

1 **PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
2 **FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**
3 **1993-1994**

4 **Duties of Committees**

5 **Sec. 1.** HR 4608 Rule 24 is amended to read as follows:

6 **Rule 24.** House committees shall operate as follows:

7 (A) NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING. The chief clerk shall make
8 public the time, place and subjects to be discussed at committee
9 meetings. All public hearings held by committees shall be scheduled
10 at least five (5) days in advance and shall be given adequate
11 publicity: PROVIDED, That when less than eight (8) days remain for
12 action on a bill, the Speaker may authorize a reduction of the
13 five-day notice period when required by the circumstances, including
14 but not limited to the time remaining for action on the bill, the
15 nature of the subject, and the number of prior hearings on the
16 subject.

17 (B) COMMITTEE QUORUM. A majority of any committee shall
18 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

19 (C) SESSION MEETINGS. No committee shall sit while the house is
20 in session without special leave of the speaker.

21 (D) DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

22 (1) Only such bills as are included on the written notice of a
23 committee meeting may be considered at that meeting except upon the
24 vote of a majority of the entire membership of the committee to
25 consider another bill.

26 (2) A majority recommendation of a committee must be signed by
27 a majority of the entire membership of the committee in a regularly
28 called meeting before a bill, memorial or resolution may be reported
29 out: PROVIDED, That by motion under the eighth order of business, a

1 majority of the members elected to the house may relieve a committee
2 of a bill and place it on the second reading calendar.

3 Majority recommendations of a committee can only be "do pass",
4 "do pass as amended" or that "the substitute bill be substituted
5 therefor and that the substitute bill do pass."

6 (3) Members of the committee not concurring in the majority
7 report may prepare a written minority report containing a
8 recommendation of "do not pass" or "without recommendation", which
9 shall be signed by those members of the committee subscribing
10 thereto, and submitted with the majority report.

11 (4) All committee reports shall be spread upon the journal. The
12 journal of the house shall contain an exact copy of all committee
13 reports, together with the names of the members signing such reports.

14 (5) Every vote to report a bill out of committee shall be taken
15 by the yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting for and
16 against, as well as the names of members absent, shall be recorded on
17 the committee report and spread upon the journal. Any member may
18 call for a recorded vote, which shall include the names of absent
19 members, on any substantive question before the committee. A copy of
20 all recorded committee votes shall be kept by the chief clerk and
21 shall be available for public inspection.

22 (6) All bills having a direct appropriation shall be referred to
23 the appropriate fiscal committee before their final passage. For
24 purposes of this subsection, fiscal committee means the
25 appropriations, capital budget, revenue, and transportation
26 committees.

27 (7) No standing committee shall vote by secret written ballot on
28 any issue.

29 (8) During its consideration of or vote on any bill, resolution
30 or memorial, the deliberations of any standing committee of the house
31 of representatives shall be open to the public.

32 (9) A standing committee to which a bill was originally referred
33 shall, prior to voting the bill out of committee, consider whether
34 the bill authorizes rule-making powers or requires the exercise of
35 rule-making powers and, if so, consider:

36 (a) The nature of the new rule-making powers; and

1 (b) To which agencies the new rule-making powers would be
2 delegated and which agencies, if any, may have related rule-making
3 powers.

4 This subsection (9) takes effect April 1, 1994.