

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY FAGG

IN THE HOUSE

January 6, 1981

On motion, rules suspended.  
Bill allowed to be introduced.

On motion by chief sponsor,  
Representatives Andreason,  
Cozzens, O'Hara, Hannah,  
Burnett, Jensen were added  
as authors to the pre-filed  
bill.

Introduced and referred to  
Committee on Rules.

Committee recommend bill  
do pass as amended. Report  
adopted.

Motion pass consideration.  
To be considered January 7,  
1981.

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Second reading, do pass.

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16 its members speaker. The house shall choose its other  
17 officers, and shall be the judge of the elections, returns,  
18 and qualifications of its members.

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20 pro tempore who shall perform all of the duties of the  
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22 occasions as the speaker may request.

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1 question without the unanimous consent of the house, unless  
2 he has proposed or introduced the matter under debate, in  
3 which case he may speak in reply after all members choosing  
4 to speak have spoken.

5 H1-5. If the motions "do pass" and "do not pass" or  
6 "indefinitely postpone" both fail on Second Reading, a  
7 motion to reconsider is in order in Committee of the Whole.

8 H1-6. Only the following persons may be admitted to  
9 the floor of the house during sessions: legislators,  
10 legislative officers and employees whose presence is  
11 necessary for the conduct of the business of the session,  
12 accredited members of the press, radio, television, former  
13 legislators, members' spouses, and visiting dignitaries.

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15 Meetings, Quorums, and Attendance

16 H2-1. Lobbying on the floor of the House of  
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18 two hours prior to the commencement of a session and within  
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21 Committees

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23 follows:

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14 The first named member of a committee is the chairman,  
15 and in his absence the next named member, and so on.

16 H3-2. The committee on rules shall consist of the  
17 speaker, the majority leader, and other members of the  
18 majority party appointed by the speaker, the minority  
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23 conference committees.

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11 specified purpose by unanimous consent.

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