

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senator Schoesler

1 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rules of the Senate for the 2013 Regular
2 Session of the 63rd Legislature, as amended in the 2013 Regular
3 Session and the 2014 Regular Session, be adopted as amended as the
4 Rules of the Senate for the 2015 Regular Session of the 64th
5 Legislature, to read as follows:

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7 **OF THE**
8 **SENATE**
9 **SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**
10 **2015**

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11 **SECTION I**

12 **OFFICERS-MEMBERS-EMPLOYEES**

13 **Duties of the President**

14 **Rule 1.** 1. The president shall take the chair and call the senate
 15 to order precisely at the hour appointed for meeting, and, if a
 16 quorum be present, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be
 17 read. (See also Art. 3, Sec. 16, State Constitution.)

18 2. The president shall preserve order and decorum, and in case of
 19 any disturbance or disorderly conduct within the chamber, legislative
 20 area, legislative offices or buildings, and legislative hearing and
 21 meeting rooms, shall order the sergeant at arms to suppress the same,
 22 and may order the arrest of any person creating any disturbance
 23 within the senate chamber. The use of cellular or digital telephones
 24 is prohibited within the senate chamber during floor session and
 25 within a hearing room during a committee hearing, and this
 26 prohibition shall be enforced in the same manner as any other breach
 27 of order and decorum.

28 3. The president shall have charge of and see that all officers
 29 and employees perform their respective duties, and shall have general
 30 control of the senate chamber and wings. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 10,
 31 State Constitution.)

32 4. The president may speak to points of order in preference to
 33 members, arising from the president's seat for that purpose, and
 34 shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the
 35 senate by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than
 36 once without leave of the senate.

1 other duties as the senate may impose upon them. Under no
2 circumstances shall the compensation of any employee be increased for
3 past services. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 25, State Constitution.)

4 **Employees**

5 **Rule 6.** 1. No senate employee shall lobby in favor of or against
6 any matter under consideration.

7 2. Senate employees are governed by joint rules and chapters
8 42.17 (the Public Disclosure Act) and 42.52 RCW (the Ethics in Public
9 Service Act).

10 **Conduct of Members and Officers**

11 **Rule 7.** 1. Indecorous conduct, boisterous or unbecoming language
12 will not be permitted in the senate at any time. Food and drink are
13 prohibited within the senate chamber during floor session, except
14 that members may drink water at their floor desks. The use of
15 cellular or digital telephones is prohibited within the senate
16 chamber during floor session and within a hearing room during a
17 committee hearing.

18 2. In cases of breach of decorum or propriety, any senator,
19 officer or other person shall be liable to such censure or punishment
20 as the senate may deem proper, and if any senator be called to order
21 for offensive or indecorous language or conduct, the person calling
22 the senator to order shall report the language excepted to which
23 shall be taken down or noted at the secretary's desk. No member shall
24 be held to answer for any language used upon the floor of the senate
25 if business has intervened before exception to the language was thus
26 taken and noted.

27 3. If any senator in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the
28 rules of the senate, the president shall, or any senator may, call
29 that senator to order, and a senator so called to order shall resume
30 the senator's seat and not proceed without leave of the senate, which
31 leave, if granted, shall be upon motion "that the senator be allowed
32 to proceed in order," when, if carried, the senator shall speak to
33 the question under consideration.

34 4. No senator shall be absent from the senate without leave,
35 except in case of accident or sickness, and if any senator or officer
36 shall be absent the senator's per diem shall not be allowed or paid,
37 and no senator or officer shall obtain leave of absence or be excused

1 from attendance without the consent of a majority of the members
2 present.

3 5. In the event of a motion or resolution to censure or punish,
4 or any procedural motion thereto involving a senator, that senator
5 shall not vote thereon. The senator shall be allowed to answer to
6 such motion or resolution. An election or vote by the senate on a
7 motion to censure or punish a senator shall require the vote of a
8 majority of all senators elected or appointed to the senate. A vote
9 to expel a member shall require a two-thirds concurrence of all
10 members elected or appointed to the senate. All votes shall be taken
11 by yeas and nays and the votes shall be entered upon the journal.
12 (See also Art. 2, Sec. 9, State Constitution.)

13 **SECTION II**

14 **OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

15 **Payment of Expenses - Facilities and Operations**

16 **Rule 8.** 1. After the reorganization caucuses of the senate, the
17 majority caucus shall designate four members and the minority caucus
18 shall designate three members to serve on the facilities and
19 operations committee. The ((~~deputy leader~~)) chair of the majority
20 caucus shall be the chair of the facilities and operations committee.
21 The operation of the senate shall transfer to the newly designated
22 members after the reorganization caucuses of the senate or at any
23 time after the reorganization caucuses if a different caucus becomes
24 the majority caucus.

25 2. All necessary expenses of the senate incurred during the
26 session shall be signed for by the secretary and approved by a
27 majority of the committee on facilities and operations. The committee
28 on facilities and operations shall carefully consider all items of
29 expenditure ordered or contracted on the part of the senate, and
30 report upon the same prior to the voucher being signed by the
31 secretary of the senate authorizing the payment thereof. The
32 committee on facilities and operations shall issue postage only as
33 follows:

34 (a) To elected or appointed members of the senate in an amount
35 sufficient to allow performance of their legislative duties.

36 (b) To the secretary of the senate in an amount sufficient to
37 carry out the business of the senate.

1 who fails to conform to the senate or joint rules may have their
2 privilege to lobby and all other privileges revoked upon a majority
3 vote of the committee on rules for such time as is deemed appropriate
4 by the committee.

5 Any person registered as a lobbyist pursuant to chapter 42.17 RCW
6 who intervenes in or attempts to influence any personnel decision of
7 the senate regarding any employee may suffer an immediate revocation
8 of all privileges before the senate or such other privileges and for
9 such time as may be deemed appropriate by the senate committee on
10 rules. This restriction shall not prohibit a registered lobbyist from
11 making written recommendations for staff positions.

12 **Security Management**

13 **Rule 14.** The sergeant at arms may develop methods to protect the
14 senate, including its members, staff, and the visiting public, by
15 establishing procedures to curtail the use or possession of any
16 weapon in a manner that is prohibited by law or by the rules of the
17 Department of General Administration.

18 **SECTION III**

19 **RULES AND ORDER**

20 **Time of Convening**

21 **Rule 15.** The senate shall convene at 10:00 a.m. each working day,
22 unless adjourned to a different hour. The senate shall adjourn not
23 later than 10:00 p.m. of each working day. The senate shall recess
24 ninety minutes for lunch each working day. When reconvening on the
25 same day the senate shall recess ninety minutes for dinner each
26 working evening. This rule may be suspended by a majority.

27 **Quorum**

28 **Rule 16.** A majority of all members elected or appointed to the
29 senate shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to do business. Less
30 than a quorum may adjourn from day to day until a quorum can be had.
31 (See Art. 2, Sec. 8, State Constitution.)

32 **Order of Business**

33 **Rule 17.** After the roll is called and journal read and approved,
34 business shall be disposed of in the following order:

35 **FIRST.** Reports of standing committees.

36 **SECOND.** Reports of select committees.

1 been seconded. It shall be reduced to writing and read by the
2 secretary, if desired by the president or any senator, before it
3 shall be debated, and by the consent of the senate may be withdrawn
4 before amendment or action.

5 2. The senate shall consider no more than one floor resolution
6 per day in session: Provided, That this rule shall not apply to floor
7 resolutions essential to the operation of the senate; and further
8 Provided, That there shall be no limit on the number of floor
9 resolutions considered on senate pro forma session days. Senate floor
10 resolutions shall be acted upon in the same manner as motions. All
11 senate floor resolutions shall be on the secretary's desk at least
12 twenty-four hours prior to consideration. Members' names shall only
13 be added to the resolution if the member signs the resolution.
14 Members shall have until thirty minutes after the senate is convened
15 the following day the senate is in a regular or pro forma session to
16 add their names to the floor resolution. A motion may be made to
17 close the period for signatures at an earlier time.

18 **Precedence of Motions**

19 **Rule 21.** When a motion has been made and stated by the chair the
20 following motions are in order, in the rank named:

21 PRIVILEGED MOTIONS

22 Adjourn, recess, or go at ease

23 Reconsider

24 Demand for call of the senate

25 Demand for roll call

26 Demand for division

27 Question of privilege

28 Orders of the day

29 INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

30 Points of order and appeal

31 Method of consideration

32 Suspend the rules

33 Reading papers

34 Withdraw a motion

35 Division of a question

36 SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS

37 1st Rank: To lay on the table

1 4. A senator having been absent during roll call may ask to have
2 his or her name called. Such a request must be made before the result
3 of the roll call has been announced by the president.

4 5. The passage of a bill or action on a question is lost by a tie
5 vote, but when a vote of the senate is equally divided, the
6 lieutenant governor, when presiding, shall have the deciding vote on
7 questions other than the final passage of a bill. (See also Art. 2,
8 Secs. 10 and 22, State Constitution.)

9 6. The order of the names on the roll call shall be alphabetical
10 by last name.

11 7. All votes in a committee shall be recorded, and the record
12 shall be preserved as prescribed by the secretary of the senate. One-
13 sixth of the committee may demand an oral roll call.

14 8. If a member of the majority is going to be absent due to a
15 health matter or other emergency, then a member of the minority may
16 publicly announce on the floor of the senate that he or she will cast
17 votes as he or she believes the absent member would have voted in
18 order to avoid results that would only occur because of the
19 unanticipated absence.

20 **Announcement of Vote**

21 **Rule 23.** The announcement of all votes shall be made by the
22 president.

23 **Call of the Senate**

24 **Rule 24.** Although a roll call is in progress, a call of the
25 senate may be moved by three senators, and if carried by a majority
26 of all present the secretary shall call the roll, after which the
27 names of the absentees shall again be called. The doors shall then be
28 locked and the sergeant at arms directed to take into custody all who
29 may be absent without leave, and all the senators so taken into
30 custody shall be presented at the bar of the senate for such action
31 as the senate may deem proper.

32 **One Subject in a Bill**

33 **Rule 25.** No bill shall embrace more than one subject and that
34 shall be expressed in the title. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 19, State
35 Constitution.)

36 **No Amendment by Mere Reference to Title of Act**

1 shall a member be limited to less than three minutes on each
2 question. In any event, the senator who presents the motion may open
3 and close debate on the question.

4 **Recognition by the President**

5 **Rule 30.** When two or more senators rise at the same time to
6 address the chair, the president shall name the one who shall speak
7 first, giving preference, when practicable, to the mover or
8 introducer of the subject under consideration.

9 **Call for Division of a Question**

10 **Rule 31.** Any senator may call for a division of a question, which
11 shall be divided if it embraces subjects so distinct that one being
12 taken away a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of
13 the senate; but a motion to strike out and insert shall not be
14 divided.

15 **Point of Order - Decision Appealable**

16 **Rule 32.** Every decision of points of order by the president shall
17 be subject to appeal by any senator, and discussion of a question of
18 order shall be allowed. In all cases of appeal the question shall be:
19 "Shall the decision of the president stand as the judgment of the
20 senate?"

21 **Question of Privilege**

22 **Rule 33.** Any senator may rise to a question of privilege and
23 explain a personal matter by leave of the president, but shall not
24 discuss any pending question in such explanations, nor shall any
25 question of personal privilege permit any senator to introduce any
26 person or persons in the galleries. The president upon notice
27 received may acknowledge the presence of any distinguished person or
28 persons.

29 A question of privilege shall involve only subject matter which
30 affects the particular senator personally and in a manner unique and
31 peculiar to that senator.

32 **Protests**

33 **Rule 34.** Any senator or senators may protest against the action
34 of the senate upon any question. Such protest may be entered upon the
35 journal if it does not exceed 200 words. The senator protesting shall

1 file the protest with the secretary of the senate within 48 hours
2 following the action protested.

3 **Adoption and Suspension of Rules**

4 **Rule 35.** 1. The permanent senate rules adopted at the first
5 regular session during a legislative biennium shall govern any
6 session subsequently convened during the same legislative biennium.
7 Adoption of permanent rules may be by majority of the senate without
8 notice and a majority of the senate may change a permanent rule
9 without notice at the beginning of any session, as determined
10 pursuant to Article 2, Section 12 of the State Constitution. No
11 permanent rule or order of the senate shall be rescinded or changed
12 without a majority vote of the members, and one day's notice of the
13 motion.

14 2. A permanent rule or order may be temporarily suspended for a
15 special purpose by a vote of two-thirds of the members present unless
16 otherwise specified herein. When the suspension of a rule is called,
17 and after due notice from the president no objection is offered, the
18 president may announce the rule suspended, and the senate may proceed
19 accordingly. Motion for suspension of the rules shall not be
20 debatable, except, the mover of the motion may briefly explain the
21 purpose of the motion and at the discretion of the president a
22 rebuttal may be allowed.

23 **Previous Question**

24 **Rule 36.** The previous question shall not be put unless demanded
25 by three senators, and it shall then be in this form: "Shall the main
26 question be now put?" When sustained by a majority of senators
27 present it shall preclude all debate, except the senator who presents
28 the motion may open and close debate on the question and the vote
29 shall be immediately taken on the question or questions pending
30 before the senate, and all incidental question or questions of order
31 arising after the motion is made shall be decided whether on appeal
32 or otherwise without debate.

33 **Reconsideration**

34 **Rule 37.** 1. After the final vote on any measure, before the
35 adjournment of that day's session, any member who voted with the
36 prevailing side may give notice of reconsideration unless a motion to
37 immediately transmit the measure to the house has been decided in the

1 affirmative. Such motion to reconsider shall be in order only under
2 the order of motions of the day immediately following the day upon
3 which such notice of reconsideration is given, and may be made by any
4 member who voted with the prevailing side.

5 2. A motion to reconsider shall have precedence over every other
6 motion, except a motion to adjourn; and when the senate adjourns
7 while a motion to reconsider is pending or before passing the order
8 of motions, the right to move a reconsideration shall continue to the
9 next day of sitting. On and after the tenth day prior to adjournment
10 sine die of any session, as determined pursuant to Article 2, Section
11 12, or concurrent resolution, or in the event that the measure is
12 subject to a senate rule or resolution or a joint rule or concurrent
13 resolution, which would preclude consideration on the next day of
14 sitting a motion to reconsider shall only be in order on the same day
15 upon which notice of reconsideration is given and may be made at any
16 time that day. Motions to reconsider a vote upon amendments to any
17 pending question may be made and decided at once.

18 **Motion to Adjourn**

19 **Rule 38.** Except when under call of the senate, a motion to
20 adjourn shall always be in order. The name of the senator moving to
21 adjourn and the time when the motion was made shall be entered upon
22 the journal.

23 **Yeas and Nays - When Must be Taken**

24 **Rule 39.** The yeas and nays shall be taken when called for by one-
25 sixth of all the senators present, and every senator within the bar
26 of the senate shall vote unless excused by the unanimous vote of the
27 members present, and the votes shall be entered upon the journal.
28 (See also Art. 2, Sec. 21, State Constitution.)

29 When once begun the roll call may not be interrupted for any
30 purpose other than to move a call of the senate. (See also Senate
31 Rules 22 and 24.)

32 **Reed's Parliamentary Rules**

33 **Rule 40.** The rules of parliamentary practice as contained in
34 Reed's Parliamentary Rules shall govern the senate in all cases to
35 which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent
36 with the rules and orders of this senate and the joint rules of this
37 senate and the house of representatives.

1 SECTION V

2 COMMITTEES

3 Committees - Appointment and Confirmation

4 Rule 41. The president shall appoint all conference, special,
5 joint and standing committees on the part of the senate. The
6 appointment of the conference, special, joint and standing committees
7 shall be confirmed by the senate.

8 In the event the senate shall refuse to confirm any conference,
9 special, joint or standing committee or committees, such committee or
10 committees shall be elected by the senate.

11 The following standing committees shall constitute the standing
12 committees of the senate:

13 Standing Committee	Total Membership
14 1. <u>Accountability & Reform.</u>	5
15 <u>2. Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.</u>	((6)) 5
16 ((2-)) <u>3. Commerce & Labor.</u>	7
17 ((3-)) <u>4. Early Learning & K-12 Education.</u>	((11)) 9
18 ((4-)) <u>5. Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.</u>	9
19 ((5-)) <u>6. Financial Institutions</u> ((7-Housing)) & Insurance ((8))	9
20 ((6-Governmental)) <u>7. Government Operations & State Security.</u>	7
21 ((7-)) <u>8. Health Care.</u>	((8)) 13
22 ((8-)) <u>9. Higher Education.</u>	7
23 ((9-)) <u>10. Human Services</u> ((&-Corrections)) , <u>Mental Health &</u>	
24 <u>Housing.</u>	5
25 ((10-)) <u>11. Law & Justice.</u>	7
26 ((11-)) <u>12. Natural Resources & Parks.</u>	7
27 ((12-)) <u>13. Rules.</u>	((21)) 17 (plus the Lieutenant Governor)
28 ((13-)) <u>14. Trade & Economic Development.</u>	7
29 ((14-)) <u>15. Transportation.</u>	15
30 ((15-)) <u>16. Ways & Means.</u>	23

31 Subcommittees

32 Rule 42. Committee chairs may create subcommittees of the
33 standing committee and designate subcommittee chairs thereof to study
34 subjects within the jurisdiction of the standing committee. The
35 committee chair shall approve the use of committee staff and
36 equipment assigned to the subcommittee. Subcommittee activities shall
37 further be subject to facilities and operations committee approval to

1 the same extent as are the actions of the standing committee from
2 which they derive their authority.

3 **Subpoena Power**

4 **Rule 43.** Any of the above referenced committees, including
5 subcommittees thereof, or any special committees created by the
6 senate, may have the powers of subpoena, the power to administer
7 oaths, and the power to issue commissions for the examination of
8 witnesses in accordance with the provisions of chapter 44.16 RCW. The
9 committee chair shall file with the committee on rules, prior to
10 issuance of any process, a statement of purpose setting forth the
11 name or names of those subject to process. The rules committee shall
12 consider every proposed issuance of process at a meeting of the rules
13 committee immediately following the filing of the statement with the
14 committee. The process shall not be issued prior to consideration by
15 the rules committee. The process shall be limited to the named
16 individuals and the committee on rules may overrule the service on an
17 individual so named.

18 **Duties of Committees**

19 **Rule 44.** The several committees shall fully consider measures
20 referred to them.

21 The committees shall acquaint themselves with the interest of the
22 state specially represented by the committee, and from time to time
23 present such bills and reports as in their judgment will advance the
24 interests and promote the welfare of the people of the state:
25 PROVIDED, That no executive action on bills may be taken during an
26 interim.

27 **Committee Rules**

28 **Rule 45.** 1. At least five days notice shall be given of all
29 public hearings held by any committee other than the rules committee.
30 Such notice shall contain the date, time and place of such hearing
31 together with the title and number of each bill, or identification of
32 the subject matter, to be considered at such hearing. By a majority
33 vote of the committee members present at any committee meeting such
34 notice may be dispensed with. The reason for such action shall be set
35 forth in a written statement preserved in the records of the meeting.

36 2. No committee may hold a public hearing during a regular or
37 extraordinary session on a proposal identified as a draft unless the

1 draft has been made available to the public at least twenty-four
2 hours prior to the hearing. This rule does not apply during the five
3 days prior to any cutoff established by concurrent resolution nor
4 does it apply to any measure exempted from the resolution.

5 3. During its consideration of or vote on any bill, resolution or
6 memorial, the deliberations of any committee or subcommittee of the
7 senate shall be open to the public. In case of any disturbance or
8 disorderly conduct at any such deliberations, the chair shall order
9 the sergeant at arms to suppress the same and may order the meeting
10 closed to any person or persons creating such disturbance.

11 4. No committee shall amend a measure, adopt a substitute bill,
12 or vote upon any measure or appointment absent a quorum. A committee
13 may conduct a hearing absent a quorum. A majority of any committee
14 shall constitute a quorum and committees shall be considered to have
15 a quorum present unless the question is raised. Any question as to
16 quorum not raised at the time of the committee action is deemed
17 waived.

18 5. Bills reported to the senate from a standing committee must
19 have a majority report, which shall be prepared upon a printed
20 standing committee report form; shall be adopted at a regularly or
21 specially called meeting during a legislative session and shall be
22 signed by a majority of the committee; and shall carry only one of
23 the following recommendations:

24 a. Do pass;

25 b. Do pass as amended;

26 c. That a substitute bill be substituted therefor, and the
27 substitute bill do pass; or

28 d. Without recommendation.

29 In addition to one of the above-listed recommendations, a report
30 may also recommend that a bill be referred to another committee.

31 6. A majority report of a committee must carry the signatures of
32 a majority of the members of the committee. In the event a committee
33 has a quorum pursuant to subsection 4 of this rule, subject to the
34 limitation of subsection 12 of this rule, a majority of the members
35 present may act on a measure, subject to obtaining the signatures of
36 a majority of the members of the committee on the majority report.

1 7. Any measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment still
2 within a committee's possession before it has been reported out to
3 the full senate may be reconsidered to correct an error, change
4 language, or otherwise accurately reflect the will of the committee
5 in its majority and minority reports to the full senate. Any such
6 reconsideration may be made at any time, by any member of the
7 committee, provided that the committee has not yet reported the
8 measure, appointment, substitute bill, or amendment out to the full
9 senate. Any such reconsideration made after a vote has been taken or
10 signatures obtained will require a new vote and signature sheet. Any
11 measure which does not receive a majority vote of the members present
12 may be reconsidered at that meeting and may again be considered upon
13 motion of any committee member if one day's notice of said motion is
14 provided to all committee members. For purposes of this rule, a
15 committee is deemed to have reported a measure, appointment,
16 substitute bill, or amendment out when it has delivered its majority
17 and minority reports to the senate workroom. After such delivery, the
18 committee no longer has possession of the measure, appointment,
19 substitute bill, or amendment and no further committee action,
20 including reconsideration, may be taken.

21 8. Any member of the committee not concurring in the majority
22 report may sign a minority report containing a recommendation of "do
23 not pass" or "without recommendation," which shall be signed by those
24 members of the committee subscribing thereto, and submitted with the
25 majority report. Unless the signatory of a minority report expressly
26 indicates a "do not pass" recommendation, the member's vote shall be
27 deemed to be "without recommendation." In every case where a majority
28 report form is circulated for signature, a minority report form shall
29 also be circulated.

30 9. When a committee reports a substitute for an original bill
31 with the recommendation that the substitute bill do pass, it shall be
32 in order to read the substitute bill the first time and have the same
33 ordered printed.

34 A motion for the substitution of the substitute bill for the
35 original bill shall not be in order until the committee on rules
36 places the original bill on the second reading calendar.

1 10. No vote in any committee shall be taken by secret ballot nor
2 shall any committee have a policy of secrecy as to any vote on action
3 taken in such committee.

4 11. All reports of standing committees must be on the secretary's
5 desk one hour prior to convening of the session in order to be read
6 at said session. During any special session of the legislature, this
7 rule may be suspended by a majority vote.

8 12. When a standing committee is operated by cochairs, the
9 committee may not vote upon any measure or appointment without the
10 consent of each cochair.

11 **Committee Meetings During Sessions**

12 **Rule 46.** No committee shall sit during the daily session of the
13 senate unless by special leave.

14 No committee shall sit during any scheduled caucus.

15 **Reading of Reports**

16 **Rule 47.** The majority report, and minority report, if there be
17 one, together with the names of the signers thereof, shall be read by
18 the secretary, unless the reading be dispensed with by the senate,
19 and all committee reports shall be spread upon the journal.

20 **Recalling Bills from Committees**

21 **Rule 48.** Any standing committee of the senate may be relieved of
22 further consideration of any bill, regardless of prior action of the
23 committee, by a majority vote of the senators elected or appointed.
24 The senate may then make such orderly disposition of the bill as they
25 may direct by a majority vote of the members of the senate.

26 **Bills Referred to Rules Committee**

27 **Rule 49.** All bills reported by a committee to the senate shall
28 then be referred to the committee on rules for second reading without
29 action on the report unless otherwise ordered by the senate. (See
30 also Rules 63 and 64.)

31 **Rules Committee**

32 **Rule 50.** The lieutenant governor shall be a voting member and the
33 chair of the committee on rules. The president pro tempore shall be a
34 voting member and the vice chair of the committee on rules. The
35 committee on rules shall have charge of the daily second and third

1 reading calendar of the senate and shall direct the secretary of the
2 senate the order in which the bills shall be considered by the senate
3 and the committee on rules shall have the authority to directly refer
4 any bill before them to any other standing committee. Such referral
5 shall be reported out to the senate on the next day's business.

6 The senate may change the order of consideration of bills on the
7 second or third reading calendar.

8 The calendar, except in emergent situations, as determined by the
9 committee on rules, shall be on the desks and in the offices of the
10 senators each day and shall cover the bills for consideration on the
11 next following day.

12 **Employment Committee**

13 **Rule 51.** The employment committee for committee staff shall
14 consist of five members, three from the majority party and two from
15 the minority party. The chair shall be appointed by the majority
16 leader. The committee shall, in addition to its other duties, appoint
17 a staff director for committee services with the concurrence of four
18 of its members. All other decisions shall be determined by majority
19 vote. The committee shall operate within staffing, budget levels and
20 guidelines as authorized and adopted by the facilities and operations
21 committee.

22 **Committee of the Whole**

23 **Rule 52.** At no time shall the senate sit as a committee of the
24 whole.

25 The senate may at any time, by the vote of the majority of the
26 members present, sit as a body for the purpose of taking testimony on
27 any measure before the senate.

28 **Appropriation Budget Bills**

29 **Rule 53.** Reserved

30 **SECTION VI**
31 **BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, MEMORIALS AND GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS**
32 **Definitions**

33 **Rule 54.** "Measure" means a bill, joint memorial, joint
34 resolution, or concurrent resolution.

35 "Bill" when used alone means bill, joint memorial, joint
36 resolution, or concurrent resolution.

1 "Majority" shall mean a majority of those members present unless
2 otherwise stated.

3 **Prefiling**

4 **Rule 55.** Holdover members and members-elect to the senate may
5 prefile bills with the secretary of the senate on any day commencing
6 with the first Monday in December preceding any session year; or
7 twenty days prior to any special session of the legislature. Such
8 bills will be printed, distributed and prepared for introduction on
9 the first legislative day. No bill, joint memorial or joint
10 resolution shall be prefiled by title and/or preamble only. (See also
11 Rule 3, Sub. 3.)

12 **Introduction of Bills**

13 **Rule 56.** All bills, joint resolutions, and joint memorials
14 introduced shall be endorsed with a statement of the title and the
15 name of the member introducing the same. Any member desiring to
16 introduce a bill, joint resolution, or joint memorial shall file the
17 same with the secretary of the senate by noon of the day before the
18 convening of the session at which said bill, joint resolution, or
19 joint memorial is to be introduced.

20 Provided that a vote has not been taken on final passage of a
21 bill, joint resolution, or joint memorial, a member may add his or
22 her name as a cosponsor until 2:00 p.m. of the day of its
23 introduction. For any bill, joint resolution, or joint memorial that
24 has been prefiled for a regular session, a member has until 2:00 p.m.
25 of the day following introduction to add his or her name as a
26 cosponsor.

27 To be considered during a regular session, a bill must be
28 introduced at least ten days before final adjournment of the
29 legislature, unless the legislature directs otherwise by a vote of
30 two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, said vote to be
31 taken by yeas and nays and entered upon the journal. The time
32 limitation for introduction of bills shall not apply to substitute
33 bills reported by standing committees for bills pending before such
34 committees and general appropriation and revenue bills. (See also
35 Art. 2, Sec. 36, State Constitution.)

36 **Amendatory Bills**

1 **Rule 57.** Bills introduced in the senate intended to amend
2 existing statutes shall have the words which are amendatory to such
3 existing statutes underlined. Any matter to be deleted from the
4 existing statutes shall be indicated by setting such matter forth in
5 full, enclosed by double parentheses, and such deleted matter shall
6 be lined out with hyphens. No bill shall be printed or acted upon
7 until the provisions of this rule shall have been complied with.

8 Sections added by amendatory bill to an existing act, or chapter
9 of the official code, need not be underlined but shall be designated
10 "NEW SECTION" in upper case type and such designation shall be
11 underlined. New enactments need not be underlined.

12 When statutes are being repealed, the Revised Code of Washington
13 section number to be repealed, the section caption and the session
14 law history, from the most current to the original, shall be cited.

15 **Joint Resolutions and Memorials**

16 **Rule 58.** Joint resolutions and joint memorials, up to the signing
17 thereof by the president of the senate, shall be subject to the rules
18 governing the course of bills.

19 **Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

20 **Rule 59.** Concurrent resolutions shall be subject to the rules
21 governing the course of bills and may be adopted without a roll call.
22 Concurrent resolutions authorizing investigations and authorizing the
23 expenditure or allocation of any money must be adopted by roll call
24 and the yeas and nays recorded in the journal. Concurrent resolutions
25 are subject to final passage on the day of the first reading without
26 regard to Senate Rules 62, 63, and 64.

27 **Committee Bills**

28 **Rule 60.** Committee bills introduced by a standing committee
29 during a legislative session may be filed with the secretary of the
30 senate and introduced, and the signature of each member of the
31 committee shall be endorsed upon the cover of the original bill.

32 Committee bills shall be read the first time by title, ordered
33 printed, and referred to the committee on rules for second reading.

34 **Committee Reference**

1 Any member may, if sustained by three members, remove a bill from
2 the consent calendar as constituted by the committee on rules. A bill
3 removed from the consent calendar shall take its place as the last
4 bill in the order of consideration of bills on the second reading
5 calendar.

6 No amendment shall be considered by the senate until it shall
7 have been sent to the secretary's desk in writing and read by the
8 secretary.

9 All amendments adopted on the second reading shall then be
10 securely fastened to the original bill.

11 All amendments rejected by the senate shall be spread upon the
12 journal, and the journal shall show the disposition of all
13 amendments.

14 When no further amendments shall be offered, the president shall
15 declare the bill has passed its second reading, and shall be referred
16 to the committee on rules for third reading: Provided, That any bill
17 that creates a new tax shall require the affirmative vote of two-
18 thirds of the senators elected or appointed to advance to third
19 reading, unless the bill contains a referendum clause.

20 Third Reading

21 **Rule 65.** Bills on third reading shall be read in full by
22 sections, and no amendment shall be entertained.

23 When a bill shall pass, it shall be certified to by the
24 secretary, together with the vote upon final passage, noting the day
25 of its passage thereon.

26 The vote must be taken by yeas and nays, the names of the
27 senators voting for and against the same to be entered upon the
28 journal and the majority of the members elected to the senate must be
29 recorded thereon as voting in its favor to secure its passage by the
30 senate.

31 Scope and Object of Bill Not to be Changed

32 **Rule 66.** No amendment to any bill shall be allowed which shall
33 change the scope and object of the bill. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 38,
34 State Constitution.) Substitute bills shall be considered amendments
35 for the purposes of this rule. A point of order raising the question
36 of scope and object may be raised at any time during consideration of

1 an amendment prior to voting on the amendment. A proposed amendment
2 to an unamended title-only bill shall be within the scope and object
3 of the bill if the subject of the amendment fits within the language
4 in the title.

5 **Matters Related to Disagreement Between the Senate and House**

6 **Rule 67.** When there is a disagreement between the senate and
7 house on a measure before the senate, the senate may act upon the
8 measure with the following motions which have priority in the
9 following order:

- 10 To concur
- 11 To non-concur
- 12 To recede
- 13 To insist
- 14 To adhere

15 These motions are in order as to any single amendment or to a
16 series of amendments. (See Reed's Rules 247 through 254.)

17 A senate bill, passed by the house with amendment or amendments
18 which shall change the scope and object of the bill, upon being
19 received in the senate, shall be referred to an appropriate committee
20 and shall take the same course as for original bills, unless a motion
21 to ask the house to recede, to insist or to adhere is made prior to
22 the measure being referred to committee.

23 A motion to concur with an amendment or amendments that create a
24 new tax requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the senators
25 elected or appointed unless the bill contains a referendum clause.

26 **Bills Committed for Special Amendment**

27 **Rule 68.** A bill may be committed with or without special
28 instructions to amend at any time before taking the final vote.

29 **Confirmation of Gubernatorial Appointees**

30 **Rule 69.** When the names of appointees to state offices are
31 transmitted to the secretary of the senate for senate confirmation,
32 the communication from the governor shall be recorded and referred to
33 the appropriate standing committee.

34 The standing committee, or subcommittee, pursuant to rule 42,
35 shall require each appointee referred to the committee for
36 consideration to complete the standard questionnaire to be used to

1 ascertain the appointee's general background and qualifications. The
2 committee may also require the appointee to complete a supplemental
3 questionnaire related specifically to the qualifications for the
4 position to which he has been appointed.

5 Any hearing on a gubernatorial appointment, held by the standing
6 committee, or subcommittees, pursuant to rule 42, shall be a public
7 hearing. The appointee may be required to appear before the committee
8 on request. When appearing, the appointee shall be required to
9 testify under oath or affirmation. The chair of the committee or the
10 presiding member shall administer the oath or affirmation in
11 accordance with RCW 44.16. (See also Article 2, Sec. 6 of the State
12 Constitution.)

13 Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prevent a standing
14 committee, or subcommittee, pursuant to rule 42, upon a two-thirds
15 vote of its members, from holding executive sessions when considering
16 an appointment.

17 When the committee on rules presents the report of the standing
18 committee before the senate, the question shall be the confirmation
19 of the name proposed, and the roll shall then be called and the yeas
20 and nays entered upon the journal. In the event a message is received
21 from the governor requesting return of an appointment or appointments
22 to the office of the governor prior to confirmation, the senate shall
23 vote upon the governor's request and the appointment or appointments
24 shall be returned to the governor if the request is approved by a
25 majority of the members elected or appointed. (Article 13 of the
26 State Constitution.)

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