";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 36, in line 24, after the stricken material, by inserting "The Majority Caucus Chair and Majority Whip may communicate to all members of the majority party regarding relevant information on matters pending or anticipated to be pending on the House floor. The Minority Caucus Chair and Minority Whip may communicate to all members of the minority party regarding relevant information on matters pending or anticipated to be pending on the House floor. If electronic means, such as text messaging or other messaging, are used by the Majority Caucus Chair, Majority Whip, Minority Caucus Chair or Minority Whip, there shall not be any interactive communication function for caucus members to communicate with each other at once, including, but not limited to, a chat room or group text messaging. If a caucus member

responds to a communication via electronic means, no other caucus member shall receive such communication other than the Majority Caucus Chair, Majority Whip, Minority Caucus Chair or Minority Whip."; and the resolution be adopted as further amended.

_____Chairperson