

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY VINCENT

IN THE HOUSE

January 3, 1983

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Rules.

January 11, 1983

Committee recommend resolution
be adopted as amended. Report
adopted.

January 12, 1983

Resolution printed and placed
on members' desks.

January 13, 1983

Second reading, adopted as
amended.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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18 officers and shall be the judge of the elections, returns,
19 and qualifications of its members.
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23 speaker in the absence of that officer and on such other
24 occasions as the speaker may request.
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26 H1-3. No member shall speak for longer than 30 minutes
27 in debate on any one motion or question; however, in

1 committee of the whole, no member may speak over 5 minutes
2 on any motion except the member who made the motion on the
3 immediately pending question, and that member shall have 5
4 minutes to close.

5 H1-4. No member shall speak more than once on the same
6 question without the unanimous consent of the house, unless
7 he has proposed or introduced the immediately pending
8 question, in which case he may speak in reply after all
9 members choosing to speak have spoken.

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

13 H1-6. Only the following persons may be admitted to
14 the floor of the house during sessions: legislators;
15 legislative officers and employees whose presence is
16 necessary for the conduct of the business of the session;
17 accredited members of the press, radio, and television;
18 former legislators; members' spouses and their children 12
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20 CHAPTER 2
21 Meetings, Quorums, and Attendance

22 H2-1. Lobbying on the floor of the House of
23 Representatives is prohibited during the session and within

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1 2 hours prior to the commencement of a session and within
2 one-half hour after recess or adjournment.

3 CHAPTER 3

4 Committees

5 H3-1. The standing committees of the house are as
6 follows:

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- 18 12. Human Services

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2 14. State Administration

3 15. Taxation

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6 H3-2. The committee on rules shall consist of the
7 speaker, the majority leader and other members of the
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20 CHAPTER 4

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Approved by Comm.
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2 THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE HAVE 24 HOURS IN WHICH TO INDICATE
3 IN WRITING TO THE CHIEF CLERK THAT THEY WISH TO HAVE THE
4 BILL DEBATED. IF 20 MEMBERS, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF
5 THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAKING THE REPORT, SO
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