



New Hampshire House of Representatives

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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

House Rule 22 to read as follows: *A roll call shall be taken when a member moves for a roll call vote and that motion is seconded by 20 other members. The member requesting the roll call must vote and the 20 members who second the motion shall notify the clerk in writing and must be present in the chamber when the request is seconded or shall rise from their seats or otherwise be recognized by the Speaker. Whenever a roll call vote is requested and properly seconded, members shall enter the chamber to take their seats and the question shall be put to the House.*

- This is a tool being offered to the House that may help better manage the volume of the time consuming and sometimes costly roll call process.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 10-0

Republicans on the committee unanimously supported the committee report of OTP.

House Rule 63 to read as follows: *No person, including members of the House, except law enforcement officers while actively engaged in carrying out their duties as such, shall display any deadly weapon as defined by RSA 625:11, V while in the House Chamber, anterooms, cloakrooms, or any portion of the State House adjacent to any of the above.*

- This rule change will change House Rule 63 back to the language during the 2011-2012 legislative session.
- This will **allow** members to carry a concealed weapon on the floor of the House.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 6-4

Republicans on the committee unanimously supported the committee report of OTP.

House Rule 65 to read as follows: Legislative action of the biennium shall be subject to the following deadlines:

- This rule change will amend House deadlines to correspond with the 2015 calendar.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 10-0

Republicans on the committee unanimously supported the committee report of OTP.

CHANGES TO HOUSE RULES PROPOSED BY FLOOR AMENDMENTS (OTHER SIDE OF SHEET)

CHANGES TO HOUSE RULES PROPOSED BY FLOOR AMENDMENTS

House Rule 8 to read as follows: (a) *The Speaker shall have power to substitute any member to perform the duties of the Chair. If absent, the Speaker shall designate a member to perform the duties of the Chair unless otherwise ordered by the House.* (b) *The Speaker shall appoint the elected majority and minority caucus leaders as the respective Majority and Minority Leader.* (c) *If the elected majority caucus leader is the Speaker, he or she shall appoint his or her designee as Majority Leader.*

- It has always been the right of and an accepted, long established practice for the Speaker to appoint the leaders of both caucuses.
- Caucus nominees are always for Speaker. At no time did either caucus vote on nominations for Leader.
- The appointed majority caucus leader is not necessarily appointed based on caucus popularity.
- This change does not bind any future legislature because this rule could simply be changed back on organizational day in 2016.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 9-0

Republicans on the committee unanimously supported the committee report of ITL with 1 member abstaining.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

DO NOT SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO RULE 8

House Rule 30 to read as follows: *The following standing policy committees shall be appointed at the commencement of any session and will consist of not more than 24 members, with the exception of the House Finance committee, which will have no more than 26 members: Children and Family; Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Criminal Justice and Public Safety; Education; Election Law; Environment and Agriculture; Executive Departments and Administration; Finance; Fish and Game and Marine Resources; Government Oversight and Audit; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs; Judiciary; Labor, Industrial, and Rehabilitative Services; Municipal and County Government; Public Works and Highways; Resources, Recreation and Development; Rules; Science, Technology and Energy; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs; Transportation; and Ways and Means. The Speaker may designate divisions within committees.*

(v) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Government Oversight and Audit to hear petitions for redress; to review all audit reports regarding the executive branch and the judicial branch; and to conduct all investigations of impeachment. The committee shall have authority to demand oaths of witnesses and to request that the House of Representatives issue subpoenas to provide testimony and/or material to the committee.

- This rule change adds the Committee on Government Oversight and Audit to the list of standing committees and defines the committee.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 10-0

Republicans on the committee unanimously supported the committee report of ITL.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

DO NOT SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO RULE 30