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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 97th General
5 Assembly are amended by changing Rules 4, 9, 15, 16, 18, 19,
6 21, 22, 31, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 51, 75, and 102 and by adding
7 Rules 42.1 and 76.5 as follows:

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(House Rule 4)

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4. The Speaker.

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(a) The Speaker has those powers conferred upon him or her
11 by the Constitution, the laws of Illinois, and any motions or
12 resolutions adopted by the House or jointly by the House and
13 Senate.

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(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Speaker is the
15 chief administrative officer of the House and has those powers
16 necessary to carry out those functions. The Speaker may
17 delegate administrative duties as he or she deems appropriate.

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(c) The duties of the Speaker include the following:

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(1) To preside at all sessions of the House, although
20 the Speaker may call on any member to preside temporarily
21 as Presiding Officer.

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(2) To open the session at the time at which the House
23 is to meet by taking the chair and calling the members to
24 order. The Speaker may call on any member to open the

1 session as Presiding Officer.

2 (3) To announce the business before the House in the
3 order upon which it is to be acted, except as limited by
4 these House Rules. The Presiding Officer shall perform this
5 duty during the period that he or she is presiding.

6 (4) To recognize those members entitled to the floor.

7 (5) To state and put to a vote all questions that are
8 regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of
9 the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote.

10 (6) To preserve order and decorum.

11 (7) To decide all points of order, subject to appeal,
12 and to speak on these points in preference to other
13 members.

14 (8) To inform the House when necessary, or when any
15 question is raised, on any point of order or practice
16 pertinent to the pending business.

17 (9) To sign or authenticate all acts, proceedings, or
18 orders of the House. All writs, warrants, and subpoenae
19 issued by order of the House, or any of its committees,
20 shall be signed by the Speaker and attested by the Clerk.

21 (10) To sign all bills passed by both chambers of the
22 General Assembly to certify that the procedural
23 requirements for passage have been met.

24 (11) To have general supervision of the House Chamber,
25 House galleries, House committee rooms and chapel, and
26 adjoining and connecting hallways and passages, including

1 the duty to protect their security and safety and the power
2 to clear them when necessary. The House Chamber shall not
3 be used without permission of the Speaker.

4 (12) To have general supervision of the Clerk and his
5 or her assistants, the Doorkeeper and his or her
6 assistants, the majority caucus staff, the
7 parliamentarians, and all employees of the House except the
8 minority caucus staff.

9 (13) To determine the number of majority caucus members
10 and minority caucus members to be appointed to all
11 committees, except the Rules Committee created by Rule 15
12 and those committees that may be created under Article XII
13 of these Rules.

14 (14) To appoint all Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, and
15 Vice-Chairpersons of committees (from either the majority
16 or minority caucus), and to appoint all majority caucus
17 members of committees.

18 (15) To enforce all constitutional provisions,
19 statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the House.

20 (16) To guide and direct the proceedings of the House
21 subject to the control and will of the members.

22 (17) To direct the Clerk to correct non-substantive
23 errors in the Journal.

24 (18) To assign meeting places and meeting times to
25 committees and subcommittees.

26 (19) To perform any other duties assigned to the

1 Speaker by these House Rules or jointly by the House and
2 Senate.

3 (20) To decide, subject to these House Rules and the
4 control and will of the members, all questions relating to
5 the priority of business.

6 (21) To issue, in cooperation with the Comptroller and
7 after clearance with the United States Internal Revenue
8 Service, written regulations covering administration of
9 contingent expense allowances of members of the House.

10 (22) To appoint one or more parliamentarians to serve
11 at the pleasure of the Speaker.

12 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
13 of 71 members elected.

14 (House Rule 9)

15 9. Schedule.

16 (a) The Speaker shall periodically establish a schedule of
17 days on which the House shall convene in regular, perfunctory,
18 and veto session, with that schedule subject to revision at the
19 discretion of the Speaker.

20 (b) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule deadlines at his
21 or her discretion for any action on any category of legislative
22 measure as the Speaker deems appropriate, including deadlines
23 for the following legislative actions:

24 (1) Final day to request bills from the Legislative
25 Reference Bureau.

1 (2) Final day for introduction of bills.

2 (3) Final day for standing committees of the House to
3 report House bills, except House appropriation bills.

4 (4) Final day for standing committees of the House to
5 report House appropriation bills.

6 (5) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House
7 bills, except House appropriation bills.

8 (6) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House
9 appropriation bills.

10 (7) Final day for standing committees of the House to
11 report Senate appropriation bills.

12 (8) Final day for standing committees of the House to
13 report Senate bills, except appropriation bills.

14 (9) Final day for special committees to report to the
15 House.

16 (10) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate
17 appropriation bills.

18 (11) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate
19 bills, except appropriation bills.

20 (12) Final day for consideration of joint action
21 motions and conference committee reports.

22 Deadlines do not apply to legislative measures on the
23 Petition Calendar.

24 (c) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule any necessary
25 deadlines for legislative action during any special session of
26 the House. The Speaker may establish a Weekly Order of Business

1 or a Daily Order of Business setting forth the date and
2 approximate time at which specific legislative measures may be
3 considered by the House. The Weekly Order of Business or Daily
4 Order of Business is effective upon being filed by the Speaker
5 with the Clerk and takes the place of the standing order of
6 business for the amount of time necessary for its completion.
7 Nothing in this Rule, ~~however,~~ limits the Speaker's or
8 Presiding Officer's powers under Rule 4(c)(3) or Rule 43(a);
9 however, this Rule is subject to the limitations of Rule 31.

10 (d) The foregoing deadlines, or any revisions to those
11 deadlines, are effective upon being filed by the Speaker with
12 the Clerk. The Clerk shall journalize those deadlines.

13 (e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
14 of 71 members elected.

15 (House Rule 15)

16 15. Rules Committee.

17 (a) The Rules Committee is created as a permanent
18 committee. The Rules Committee shall consist of 5 members, 3
19 appointed by the Speaker and 2 appointed by the Minority
20 Leader. The Speaker and the Minority Leader are each eligible
21 to be appointed to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee may
22 conduct business when a majority of the total number of its
23 members has been appointed.

24 (b) The majority caucus members of the Rules Committee
25 shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker, and the minority

1 caucus members shall serve at the pleasure of the Minority
2 Leader. Appointments shall be by notice filed with the Clerk,
3 and shall be effective for the balance of the term or until a
4 replacement appointment is made, whichever first occurs.
5 Appointments take effect upon filing with the Clerk, regardless
6 of whether the House is in session. Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of these Rules, any Representative who is replaced on
8 the Rules Committee may be re-appointed to the Rules Committee
9 without concurrence of the House.

10 (c) The Rules Committee shall not consider or conduct a
11 hearing with respect to a subject matter or a legislative
12 measure absent notice first being given as follows:

13 (1) One hour advance notice for the consideration of
14 any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
15 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
16 amendment.

17 (2) Seventy-two hours advance notice to consider the
18 referral of bills to committees of the House or joint
19 committees of the House and Senate.

20 (3) Twenty-four hours advance notice for hearings held
21 for purposes not specified in items (1) and (2) of this
22 subsection (c).

23 (c-1) The Chairperson of the Rules Committee shall post the
24 notice required under subsection (c) on the House bulletin
25 board identifying each subject matter and each legislative
26 measure that may be considered during the hearing. The notice

1 shall contain the day, hour, and place of the hearing. This
2 subsection may not be suspended.

3 (c-2) The posting requirements of items (2) and (3) of
4 subsection (c) of this Rule may be reduced to a one-hour
5 advance notice upon the adoption of a motion by 71 members
6 elected. The posting requirement of item (1) of subsection (c)
7 of this Rule may not be suspended.

8 Notice requirements for hearings may be suspended only as
9 authorized by this subsection, and no hearing shall be
10 conducted with less than a one-hour advance notice. This
11 subsection may not be suspended. Notwithstanding any other
12 ~~provision of these Rules, the Rules Committee may meet upon~~
13 ~~reasonable public notice that includes a statement of the~~
14 ~~subjects to be considered. All legislative measures pending~~
15 ~~before the Rules Committee are eligible for consideration at~~
16 ~~any of its meetings, and all of those legislative measures are~~
17 ~~deemed posted for hearing by the Rules Committee for all of its~~
18 ~~meetings.~~

19 (d) Upon concurrence of a majority of those appointed, the
20 Rules Committee may advance any legislative measure pending
21 before it to the House, without referral to another committee;
22 except that (i) the Rules Committee, ~~however,~~ shall not so
23 report any bill that has never been favorably reported by or
24 discharged from a standing committee or a special committee of
25 the House or recommended for action by a joint committee of the
26 House and Senate and (ii) a two-thirds vote of those appointed

1 to the Rules Committee shall be required to refer to the House
2 any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
3 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
4 amendment. A bill advanced to the House shall be placed on the
5 Daily Calendar on the order on which it appeared before it was
6 re-referred to the Rules Committee.

7 (e) Except for those provisions that cannot be suspended,
8 this ~~This~~ Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of
9 71 members elected.

10 (House Rule 16)

11 16. Referrals of Resolutions and Reorganization Orders.

12 (a) All resolutions, except adjournment resolutions and
13 resolutions considered under subsection (b) or (c) of this
14 Rule, after being initially read by the Clerk, shall be ordered
15 reproduced and automatically referred to the Rules Committee,
16 which may thereafter refer any resolution before it to the
17 House or to a standing committee or special committee. No
18 resolution, except adjournment resolutions and resolutions
19 considered under subsection (b) or (c) of this Rule, may be
20 considered by the House unless (i) referred to the House by the
21 Rules Committee under Rule 18, (ii) favorably reported by a
22 standing committee or special committee, (iii) authorized
23 under Article XII, or (iv) discharged from committee pursuant
24 to Rule 18(g) or Rule 58. An adjournment resolution is subject
25 to Rule 66.

1 (b) Any member may file a congratulatory or death
2 resolution for consideration by the House. The Principal
3 Sponsor of each congratulatory or death resolution shall pay a
4 reasonable fee, determined by the Clerk with the approval of
5 the Speaker, to offset the actual cost of producing the
6 congratulatory or death resolution. The fee may be paid from
7 the office allowance provided by Section 4 of the General
8 Assembly Compensation Act, or from any other funds available to
9 the member. Upon agreement of the Speaker and the Minority
10 Leader, congratulatory or death resolutions may be immediately
11 considered and adopted by the House without referral to the
12 Rules Committee, unless a member removes a resolution from
13 consideration under this subsection (b) by filing an objection
14 with the Clerk before the vote of the House. Any resolution
15 that is removed under this subsection (b) shall be
16 automatically referred to the Rules Committee and shall be
17 eligible for consideration under subsection (a). The remaining
18 These resolutions, not removed from consideration under this
19 subsection (b), may be adopted as a group by a single motion.
20 Congratulatory and death resolutions shall be entered on the
21 Journal only by number, sponsorship, and subject. The
22 provisions of this subsection requiring the Principal Sponsor
23 to pay a reasonable fee may not be suspended.

24 (c) Death resolutions in memory of former members of the
25 General Assembly and former constitutional officers, upon
26 introduction, may be immediately considered by the House

1 without referral to the Rules Committee. Those resolutions
2 shall be entered on the Journal in full.

3 (d) Executive reorganization orders of the Governor issued
4 under Article V, Sec. 11 of the Constitution, upon being read
5 into the record by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the
6 Rules Committee for its referral to a standing committee or a
7 special committee, which may issue a recommendation to the
8 House with respect to the Executive Order. The House may
9 disapprove of an Executive Order only by resolution adopted by
10 a majority of those elected; no such resolution is in order
11 until a standing committee or a special committee has reported
12 to the House on the executive reorganization, or until the
13 Executive Order has been discharged under Rule 58.

14 (House Rule 18)

15 18. Referrals to Committees.

16 (a) All House Bills and Senate Bills, after being initially
17 read by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the Rules
18 Committee.

19 (b) During odd-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall
20 thereafter refer any such bill before it to a standing
21 committee or a special committee within 3 legislative days,
22 provided that referral shall not be required for a House bill
23 that is introduced after the introduction deadline for House
24 bills or a Senate bill that is referred to the Rules Committee
25 after the deadline for House committee consideration of Senate

1 bills. During even-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall
2 refer to a standing committee or a special committee only
3 appropriation bills implementing the budget and bills deemed by
4 the Rules Committee, by the affirmative vote of a majority
5 appointed, to be of an emergency nature or to be of substantial
6 importance to the operation of government. This subsection (b)
7 applies equally to House Bills and Senate Bills introduced into
8 or received by the House.

9 (b-5) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Rules Committee
10 may refer bills to a joint committee of the House and Senate
11 created by joint resolution. That joint committee shall report
12 back to the Rules Committee any recommendation for action made
13 by that joint committee. The Rules committee may, at any time,
14 however, refer the bill to a standing or special committee of
15 the House.

16 (c) A standing committee or a special committee may refer a
17 subject matter or a legislative measure pending in that
18 committee to a subcommittee of that committee.

19 (d) All legislative measures favorably reported by a
20 standing committee or a special committee, or discharged from a
21 standing committee or a special committee under Rule 58, shall
22 be referred to the House and placed on the appropriate order of
23 business, which shall appear on the daily calendar. All
24 legislative measures, except bills or resolutions on the
25 Consent Calendar, bills or resolutions assigned short debate
26 status by a standing committee or special committee, and floor

1 amendments, so referred are automatically assigned standard
2 debate status, subject to Rule 52.

3 (e) All floor amendments, joint action motions for final
4 action, conference committee reports, and motions to table
5 committee amendments, upon filing with the Clerk, are
6 automatically referred to the Rules Committee. The Rules
7 Committee may refer any floor amendment, joint action motion
8 for final action, conference committee report, or motion to
9 table a committee amendment to the House or to a standing
10 committee or a special committee for its review and
11 consideration (in those instances, and notwithstanding any
12 other provision of these Rules, the standing committee or
13 special committee may hold a hearing on and consider those
14 legislative measures pursuant to ~~a one hour~~ advance notice
15 given no later than the calendar day before the date of the
16 hearing). Any floor amendment, joint action motion for final
17 action, conference committee report, or motion to table a
18 committee amendment that is not referred to the House by, or
19 discharged from, the Rules Committee is out of order, except
20 that any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
21 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
22 amendment favorably reported by, or discharged from, a standing
23 committee or a special committee is deemed referred to the
24 House by the Rules Committee for purposes of this Rule. All
25 joint action motions for final action, conference committee
26 reports and motions to table committee amendments so referred

1 are automatically assigned standard debate status, subject to
2 Rule 52. Floor amendments referred to the House under this Rule
3 are automatically assigned amendment debate status.

4 (f) The Rules Committee may at any time refer or re-refer a
5 legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the
6 Whole or to any other committee.

7 (g) Legislative measures may be discharged from the Rules
8 Committee upon the affirmative vote of 71 members elected ~~only~~
9 ~~by unanimous consent of the House~~. Any bill discharged from the
10 Rules Committee shall be placed on the order of Second Reading
11 and assigned standard debate status, subject to Rule 52.

12 (h) Except for those provisions that require unanimous
13 consent, this Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative
14 vote of 71 members elected.

15 (House Rule 19)

16 19. Re-Referrals to the Rules Committee.

17 (a) All legislative measures that fail to meet the
18 applicable deadline established under Rule 9 for reporting to
19 the House by a standing committee or a special committee, for
20 Third Reading and passage, or for consideration of joint action
21 motions and conference committee reports are automatically
22 re-referred to the Rules Committee unless: (i) the deadline has
23 been suspended or revised by the Speaker, with re-referral to
24 the Rules Committee to occur if the bill has not been reported
25 to the House in accordance with a revised deadline; ~~or~~ (ii) the

1 Rules Committee has issued a written exception to the Clerk
2 with respect to a particular bill before the reporting
3 deadline, with re-referral to occur, if at all, in accordance
4 with the written exception; or (iii) the bill or resolution is
5 pending before the House on the Petition Calendar.

6 (b) All legislative measures pending before the House or
7 any of its committees are automatically re-referred to the
8 Rules Committee on the 31st consecutive day that the House has
9 not convened for session unless: (i) any deadline applicable to
10 the bill or resolution that has been designated by the Speaker
11 under Rule 9 exceeds 31 days, with re-referral to occur, if at
12 all, in accordance with that deadline; (ii) this Rule is
13 suspended under Rule 67; ~~or~~ (iii) the Rules Committee, by the
14 affirmative vote of a majority appointed, issues a written
15 exception to the Clerk before that 31st day; or (iv) the bill
16 or resolution is pending before the House on the Petition
17 Calendar.

18 (House Rule 21)

19 21. Notice.

20 (a) Except as provided in Rule 18(e) or unless this Rule is
21 suspended under Rule 67 or unless the Rules Committee by
22 majority vote waives the notice requirement for a subject
23 matter hearing of any committee, standing committees, special
24 committees, committees created under Article X of these Rules,
25 and subcommittees of those committees shall not consider or

1 conduct a hearing with respect to a subject matter or a
2 legislative measure absent notice first being given as follows:

3 (1) The Chairperson of the committee, or the
4 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus of a standing or
5 special committee, shall, no later than 6 days before any
6 proposed hearing, post a notice on the House bulletin board
7 identifying each subject matter and each legislative
8 measure, other than a committee amendment upon initial
9 consideration under Rule 40, that may be considered during
10 that hearing. The notice shall contain the day, hour, and
11 place of the hearing. Legislative measures and subject
12 matters posted for hearing as provided in this item (1) may
13 also be considered at any committee hearing re-convened
14 following a recess of the committee for which notice was
15 posted, but only if the House has met or was scheduled to
16 meet in regular, veto, or special session on each calendar
17 day from the time of the original committee hearing to the
18 re-convened committee hearing.

19 (2) Meetings of the Rules Committee may be called under
20 Rule 15; meetings of the standing committees and special
21 committees to consider floor amendments, joint action
22 motions for final action ~~consideration~~, conference
23 committee reports, and motions to table committee
24 amendments may be called under Rule 18.

25 (3) The Chairperson, or Co-Chairperson from the
26 majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall,

1 in advance of a committee hearing, notify all Principal
2 Sponsors of legislative measures posted for that hearing of
3 the date, time, and place of hearing. When practical, the
4 Clerk shall include a notice of all scheduled hearings,
5 together with all posted bills and resolutions, in the
6 Daily Calendar of the House. Regardless of whether a
7 particular legislative measure or subject matter has been
8 posted for hearing, it is in order for a committee during
9 any of its meetings to refer a subject matter or
10 legislative measure pending before it to a subcommittee of
11 that committee.

12 (b) Other than the Rules Committee, no committee may meet
13 during any session of the House, and no commission created by
14 Illinois law that has legislative membership may meet during
15 any session of the House.

16 (c) Each standing appropriations committee shall meet at
17 least once during each month of the calendar year. When the
18 House is not in session, each standing appropriations committee
19 shall hold each month at least one hearing in Illinois at a
20 location other than the City of Springfield or the City of
21 Chicago.

22 (d) ~~(e)~~ Regardless of whether notice has been previously
23 given, it is always in order for a committee to table any
24 legislative measure pending before it when the Principal
25 Sponsor so requests, subject to Rule 60.

26 (e) ~~(d)~~ This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative

1 vote of 71 members elected, subject to Rule 25.

2 (House Rule 22)

3 22. Committee Procedure.

4 (a) A committee may consider any legislative measure
5 referred to it, except as provided in subsection (b), and may
6 make with respect to that legislative measure one of the
7 following reports to the House or to the parent committee, as
8 appropriate:

9 (1) that the bill "do pass";

10 (2) that the bill "do not pass";

11 (3) that the bill "do pass as amended";

12 (4) that the bill "do not pass as amended";

13 (5) that the resolution "be adopted";

14 (6) that the resolution "be not adopted";

15 (7) that the resolution "be adopted as amended";

16 (8) that the resolution "be not adopted as amended";

17 (9) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,
18 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
19 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be adopted";

20 (10) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,
21 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
22 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be not adopted";

23 (11) "without recommendation"; or

24 (12) "tabled".

25 Any of the foregoing reports may be made only upon the

1 concurrence of a majority of those appointed. All legislative
2 measures reported "do pass", "do pass as amended", "be
3 adopted", or "be adopted as amended" are favorably reported to
4 the House. Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, any
5 legislative measure referred or re-referred to a committee and
6 not reported under this Rule shall remain in that committee.

7 (b) No bill or committee amendment that provides for an
8 appropriation of money from the State Treasury may be
9 considered by an Appropriations Committee unless the bill or
10 committee amendment is limited to appropriations to a single
11 department, office, or institution; this provision does not
12 apply to floor amendments, joint action motions, or conference
13 committee reports.

14 No bill that provides for an appropriation of money from
15 the State Treasury may be considered for passage by the House
16 unless it has first been favorably reported by an
17 Appropriations Committee or:

18 (1) the bill was discharged from an Appropriations
19 Committee under Rule 58;

20 (2) the bill was exempted from this requirement by a
21 majority of those appointed to the Rules Committee; or

22 (3) this Rule was suspended under Rule 67.

23 Standing appropriations committees shall conduct hearings
24 for the purpose of reviewing (i) performance data compiled by
25 departments of State government pursuant to Section 50-15 of
26 the State Budget Law of the Civil Administrative Code of

1 Illinois and (ii) other performance data that is requested by
2 the committees from departments of State government and other
3 recipients of State appropriations.

4 (c) The Chairperson of each committee, or Co-Chairperson
5 from the majority caucus of a standing or special committee,
6 shall keep, or cause to be kept by the Clerk's Office, a record
7 in which there shall be entered:

8 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the
9 committee.

10 (2) The attendance of committee members at each
11 meeting.

12 (3) The votes cast by the committee members on all
13 legislative measures acted on by the committee.

14 (4) The "Record of Committee Witness" forms executed by
15 each person appearing or registering in each committee
16 meeting, which shall include identification of the
17 witness, the person, group, or firm represented by
18 appearance and the capacity in which the representation is
19 made (if the person is representing someone other than
20 himself or herself), his or her position on the legislation
21 under consideration, and the nature of his or her desired
22 testimony.

23 (5) An audio recording of the proceedings.

24 (6) Such additional information as may be requested by
25 the Clerk.

26 (d) The committee Chairperson, or the Co-Chairperson from

1 the majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall
2 file with the Clerk, along with every legislative measure
3 reported upon, a written report containing such information as
4 required by the Clerk. The Clerk may adopt forms, policies, and
5 procedures with respect to the preparation, filing, and
6 maintenance of the reports.

7 (e) When a committee fails to report a legislative measure
8 pending before it to the House, or when a committee fails to
9 hold a public hearing on a legislative measure pending before
10 it, the exclusive means to bring that legislative measure
11 directly before the House for its consideration is as provided
12 in Rule 18 or Rule 58.

13 (f) No legislative measure may be called for a vote in a
14 standing committee or special committee in the absence of the
15 Principal Sponsor. The committee Chairperson, the committee
16 Minority Spokesperson, or a chief co-sponsor may present a bill
17 or resolution in committee with the approval of the Principal
18 Sponsor when the committee consents. In the case of standing or
19 special committees with Co-Chairpersons from different
20 political parties, the "Chairperson" means the Co-Chairperson
21 from the majority caucus, and the "Minority Spokesperson" means
22 the Co-Chairperson from the minority caucus. This subsection
23 may not be suspended.

24 (g) Motions for committee approval of bills and resolutions
25 are renewable, provided that no bill or resolution may be voted
26 on more than twice in any committee on motions to report the

1 bill or resolution favorably, or to reconsider the vote by
2 which the committee adopted a motion to report the bill or
3 resolution unfavorably. A bill or resolution having failed to
4 receive a favorable recommendation after 2 such record votes
5 shall be automatically reported with the appropriate
6 unfavorable recommendation.

7 (h) A bill or resolution shall be given short debate status
8 by report of the committee if the bill or resolution was
9 favorably reported by a three-fifths vote of the members
10 present and voting, including those voting "present". Bills and
11 resolutions receiving favorable reports may be placed upon the
12 Consent Calendar as provided in Rule 42.

13 (i) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
14 of 71 members elected.

15 (House Rule 31)

16 31. Standing Order of Business. The ~~Unless otherwise~~
17 ~~determined by the Presiding Officer,~~ the standing daily order
18 of business of the House is as follows:

19 (1) Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance,
20 and Roll Call.

21 (2) Petition Calendar.

22 (3) ~~(2)~~ Approval of the Journal.

23 (4) ~~(3)~~ Reading of House Bills a first time.

24 (5) ~~(4)~~ Reports from committees, with reports from the
25 Rules Committee ordinarily made at any time.

1 (6) ~~(5)~~ Presentation of Resolutions, Petitions, and
2 Messages.

3 (7) ~~(6)~~ Introduction of House Bills.

4 (8) ~~(7)~~ Messages from the Senate, not including reading
5 Senate Bills a first time.

6 (9) ~~(8)~~ Reading of House Bills a second time.

7 (10) ~~(9)~~ Reading of House Bills a third time.

8 (11) ~~(10)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a third time.

9 (12) ~~(11)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a second time.

10 (13) ~~(12)~~ Reading of Senate Bills a first time.

11 (14) ~~(13)~~ House Bills on the Order of Concurrence.

12 (15) ~~(14)~~ Senate Bills on the Order of Non-Concurrence.

13 (16) ~~(15)~~ Conference Committee Reports.

14 (17) ~~(16)~~ Motions in Writing.

15 (18) ~~(17)~~ Constitutional Amendment Resolutions.

16 (19) ~~(18)~~ Motions with respect to Vetoes.

17 (20) ~~(19)~~ Consideration of Resolutions.

18 (21) ~~(20)~~ Motions to Discharge Committee.

19 (22) ~~(21)~~ Motions to Take from the Table.

20 (23) ~~(22)~~ Motions to Suspend the Rules.

21 (24) ~~(23)~~ Consideration of Bills on the Order of
22 Postponed Consideration.

23 The Presiding Officer may vary the daily order of business
24 of the House, but only with respect to items (3) through (24);
25 items (1) and (2) must always be the first orders of business.
26 The House may also return to the order of business under item

1 (2) at the direction of the Presiding Officer or upon the
2 adoption of a motion to change the order of business.

3 This rule may not be suspended.

4 (House Rule 37)

5 37. Bills.

6 (a) A bill may be introduced in the House by sponsorship of
7 one or more members of the House, whose names shall be on the
8 reproduced copies of the bills, in the House Journal, and in
9 the Legislative Digest. The Principal Sponsor shall be the
10 first name to appear on the bill and may be joined by no more
11 than 4 chief co-sponsors with the approval of the Principal
12 Sponsor; other co-sponsors shall be separated from the
13 Principal Sponsor and any chief co-sponsors by a comma. The
14 Principal Sponsor may change the sponsorship of a bill to that
15 of one or more other Representatives, or to that of the
16 standing committee or special committee to which the bill was
17 referred or from which the bill was reported. Such change may
18 be made at any time the bill is pending before the House or any
19 of its committees by filing a notice with the Clerk, provided
20 that the addition of any member as a Principal Sponsor, chief
21 co-sponsor, or co-sponsor must be with that member's consent.
22 This subsection may not be suspended.

23 (b) The Principal Sponsor of a bill controls that bill. A
24 committee-sponsored bill is controlled by the Chairperson, or
25 if Co-Chairpersons have been appointed, by the Co-Chairperson

1 from the majority caucus, who for purposes of these Rules is
2 deemed the Principal Sponsor. Committee-sponsored bills may
3 not have individual co-sponsors.

4 (c) The Senate sponsor of a bill originating in the Senate
5 may request substitute House sponsorship of that bill by filing
6 a notice with the Clerk; such a notice is automatically
7 referred to the Rules Committee and deemed adopted if approved
8 by the Rules Committee. If disapproved by the Rules Committee,
9 the notice shall lie on the table. If the Rules Committee fails
10 to act on a notice, that notice may be discharged by unanimous
11 consent.

12 (d) All bills introduced in the House shall be read by
13 title a first time, ordered reproduced, and automatically
14 referred to the Rules Committee in accordance with Rule 18.
15 After a Senate Bill is received and a House member has
16 submitted notification to the Clerk of sponsorship of that
17 bill, it shall be read by title, ordered reproduced, and
18 automatically referred to the Rules Committee in accordance
19 with Rule 18.

20 (e) All bills introduced into the House shall be
21 accompanied by 6 copies. Any bill that amends a statute shall
22 indicate the particular changes in the following manner:

23 (1) All new matter shall be underscored.

24 (2) All matter that is to be omitted or superseded
25 shall be shown crossed with a line.

26 (e-5) Appropriation bills for the operation of State

1 government shall make appropriations pursuant to the
2 standardized line items identified as items (1) through (18) of
3 Section 13 of the State Finance Act with specific appropriation
4 amounts for each item. Appropriations for other purposes may be
5 included in an appropriation bill only if required by law or if
6 it has been a custom and practice as documented by
7 appropriations enacted for State fiscal year 2009.

8 This subsection (e-5) may be suspended only by the
9 affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

10 (f) No bill shall be passed by the House except on a record
11 vote of a majority of those elected, subject to Rule 69. A bill
12 that has lost on third reading and has not been reconsidered
13 may not thereafter be revived. If a motion for the adoption of
14 a first conference committee report fails and the motion is not
15 reconsidered, then a second conference committee may be
16 appointed as provided in Rule 76(c). If a motion for the
17 adoption of a second conference committee report fails and is
18 not reconsidered, then the bill may not thereafter be revived.

19 (g) An appropriation bill that is amended in the House may
20 not be considered on Third Reading until the third calendar day
21 following the adoption or tabling of any House committee or
22 House floor amendments to the bill.

23 This subsection (g) may be suspended only by the
24 affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

1 39. Reproduction and Distribution. The Clerk shall, as soon
2 as any bill or amendment is reproduced, cause the bill to be
3 placed upon the desks of the members. Reproduction and
4 distribution may be done electronically, or the Clerk may
5 establish a method that any member may use to secure a copy of
6 any bill. The Clerk shall record the date and time at which
7 each amendment is filed and distributed.

8 (House Rule 40)

9 40. Amendments.

10 (a) An amendment to a bill may be adopted by a standing
11 committee or special committee when the bill is before that
12 committee. An amendment to a bill may be adopted by the House
13 when a bill is on the order of Second Reading if: (i) the Rules
14 Committee has referred the floor amendment to the House for
15 consideration under Rule 18; (ii) a standing committee or
16 special committee has referred the floor amendment to the
17 House; or (iii) the floor amendment has been discharged from
18 committee pursuant to Rule 18(g) or Rule 58. All amendments
19 must be in writing. All committee amendments that are in
20 compliance with the requirements of these House Rules ~~have been~~
21 ~~timely filed, as determined by the Chairperson,~~ shall be
22 considered by the committee or a subcommittee of that committee
23 prior to consideration by the committee of the bill to which
24 the amendment relates. All amendments not adopted to a bill and
25 that are still pending in a committee or before the House upon

1 the passage or defeat of a bill on Third Reading are
2 automatically tabled.

3 (b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, committee
4 amendments may be offered only by the Principal Sponsor or a
5 member of the committee while the affected bill is assigned to
6 ~~before~~ that committee, and shall be adopted by a majority of
7 those appointed. If a committee amendment is filed by a member
8 who is not authorized to do so, that amendment shall be
9 recorded by the Clerk as out of order. Floor amendments may be
10 offered for adoption only by a Representative while the bill is
11 on the order of Second Reading, subject to Rule 18, and shall
12 be adopted by a majority vote of the House. The sponsor of a
13 committee or floor amendment may change the sponsorship of the
14 amendment to that of another member, with that other member's
15 consent. Such change may be made at any time the amendment is
16 pending before the House or any of its committees by filing
17 notice with the Clerk. A committee amendment may be the subject
18 of a motion to "do adopt" or "do not adopt". A committee
19 amendment may be adopted only by a successful motion to "do
20 adopt". The Chairperson of a committee may refer any committee
21 amendment to a subcommittee of that committee.

22 (c) Committee amendments shall be filed with the Clerk of
23 the House and shall be automatically referred to the committee
24 before which the underlying bill or resolution is pending
25 ~~Chairperson of the committee, and are in order only when~~
26 ~~sufficient copies have been filed to provide each member of the~~

1 ~~committee with a copy (which may be done in the same manner as~~
2 ~~distribution of bills under Rule 39) and 6 additional copies~~
3 ~~for the Chairperson.~~ Floor amendments shall be filed with the
4 Clerk only while the bill is on the order of Second Reading or
5 Third Reading. Amendments shall not be considered filed until
6 they are entered into the General Assembly's computer system by
7 the Clerk as a filed amendment. Amendments, ~~and~~ are in order
8 only when 6 copies have been filed. The Clerk shall number
9 amendments sequentially in the order submitted, and all
10 amendments that are in order shall be considered in ascending
11 numerical order.

12 (d) The Clerk shall have reproduced, as expeditiously as
13 possible, all ~~adopted committee~~ amendments that are filed
14 pursuant to these Rules ~~come before the House.~~ ~~The Clerk shall~~
15 ~~also have reproduced all floor amendments referred to the House~~
16 ~~by a committee.~~ No committee or floor amendment may be adopted
17 ~~by the House~~ unless it has been reproduced and placed on the
18 members' desks pursuant to ~~in the same manner as for bills~~
19 ~~under Rule 39,~~ except that no committee amendment may be
20 adopted by a committee during the 24-hour time period
21 immediately following the filing of the amendment.

22 This subsection (d) may be suspended only by the
23 affirmative vote of 71 members elected.

24 (e) No floor amendment is in order unless it has been first
25 referred to the House for consideration by the Rules Committee
26 under Rule 18, or favorably reported by, or discharged from, a

1 standing committee or special committee. A floor amendment may
2 be referred to the House for consideration, or to a standing or
3 special committee, only while the bill is on the order of
4 Second Reading or Third Reading.

5 (f) Amendments that propose to alter any existing law shall
6 conform to the requirements of Rule 37(e).

7 (g) If a committee reports a bill "do pass as amended", the
8 committee amendments are deemed adopted by the committee action
9 ~~and shall be reproduced and placed on the members' desks (which~~
10 ~~may be done in the same manner as provided for bills under Rule~~
11 ~~39) before the bill may be read a second time.~~

12 (h) In the case of special committees with Co-Chairpersons
13 from different political parties, the "Chairperson" for the
14 purposes of this Rule is the Co-Chairperson from the majority
15 caucus.

16 (i) No committee amendment shall be filed with the Clerk
17 while a bill is assigned to the Rules Committee. Committee
18 amendments may be filed for a resolution pending in the Rules
19 Committee only if the resolution would adopt or amend House
20 Rules or Joint House-Senate Rules pursuant to Rule 67.

21 (House Rule 42.1 new)

22 42.1. Petition Motion Calendar.

23 (a) The Principal Sponsor of a bill or resolution may file
24 with the Clerk a motion signed by 71 members requesting
25 placement of that bill or resolution on the Petition Calendar

1 with regard to any bill or resolution pending in a House
2 Committee or pending on an order of business on the Daily
3 Calendar.

4 (b) The Clerk shall include a Petition Calendar on the
5 Daily Calendar and designate it as a separate part of the Daily
6 Calendar. A bill that is pending in a committee when a petition
7 motion is filed shall be placed on the Petition Calendar order
8 of Second Reading. A resolution that is pending in a committee
9 when a petition motion is filed shall be placed on the Petition
10 Calendar order of Resolutions. A bill or resolution that is on
11 an order of business on the Daily Calendar when a petition
12 motion is filed shall be placed on the same order of business
13 on the Petition Calendar.

14 (c) A legislative measure on the Petition Calendar shall be
15 moved between the orders of Second Reading, Third Reading, and
16 Postponed Consideration at the request of the Principal
17 Sponsor, except as limited by Rule 41.

18 (d) Whenever the House is on this order of business, the
19 principal sponsor of each legislative measure on the Petition
20 Calendar shall have the right to call that measure for
21 consideration by the House.

22 (e) This rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
23 of 71 members elected.

24 (House Rule 43)

25 43. Changing Order of Business.

1 (a) Any order of business may be changed at any time by the
2 Speaker or Presiding Officer, except as limited by Rule 31.

3 (b) Any order of business may be changed at any time upon
4 the motion of any member, supported by 5 additional members, if
5 the motion is adopted by an affirmative vote of 71 members
6 elected.

7 (c) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
8 of 71 members elected.

9 (House Rule 44)

10 44. Special Orders; Rules Committee.

11 (a) A special order of business may be set by the Rules
12 Committee or by the Speaker. The Principal Sponsor of a bill or
13 resolution must consent to the placement of the bill or
14 resolution on a special order. A special order shall fix the
15 day to which it applies and the matters to be included. The
16 Speaker, or the Rules Committee by a vote of a majority of the
17 members appointed, may establish time limits for a special
18 order and may establish limitations on debate during a special
19 order (notwithstanding Rule 52), in which event the allotted
20 time shall be fairly divided between proponents and opponents
21 of the legislation to be considered. A special order of
22 business takes the place of the standing order for such time as
23 may be necessary for its completion but may occur no earlier
24 than after the completion of standing order (2) of Rule 31.

25 Only matters that may otherwise properly be before the House

1 may be included in a special order.

2 (b) A special order shall appear on the Daily Calendar for
3 legislative days. ~~This subsection (b) may be suspended only
4 by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.~~

5 (c) A special order may be suspended, amended, or modified
6 by motion adopted by an affirmative vote of 60 members. A
7 special order shall be suspended by a written objection signed
8 by 3 members of the Rules Committee and filed during the first
9 legislative day on which the special order appears on the
10 calendar.

11 (d) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
12 of 71 members elected.

13 (House Rule 51)

14 51. Decorum.

15 (a) When any member is about to speak to the House, he or
16 she shall rise and address the Presiding Officer as "Speaker".
17 The Presiding Officer, upon recognizing the member, shall
18 address him or her by name, and thereupon the engineer in
19 charge of operating the microphones in the House shall give the
20 use of the microphone to the member who has been so recognized.
21 The member in speaking shall confine himself or herself to the
22 subject matter under discussion and avoid personalities.

23 (b) Questions affecting the rights, reputation, and
24 conduct of members of the House in their representative
25 capacity are questions of personal privilege. A matter of

1 personal explanation does not constitute a question of personal
2 privilege.

3 (c) If 2 or more members rise at once, the Presiding
4 Officer shall name the member who is to speak first.

5 (d) No person shall give any signs of approbation or
6 disapprobation while the House is in session.

7 (e) Recognition of guests by any member is prohibited,
8 except that the Speaker or Presiding Officer may recognize an
9 honored guest.

10 (f) While the Presiding Officer is putting a question, no
11 member shall leave or walk across the House Chamber. When a
12 member is addressing the House, no member or other person
13 entitled to the floor shall entertain private discourse or pass
14 between the member speaking and the Presiding Officer. No
15 messages from individuals located outside the House Chamber
16 shall be delivered in the Chamber by a doorkeeper, page, or any
17 other person while the House is on any of the following orders
18 of business: Reading of House Bills a third time, Reading of
19 Senate Bills a third time, House Bills on the Order of
20 Concurrence, Senate Bills on the Order of Non-Concurrence, and
21 Conference Committee Reports.

22 (g) In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the
23 Speaker or Presiding Officer may order that the lobby, gallery,
24 or hallways adjoining the House Chamber be cleared.

25 (h) No literature may be distributed on the House floor.

26 (i) No member may be absent from a session of the House

1 unless he or she has leave or is sick or his or her absence is
2 unavoidable. The switch to the electrical roll call recording
3 equipment located on the desk of any member who has been
4 excused or is absent shall be locked by the Clerk and shall not
5 be unlocked until the member returns and files with the Clerk a
6 request to be shown as present on the quorum roll call as
7 provided in Rule 32(c).

8 (House Rule 75)

9 75. House Consideration of Joint Action.

10 (a) No joint action motion for final action or conference
11 committee report may be considered by the House unless it has
12 first been referred to the House by the Rules Committee or a
13 standing committee or special committee in accordance with Rule
14 18, or unless the joint action motion or conference committee
15 report has been discharged from the Rules Committee under Rule
16 18. Joint action motions for final action ~~consideration~~ and
17 conference committee reports referred to a standing committee
18 or special committee by the Rules Committee may not be
19 discharged from the standing committee or special committee.
20 This subsection (a) may be suspended by unanimous consent.

21 (b) No conference committee report may be considered by the
22 House unless it has been reproduced and placed on the members'
23 desks, in the same manner as provided for bills under Rule 39,
24 for one full day during the period beginning with the convening
25 of the House on the 2nd Wednesday of January each year and

1 ending on the 30th day prior to the scheduled adjournment of
2 the regular session established each year by the Speaker
3 pursuant to Rule 9(a), and for one full hour on any other day.

4 (c) Before any conference committee report on an
5 appropriation bill is considered by the House, the conference
6 committee report shall first be the subject of a public hearing
7 by a standing Appropriations Committee or a special committee
8 (the conference committee report need not be referred to an
9 Appropriations Committee or special committee, but instead may
10 remain before the Rules Committee or the House, as the case may
11 be). The hearing shall be held pursuant to not less than one
12 hour advance notice by announcement on the House floor, or one
13 day advance notice by posting on the House bulletin board. An
14 Appropriations Committee or special committee shall not issue
15 any report with respect to the conference committee report
16 following the hearing.

17 (d) Any House Bill amended in the Senate and returned to
18 the House for concurrence in the Senate amendment shall lie
19 upon the desk of the Clerk for not less than one hour before
20 being further considered.

21 (e) No House Bill that is returned to the House with Senate
22 amendments may be called except by the Principal Sponsor, or by
23 a chief co-sponsor with the consent of the Principal Sponsor.
24 This subsection may not be suspended.

25 (f) Except as otherwise provided in Rule 74, the report of
26 a conference committee on a non-appropriation bill or

1 resolution shall be confined to the subject of the bill or
2 resolution referred to the conference committee. The report of
3 a conference committee on an appropriation bill shall be
4 confined to the subject of appropriations.

5 (House Rule 76.5 new)

6 76.5. Appropriation Bills. Joint action motions for final
7 action on the order of Concurrence regarding an appropriation
8 bill shall not be considered by the House until the third
9 calendar day following the day that the bill was received back
10 in the House with one or more amendments added by the Senate.
11 Joint action motions for final action on the order of
12 Non-concurrence regarding an appropriation bill shall not be
13 considered by the House until the third calendar day following
14 the day that the bill was received back in the House with a
15 message requesting the House to recede from one or more of its
16 amendments. Joint action motions for final action on the order
17 of Conference Committee Reports regarding an appropriation
18 bill shall not be considered by the House until the third
19 calendar day following the day that the conference report to
20 which the motion applies was filed with the Clerk.

21 Nothing in this Rule limits consideration of a joint action
22 motion for final action by a committee of the House or a joint
23 committee of the House and Senate.

24 This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of
25 71 members elected.

1 (House Rule 102)

2 102. Definitions. As used in these Rules, terms have the
3 meanings ascribed to them as follows, unless the context
4 clearly requires a different meaning:

5 (1) Chairperson. "Chairperson" means that
6 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as chair
7 of a committee.

8 (2) Co-Chairperson. "Co-Chairperson" means a
9 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as
10 co-chair of a standing or special committee.

11 (3) Clerk. "Clerk" means the elected Clerk of the
12 House.

13 (4) Committee. "Committee" means a committee of the
14 House and includes a standing committee, the Rules
15 Committee, a special committee, committees created under
16 Article X and Article XII of these Rules, and a
17 subcommittee of a committee. "Committee" does not mean a
18 conference committee, and the procedural and notice
19 requirements applicable to committees do not apply to
20 conference committees.

21 (5) Constitution. "Constitution" means the
22 Constitution of the State of Illinois.

23 (6) General Assembly. "General Assembly" means the
24 current General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

25 (7) House. "House" means the House of Representatives

1 of the General Assembly.

2 (8) Joint Action Motions. "Joint action motions" means
3 the following motions before the House: to concur in a
4 Senate amendment, to non-concur in a Senate amendment, to
5 recede from a House amendment, to refuse to recede from a
6 House amendment, to request that a conference committee be
7 appointed, and to adopt a conference committee report.

8 (8.5) Joint Action Motions for Final Action. "Joint
9 action motions for final action" means the following
10 motions before the House: to concur in a Senate amendment,
11 to recede from a House amendment, and to adopt a conference
12 committee report.

13 (9) Legislative Digest. "Legislative Digest" means the
14 Legislative Synopsis and Digest that is prepared by the
15 Legislative Reference Bureau of the General Assembly.

16 (10) Legislative Measures. "Legislative measures"
17 means all matters brought before the House for
18 consideration, whether originated in the House or Senate,
19 and includes bills, amendments, resolutions, conference
20 committee reports, motions, messages, notices, and
21 Executive Orders from the executive branch.

22 (11) Majority. "Majority" means a majority of those
23 members present and voting on a question. Unless otherwise
24 specified with respect to a particular House Rule, for
25 purposes of determining the number of members present and
26 voting on a question, a "present" vote shall not be

1 counted.

2 (12) Majority Caucus. "Majority caucus" means that
3 group of Representatives from the numerically strongest
4 political party in the House.

5 (13) Majority of those Appointed. "Majority of those
6 appointed" means a majority of the total number of
7 Representatives authorized under these Rules to be
8 appointed to a committee.

9 (14) Majority of those Elected. "Majority of those
10 elected" means a majority of the total number of
11 Representatives entitled to be elected to the House,
12 regardless of the number of elected or appointed
13 Representatives actually serving in office. So long as 118
14 Representatives are entitled to be elected to the House,
15 "majority of those elected" means 60 affirmative votes; 71
16 affirmative votes means three-fifths of the members
17 elected; and 79 affirmative votes means two-thirds of the
18 members elected.

19 (15) Member. "Member" means a Representative. Where
20 the context so requires, "member" may also mean a Senator
21 of the Illinois Senate.

22 (16) Members Appointed. "Members appointed" means the
23 total number of Representatives authorized under these
24 Rules to be appointed to a committee.

25 (17) Members Elected. "Members elected" means the 118
26 Representatives entitled to be elected to the House,

1 regardless of the number of elected or appointed
2 Representatives actually serving in office.

3 (18) Minority Caucus. "Minority caucus" means that
4 group of Representatives from the second numerically
5 strongest political party in the House.

6 (19) Minority Leader. "Minority Leader" means the
7 Minority Leader of the House elected under Rule 2.

8 (20) Minority Spokesperson. "Minority spokesperson"
9 means that Representative designated by the Minority
10 Leader to serve as the minority spokesperson of a
11 committee.

12 (21) Perfunctory Session. "Perfunctory session" means
13 the convening of the House, pursuant to the scheduling of
14 the Speaker, for purposes consistent with Rule 28.

15 (22) Presiding Officer. "Presiding Officer" means that
16 Representative serving as the presiding officer of the
17 House, whether that Representative is the Speaker or
18 another Representative designated by the Speaker under
19 Rule 4.

20 (23) Principal Sponsor. "Principal sponsor" means the
21 first listed House sponsor of any legislative measure; with
22 respect to a committee-sponsored bill or resolution, it
23 means the Chairperson of the committee or the
24 Co-Chairperson from the majority caucus.

25 (24) Record Vote. "Record vote" means a vote by ayes
26 and nays entered on the journal.

1 (25) Representative. "Representative" means any duly
2 elected or duly appointed Illinois State Representative,
3 and means the same as "member".

4 (26) Senate. "Senate" means the Senate of the General
5 Assembly.

6 (27) Speaker. "Speaker" means the Speaker of the House
7 elected as provided in Rule 1.

8 (28) Term. "Term" means the 2-year term of a General
9 Assembly.

10 (29) Vice-Chairperson. "Vice-Chairperson" means that
11 Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as
12 Vice-Chairperson of a committee.