

SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 WHEREAS, The Senate adopted permanent rules for the 2017-2019
2 biennium under Senate Resolution 8602, as amended by Senate
3 Resolution 8651; and

4 WHEREAS, The notice requirements set forth in Senate Rule 35 have
5 been satisfied;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Rule 1 is amended as
7 follows:

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

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

1 committee hearing must be respectful to the members and the public
2 and the phone must be kept in silent mode within the senate chamber
3 during floor session and within a hearing room during a committee
4 hearing.

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

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

14 5. The president shall, in open session, sign all acts, addresses
15 and joint resolutions. The president shall sign all writs, warrants
16 and subpoenas issued by order of the senate, all of which shall be
17 attested by the secretary. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 32, State
18 Constitution.)

19 6. The president shall appoint all conference, special, joint and
20 hereinafter named standing committees on the part of the senate. The
21 appointment of the conference, special, joint and standing committees
22 shall be confirmed by the senate. In the event the senate refuses to
23 confirm any conference, special, joint or standing committee or
24 committees, such committee or committees shall be elected by the
25 senate.

26 7. The president shall, on each day, announce to the senate the
27 business in order, and no business shall be taken up or considered
28 until the order to which it belongs shall be declared.

29 8. The president shall decide and announce the result of any vote
30 taken.

31 9. When a vote of the senate is equally divided, the lieutenant
32 governor, when presiding, shall have the deciding vote on questions
33 other than the final passage of a bill. (See also Art. 2, Sec. 10 and
34 22, State Constitution.)"

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 3 is amended as follows:

36 "**Rule 3.** 1. The senate shall elect a secretary, who shall appoint
37 a deputy secretary, both of whom shall be officers of the senate and

1 shall perform the usual duties pertaining to their offices, and they
2 shall hold office until their successors have been elected or
3 appointed.

4 2. The secretary is the Personnel Officer of the senate and shall
5 appoint, subject to the approval of the senate, all other senate
6 employees and the hours of duty and assignments of all senate
7 employees shall be under the secretary's directions and instructions
8 and they may be dismissed at the secretary's discretion.

9 3. The secretary of the senate, prior to the convening of the
10 next regular session, shall prepare ((his)) the office to receive
11 bills which the holdover members and members-elect may desire to
12 prefile commencing with the first Monday in December preceding any
13 regular session or twenty days prior to any special session of the
14 legislature."

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 7 is amended as follows:

16 "**Rule 7.** 1. Indecorous conduct, boisterous or unbecoming language
17 will not be permitted in the senate at any time. Food and drink are
18 prohibited within the senate chamber during floor session, except
19 that members may drink water at their floor desks. ((The use of
20 cellular or digital telephones is prohibited within the senate
21 chamber during floor session and within a hearing room during a
22 committee hearing.)) Cellular phone use within the senate chamber
23 during floor session and within a hearing room during a committee
24 hearing must be respectful to the members and the public and the
25 phone must be kept in silent mode within the senate chamber during
26 floor session and within a hearing room during a committee hearing.

27 2. In cases of breach of decorum or propriety, any senator,
28 officer or other person shall be liable to such censure or punishment
29 as the senate may deem proper, and if any senator be called to order
30 for offensive or indecorous language or conduct, the person calling
31 the senator to order shall report the language excepted to which
32 shall be taken down or noted at the secretary's desk. No member shall
33 be held to answer for any language used upon the floor of the senate
34 if business has intervened before exception to the language was thus
35 taken and noted.

36 3. If any senator in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the
37 rules of the senate, the president shall, or any senator may, call
38 that senator to order, and a senator so called to order shall resume

1 the senator's seat and not proceed without leave of the senate, which
2 leave, if granted, shall be upon motion "that the senator be allowed
3 to proceed in order," when, if carried, the senator shall speak to
4 the question under consideration.

5 4. No senator shall be absent from the senate without leave,
6 except in case of accident or sickness, and if any senator or officer
7 shall be absent the senator's per diem shall not be allowed or paid,
8 and no senator or officer shall obtain leave of absence or be excused
9 from attendance without the consent of a majority of the members
10 present.

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

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 8 is amended as follows:

22 "Rule 8. 1. After the (~~reorganization caucuses of the senate~~)
23 election of new caucus leadership at the beginning of the first
24 regular session during a legislative biennium or anytime during the
25 legislative biennium that a different caucus becomes the majority
26 caucus, the majority caucus shall designate four members and the
27 minority caucus shall designate three members to serve on the
28 facilities and operations committee. The chair of the majority caucus
29 shall be the chair of the facilities and operations committee. If a
30 different caucus becomes the majority caucus anytime during the
31 legislative biennium, the operation of the senate shall transfer to
32 the newly designated members after the (~~reorganization caucuses of~~
33 ~~the senate or at any time after the reorganization caucuses if a~~
34 ~~different caucus becomes the majority caucus~~) leadership of the new
35 majority caucus is determined.

36 2. All necessary expenses of the senate incurred during the
37 session shall be signed for by the secretary and approved by a
38 majority of the committee on facilities and operations. The committee

1 on facilities and operations shall carefully consider all items of
2 expenditure ordered or contracted on the part of the senate, and
3 report upon the same prior to the voucher being signed by the
4 secretary of the senate authorizing the payment thereof. The
5 committee on facilities and operations shall issue postage only as
6 follows:

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

9 (b) To the secretary of the senate in an amount sufficient to
10 carry out the business of the senate."

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 13 is amended as follows:

12 "**Rule 13.** All persons who engage in lobbying of any kind as
13 defined in chapter 42.17 RCW shall be subject to the rules and
14 respectful workplace policies of the senate and legislature when
15 lobbying before the senate. Any person who fails to conform to the
16 senate or joint rules may have their privilege to lobby and all other
17 privileges revoked upon a majority vote of the committee on rules for
18 such time as is deemed appropriate by the committee.

19 Any person registered as a lobbyist pursuant to chapter 42.17 RCW
20 who intervenes in or attempts to influence any personnel decision of
21 the senate regarding any employee may suffer an immediate revocation
22 of all privileges before the senate or such other privileges and for
23 such time as may be deemed appropriate by the senate committee on
24 rules. This restriction shall not prohibit a registered lobbyist from
25 making written recommendations for staff positions."

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 20 is amended as follows:

27 "**Rule 20.** 1. No motion shall be entertained or debated until
28 announced by the president and every motion shall be deemed to have
29 been seconded. It shall be reduced to writing and read by the
30 secretary, if desired by the president or any senator, before it
31 shall be debated, and by the consent of the senate may be withdrawn
32 before amendment or action.

33 2. The senate shall consider no more than one floor resolution
34 per day in session: Provided, That this rule shall not apply to floor
35 resolutions essential to the operation of the senate; and further
36 provided, that there shall be no limit on the number of floor
37 resolutions considered on senate pro forma session days. Senate floor

1 resolutions shall be acted upon in the same manner as motions. All
2 senate floor resolutions shall be on the secretary's desk at least
3 twenty-four hours prior to consideration. Members' names shall
4 (~~only~~) be added to the resolution only if the member signs the
5 resolution, except by unanimous consent of the senate. Members shall
6 have until thirty minutes after the senate is convened the following
7 day the senate is in a regular or pro forma session to add or remove
8 their names to the floor resolution. A motion may be made to close
9 the period for signatures at an earlier time."

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 33 is amended as follows:

11 "**Rule 33.** Any senator may rise to a question of privilege and
12 explain a personal matter by leave of the president, but shall not
13 discuss any pending question (~~or discuss the subject of any vote~~
14 ~~taken by the body or any legislative matter that may have been~~
15 ~~introduced or considered during the legislative session~~) in such
16 explanations, nor shall any question of personal privilege permit any
17 senator to introduce any person or persons in the galleries. The
18 president upon notice received may acknowledge the presence of any
19 distinguished person or persons.

20 A question of privilege shall involve only subject matter which
21 affects the particular senator personally and in a manner unique and
22 peculiar to that senator."

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 35 is amended as follows:

24 "**Rule 35.** 1. The permanent senate rules adopted at the first
25 regular session during a legislative biennium shall govern any
26 session subsequently convened during the same legislative biennium.
27 Adoption of permanent rules may be by majority of the senate without
28 notice and a majority of the senate may change a permanent rule
29 without notice at the beginning of any session, as determined
30 pursuant to Article 2, Section 12 of the State Constitution. No
31 permanent rule or order of the senate shall be rescinded or changed
32 without a majority vote of the members of the senate, and one day's
33 notice of the motion.

34 2. A permanent rule or order may be temporarily suspended for a
35 special purpose by a vote of two-thirds of the members present unless
36 otherwise specified herein. When the suspension of a rule is called,
37 and after due notice from the president no objection is offered, the
38 president may announce the rule suspended, and the senate may proceed

1 accordingly. Motion for suspension of the rules shall not be
2 debatable, except, the mover of the motion may briefly explain the
3 purpose of the motion and at the discretion of the president a
4 rebuttal may be allowed.

5 3. For the purposes of this rule, one day's notice means written
6 notice is provided to all members of the Senate by 5:00 p.m. the day
7 prior to the amendment to the permanent rules being offered and the
8 notice must include, at a minimum, a description of the change to be
9 offered."

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 41 is amended as follows:

11 "Rule 41. The president shall appoint all conference, special,
12 joint and standing committees on the part of the senate. The
13 appointment of the conference, special, joint and standing committees
14 shall be confirmed by the senate.

15 In the event the senate shall refuse to confirm any conference,
16 special, joint or standing committee or committees, such committee or
17 committees shall be elected by the senate.

18 The following standing committees shall constitute the standing
19 committees of the senate:

20 Standing Committee	Total Membership
21 1. Agriculture, Water, (Trade & Economic Development) <u>Natural</u>	
22 <u>Resources & Parks.</u>	((11)) <u>5</u>
23 2. (Commerce, Labor & Sports) <u>Economic Development &</u>	
24 <u>International Trade.</u>	((9)) <u>5</u>
25 3. Early Learning & K-12 Education.	((7)) <u>10</u>
26 4. Energy, Environment & (Telecommunications) <u>Technology.</u> ((9))	
27 <u>10</u>	
28 5. Financial Institutions & Insurance.	7
29 6. Health & <u>Long-Term</u> Care.	((13)) <u>10</u>
30 7. Higher Education & <u>Workforce Development.</u>	((5)) <u>9</u>
31 8. Human Services(, Mental Health & Housing) & <u>Corrections.</u>	7
32 9. <u>Labor & Commerce.</u>	<u>9</u>
33 <u>10. Law & Justice.</u>	7
34 (10) <u>11. Local Government.</u>	5
35 (11. Natural Resources & Parks.	5)
36 12. Rules.	((20)) <u>16</u> (plus the Lieutenant Governor)
37 13. State Government, <u>Tribal Relations & Elections.</u>	5
38 14. Transportation.	15
39 15. Ways & Means.	((23)) <u>24</u> "

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 53 is amended as follows:

2 "Rule 53. (~~No amendment to the operating budget or supplemental~~
3 ~~budget, not incorporated in the bill as reported by the ways and~~
4 ~~means committee, shall be adopted except by the affirmative vote of~~
5 ~~sixty percent of the senators elected or appointed.)) No biennial or
6 supplemental omnibus operating budget, omnibus capital budget, or
7 omnibus transportation budget bill may be acted upon in second
8 reading until twenty-four hours after the bill has been placed on the
9 second reading calendar by the rules committee. With the exception of
10 amendments incorporated into the bill as reported by a fiscal
11 committee, a floor amendment to a biennial or supplemental omnibus
12 budget bill is not properly before the body and shall not be
13 considered by the senate unless the amendment has been sent to the
14 secretary of the senate's desk in writing within eighteen hours of
15 when the bill is placed on the second reading calendar by the rules
16 committee and has been made available to the public by the secretary
17 of the senate in a timely manner. This rule does not apply to
18 conference committee reports of biennial or supplemental omnibus
19 budget bills, which are governed by joint rules. This rule may be
20 suspended with a majority vote of those present within three days of
21 sine die. The rules committee shall establish by separate motion the
22 time at which a bill has been placed on the second reading calendar
23 for purposes of this rule."~~

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 62 is amended as follows:

25 "Rule 62. Every bill shall be read on three separate days unless
26 the senate deems it expedient to suspend this rule. (~~Except for~~
27 ~~bills that raise taxes as provided in Rule 64,)) On and after the
28 tenth day preceding adjournment sine die of any session, or three
29 days prior to any cut-off date for consideration of bills, as
30 determined pursuant to Article 2, Section 12 of the Constitution or
31 concurrent resolution, or during any special session of the
32 legislature, this rule may be suspended by a majority vote. (See also
33 Rule 59 and Rule 64)."~~

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 64 is amended as follows:

35 "Rule 64. Upon second reading, the bill shall be read section by
36 section, in full, and be subject to amendment.

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~~
17 ~~bill that raises taxes requires the affirmative vote of two thirds of~~
18 ~~the senators elected or appointed to advance to third reading, unless~~
19 ~~the bill contains a referendum clause.~~

20 ~~"Raises taxes" means increasing state tax revenue deposited in~~
21 ~~any fund, budget, or account))."~~

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Rule 67 is amended as follows:

23 **"Rule 67.** When there is a disagreement between the senate and
24 house on a measure before the senate, the senate may act upon the
25 measure with the following motions which have priority in the
26 following order:

- 27 To concur
- 28 To non-concur
- 29 To recede
- 30 To insist
- 31 To adhere

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

34 A senate bill, passed by the house with amendment or amendments
35 which shall change the scope and object of the bill, upon being
36 received in the senate, shall be referred to an appropriate committee

1 and shall take the same course as for original bills, unless a motion
2 to ask the house to recede, to insist or to adhere is made prior to
3 the measure being referred to committee.

4 ~~((A motion to concur with an amendment or amendments that raise
5 taxes requires the affirmative vote of two thirds of the senators
6 elected or appointed unless the bill contains a referendum clause.~~

7 ~~"Raises taxes" means increasing state tax revenue deposited in
8 any fund, budget, or account.))"~~

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