

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

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4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1001

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8 A Resolution relating to House Rules.
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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF
12 THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

14 Pursuant to Article V, Section 30 of the Oklahoma Constitution,
15 the Oklahoma House of Representatives adopts the following rules to
16 govern its operations and procedures. The provisions of these rules
17 shall be deemed the only requirements binding upon the House of
18 Representatives under Article V, Section 30 of the Oklahoma
19 Constitution, notwithstanding any other requirements expressed in
20 statute.

21 RULE ONE

22 DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF THE SPEAKER

23 1.1 - Convening
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1 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and (c) of this
2 section, the Speaker of the House, or designee, shall convene the
3 House of Representatives on the day and at the hour to which the
4 House was adjourned on the previous legislative day.

5 (b) Upon taking the chair, the Speaker shall call the House to
6 order and, except in the absence of a quorum, proceed under the
7 customary categories of legislative business set forth in these
8 rules.

9 (c) The Speaker is authorized to convene the House other than
10 the time the House adjourned to, in times of necessity, as
11 determined by the Speaker.

12 (d) The Speaker may designate any other member of the House to
13 serve as the presiding officer, but such designation shall not last
14 beyond that day's adjournment.

15 1.2 - Voting Rights of the Presiding Officer

16 The Speaker shall have the same right as other members to vote.
17 On all questions on which ayes and nays are taken, the Speaker shall
18 vote under the title "Speaker".

19 1.3 - Preservation of Order and Decorum

20 (a) The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum. In case of
21 any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the Hall of the House of
22 Representatives or in other areas of the Capitol assigned to the
23 House, the Speaker shall have the power to order the Hall of the
24 House of Representatives or areas of the Capitol assigned to the

1 House to be cleared or direct any other action necessary to preserve
2 order and decorum.

3 (b) Appearances or presentations by school or other groups
4 shall not be permitted on the floor of the House during legislative
5 deadline weeks, except as authorized by the Speaker.

6 1.4 - Referral of Legislation

7 (a) All proposed legislation, as governed by Rule 8.3 (b), if
8 not referred directly to the General Order category of the House
9 Calendar, shall be referred by the Speaker to an appropriate
10 standing or special committee.

11 (b) Prior to the time a bill or resolution is taken up for
12 consideration by a committee or subcommittee, the Speaker may
13 reassign such bill or resolution.

14 1.5 - Speaker to Sign Bills, Resolutions, and Papers

15 (a) The Speaker, or a member of the House designated by the
16 Speaker, shall sign all bills and resolutions passed by the
17 Legislature.

18 1. The signatures required by this section shall be executed
19 either by physical signature or by electronic signature as
20 determined by the Speaker.

21 2. The certifications required by this section shall be made
22 while the House is in session and shall be made a matter of record
23 in the House Journal.

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1 (b) The Speaker shall sign all subpoenas, warrants, writs,
2 vouchers for expenditures chargeable to the House, contracts binding
3 upon the House, or other papers issued by the House. The Speaker
4 may delegate the authority to sign papers authorizing payments and
5 other papers of an administrative nature.

6 1.6 - Authorization of Counsel

7 (a) The Speaker may authorize or engage legal counsel on behalf
8 of the House, a committee of the House, a member, or former member
9 of the House in his or her legal capacity as a member, or an
10 officer, employee or agent of the House in their official capacity
11 when the Speaker determines that such action would be in the best
12 interest of the House of Representatives. In compliance with the
13 requirements contained in paragraph (b) of this section, expenses
14 incurred for legal services authorized by these Rules may be paid
15 upon approval of the Speaker.

16 (b) If a claim arising from allegations of unlawful
17 discrimination, as defined in federal law, is made against the House
18 of Representatives itself or against a committee of the House, a
19 member, or former member of the House in his or her legal capacity
20 as a member, or an officer, employee, or agent of the House in their
21 official capacity, the Speaker shall not enter into a settlement
22 agreement on behalf of the House that requires the expenditure of
23 House funds in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)
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1 without first receiving the approval of a committee appointed
2 pursuant to Rule 1.8.

3 1.7 - Supervision of the House

4 (a) The Speaker shall have general supervision over the Hall of
5 the House and the areas of the Capitol building assigned to the
6 House of Representatives.

7 (b) The Speaker shall assign committee rooms to the various
8 standing, special, joint, and standing conference committees.

9 (c) The Speaker may reserve a portion of the gallery for former
10 members of the House, former members of the Senate, and the families
11 of members of the House and their guests.

12 1.8 - Standing, Special, and Joint Committees

13 (a) The Speaker shall create, abolish, and establish the
14 jurisdiction of all standing committees, special committees, and
15 subcommittees of the House of Representatives.

16 (b) The Speaker shall appoint the chairpersons and vice-
17 chairpersons of all standing committees, special committees, and
18 subcommittees of the House of Representatives and shall appoint the
19 co-chairpersons and co-vice-chairpersons from the House for any
20 joint committees of the Legislature.

21 (c) The Speaker shall appoint the membership of all standing
22 committees, special committees, and subcommittees of the House of
23 Representatives and shall appoint the members constituting the
24 House's delegation to any joint committees of the Legislature.

1 (d) All chairpersons, co-chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, co-
2 vice-chairpersons, and members of any House committee, subcommittee,
3 or joint committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

4 (e) The Speaker shall be an ex officio voting member of all
5 standing, special, and joint committees.

6 1.9 - Conference Committees

7 (a) The Speaker shall create, abolish, and establish the
8 jurisdiction of all standing and special conference committees of
9 the House of Representatives.

10 (b) Upon creation of a conference committee, the Speaker shall
11 appoint the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and membership of the
12 conference committee.

13 (c) The Speaker shall be an ex officio voting member of all
14 conference committees.

15 RULE TWO

16 SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

17 2.1 - Convening

18 (a) In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, as
19 presiding officer, shall convene the House of Representatives on the
20 day and at the hour to which the House was adjourned on the previous
21 legislative day.

22 (b) Upon taking the chair, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall call
23 the House to order and, except in the absence of a quorum, proceed
24 under the order of business adopted by the House.

1 (c) In the absence of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore may
2 designate any other member of the House to serve as the presiding
3 officer, but such designation shall not last beyond that day's
4 adjournment.

5 2.2 - Duties

6 (a) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall perform the duties of Speaker
7 in the absence of the Speaker.

8 (b) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be an ex officio voting
9 member of all standing, special, and joint committees.

10 (c) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be an ex officio voting
11 member of all conference committees.

12 2.3 - Succession

13 (a) If, while the House is meeting in regular or special
14 session, the office of Speaker becomes vacant fifteen (15) calendar
15 days or more prior to the date of sine die adjournment, the Speaker
16 Pro Tempore shall serve as Acting Speaker of the House until a new
17 Speaker is elected, which election shall be set by the Acting
18 Speaker and shall be carried out no later than fifteen (15) calendar
19 days after the day of the vacancy. If the office of Speaker becomes
20 vacant less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of
21 sine die adjournment, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall accede to the
22 office of Speaker of the House continuing as Speaker until the
23 conclusion of the present term of office, as established in 14 O.S.,
24 Section 145, unless the House shall decide otherwise by electing

1 another member Speaker of the House pursuant to Article V, Section
2 29 of the Oklahoma Constitution. In the event the office of Speaker
3 becomes vacant after the organizational session required in Article
4 V, Section 26 of the Oklahoma Constitution but before the first
5 Monday in February of the same year, no election for the office of
6 Speaker shall be held prior to the time the House convenes at twelve
7 o'clock noon on the first Monday in February.

8 (b) When only acting as Speaker pursuant to paragraph (a) of
9 this section, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall not exercise the powers
10 of appointment provided to a Speaker of the House by statute or by
11 House or Joint Rule and shall not be considered the Speaker of the
12 House within the meaning of Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma
13 Constitution establishing the line of succession to the Governor.
14 Upon accession to the office of Speaker of the House, under
15 paragraph (a) of this section, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall take
16 the oath of office as Speaker of the House and shall file said oath
17 with the office of the Secretary of State and shall be authorized to
18 exercise all authority granted to the Speaker of the House under law
19 or by House or Joint Rule including, but not limited to, the powers
20 of appointment and inclusion in the line of succession to the office
21 of Governor as provided by Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma
22 Constitution.

23 (c) If the House is not meeting in regular or special session
24 and the office of Speaker becomes vacant due to death or

1 resignation, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall become Speaker of the
2 House and shall be authorized to exercise all authority granted to
3 the Speaker of the House under law or by House or Joint Rule
4 including, but not limited to, the powers of appointment and
5 inclusion in the line of succession to the office of Governor as
6 provided by Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

7 (d) Upon accession to the office of Speaker of the House under
8 paragraph (c) of this section, the member in so doing shall continue
9 as Speaker until such time as the House convenes for the first
10 legislative day of the next regular or special session, or until the
11 conclusion of the present term of office, as established in 14 O.S.,
12 Section 145, whichever occurs first, unless earlier removed from
13 office under the provisions of 51 O.S., Section 24.1.

14 (e) The Speaker Pro Tempore, upon becoming Speaker of the House
15 by operation of paragraph (c) of this section, shall take the oath
16 of office as Speaker of the House and shall file said oath with the
17 office of the Secretary of State.

18 (f) If the Speaker shall become incapable of performing the
19 duties pertaining to the office of Speaker of the House for reasons
20 other than death or resignation, when the House is not meeting in
21 regular or special session, the powers and duties of the Speaker of
22 the House shall be discharged by the Speaker Pro Tempore as Acting
23 Speaker until the incapacity shall cease. When acting as Speaker
24 pursuant to this provision, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall not

1 exercise the Speaker's powers of appointment nor shall the Speaker
2 Pro Tempore be included in the line of succession to the office of
3 Governor, as provided by Article VI, Section 15 of the Oklahoma
4 Constitution, unless he or she transmits a written declaration
5 establishing the nature of the Speaker's incapacity to perform the
6 duties of the office of Speaker of the House to the members of the
7 House of Representatives and the Chief Clerk of the House. Upon
8 receipt of such a written declaration, the Chief Clerk of the House
9 shall notify the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Governor,
10 and the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Thereafter,
11 when the elected Speaker transmits to the Speaker Pro Tempore and
12 the Chief Clerk of the House his or her written declaration that no
13 such incapacity exists, he or she shall resume the powers and duties
14 of the office of Speaker of the House.

15 (g) Regardless of whether the House is in session, whenever the
16 elected Speaker transmits to the Speaker Pro Tempore and the Chief
17 Clerk of the House a written declaration that he or she is unable to
18 discharge the powers and duties of the office of Speaker of the
19 House, and until he or she transmits to them a written declaration
20 to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the
21 Speaker Pro Tempore as Acting Speaker. Upon receipt of such a
22 written declaration, the Chief Clerk of the House shall notify the
23 members of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore
24 of the Senate, the Governor, and the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma

1 Supreme Court. Thereafter, when the Speaker transmits to the
2 Speaker Pro Tempore and the Chief Clerk of the House his or her
3 written declaration that no inability exists, he or she shall resume
4 the powers and duties of the office of Speaker of the House. When
5 acting as Speaker pursuant to this provision, the Speaker Pro
6 Tempore shall not exercise the Speaker's powers of appointment nor
7 shall the Speaker Pro Tempore be included in the line of succession
8 to the office of Governor, as provided by Article VI, Section 15 of
9 the Oklahoma Constitution.

10 RULE THREE

11 HOUSE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

12 3.1 - Employment by House

13 (a) The Speaker shall employ and manage qualified personnel to
14 staff the House of Representatives. All House employees work for
15 and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House.

16 (b) The Speaker shall determine their qualifications, hours of
17 work, and compensation, including benefits.

18 (c) The Speaker has the right at any time to transfer any
19 employee to another department or discharge any employee of the
20 House without cause.

21 3.2 - Chief Clerk of the House

22 (a) The Chief Clerk of the House shall be responsible for:

- 23 1. publication of all House calendars and agendas;
- 24 2. publication of bills, resolutions, and amendments;

1 3. publication of standing committee reports, special committee
2 reports, and conference committee reports; and

3 4. preparation, indexing, and publication of electronic and
4 tangible versions of the House Journal.

5 (b) The Chief Clerk of the House shall have custody of and be
6 responsible for the safekeeping of all bills and resolutions pending
7 in the House at the final adjournment of the First Regular Session
8 of the Legislature.

9 (c) All official papers, records, reports, testimony presented,
10 and other materials belonging to the House shall be entrusted to the
11 care and custody of the Chief Clerk of the House.

12 (d) Official copies of all bills and resolutions and other
13 materials as designated by the Speaker shall not be removed from the
14 Office of the Chief Clerk for any purpose except upon order of the
15 Speaker.

16 (e) Communications shall be prepared and signed by the Chief
17 Clerk of the House under the direction of and in the name of the
18 Speaker.

19 (f) The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be
20 the guardian of electronic signatures for the House of
21 Representatives and shall be authorized to make determinations as to
22 validity and authenticity of electronic signatures.

23 (g) If transmitting bills, resolutions, or messages
24 electronically to the Senate, Governor, or Secretary of State, the

1 Chief Clerk of the House shall establish safeguards to protect
2 against unauthorized users.

3 3.3 - Chief Sergeant At Arms

4 (a) It shall be the duty of the Chief Sergeant at Arms to
5 attend the House during each day's session, to maintain order under
6 the direction of the presiding officer, and to execute the commands
7 of the House.

8 (b) The Chief Sergeant at Arms shall have charge of the Chamber
9 during the sessions, and see that the Chamber is kept in order and
10 at all times ready for use by the House.

11 (c) The Chief Sergeant at Arms shall, fifteen (15) minutes
12 before the House is to convene, clear the House Floor, anterooms of
13 the House Floor, and House Lounge of all unauthorized persons, as
14 defined in Rule 5, and shall see that no unauthorized persons enter
15 said areas while the House is in session.

16 3.4 - Chief Parliamentarian

17 (a) The Chief Parliamentarian, under the direction of the
18 Speaker, shall have general charge and supervision over the
19 legislative procedure of the House.

20 (b) The Speaker of the House shall appoint a Chief
21 Parliamentarian who shall assist the presiding officer in the making
22 of parliamentary rulings.

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1 (c) The Chief Parliamentarian shall, at the direction of the
2 Speaker, assist the Speaker in publishing a volume of substantive
3 parliamentary rulings.

4 3.5 - Chaplain

5 A Chaplain shall attend the commencement of each day's session
6 of the House, open the session with prayer, and may be allotted five
7 (5) minutes during the Thursday session for the purpose of
8 delivering remarks to the House.

9 3.6 - Pages

10 The Speaker, or designee, shall promulgate rules and guidelines
11 for the Page program.

12 RULE FOUR

13 MEMBERS

14 4.1 - Member Defined

15 "Member", as used in these Rules, means a member of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 4.2 - Disclosure of Personal or Private Interest

18 A member who has a personal or private interest in any bill or
19 resolution, proposed, or pending before the House, shall disclose
20 that fact to the House, and shall not vote on that bill or
21 resolution, as required by Article V, Section 24 of the Oklahoma
22 Constitution.

23 4.3 - Absence of Members

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1 No member shall be absent from the session of the House without
2 leave.

3 4.4 - Decorum

4 (a) No member rising to debate, to give notice, to make a
5 motion, or to present a paper of any kind shall proceed until the
6 member has addressed the presiding officer and has been recognized
7 by the presiding officer as being entitled to the Floor.

8 (b) While a member is speaking, no other member shall enter
9 into any private conversation or pass between the speaking member
10 and the presiding officer.

11 (c) The presiding officer may enforce the provisions of House
12 rules by naming the disruptive or disorderly member after requesting
13 order in the Chamber.

14 (d) Profane, obscene, or indecent language is prohibited in the
15 House and in all committees and subcommittees of the House.

16 (e) All members shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming a
17 member of the House of Representatives. When the House is in
18 session all members shall, while in the Chamber or Gallery, be
19 appropriately dressed. Members shall wear appropriate professional
20 business attire; male members shall wear suitcoats, slacks, and
21 ties. No member shall wear jeans, denim pants, t-shirts as
22 outerwear, non-religious head coverings, hoodies, or hats in the
23 House Chamber while the House is in session.

1 (f) Any member who, while under the influence of intoxicating
2 liquor or drugs, appears in the Chamber or in any part of the
3 Capitol Building assigned to the House, shall be in contempt of the
4 House and subject to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

5 (g) Possession of intoxicating liquor shall not be permitted at
6 any time in the Chamber or in any part of the Capitol Building
7 assigned to the House.

8 (h) Use of tobacco products, including smoking, dipping, or
9 sniffing snuff, shall not be permitted at any time in the Chamber,
10 as governed by Rule 11.5.

11 (i) No food, including canned or bottled beverages, shall be
12 allowed at any time in the Chamber while the House is in session.
13 Food may be consumed in the lounge and foyer at the west end of the
14 Chamber.

15 (j) Video recordings or broadcasts, other than those captured
16 by the House or at the discretion of the Speaker, by Members shall
17 be prohibited on the House Floor while the House is in session.

18 4.5 - Service of Process

19 Upon being presented with any service of legal process
20 pertaining to the House of Representatives itself or to an
21 individual member of the House of Representatives in his or her
22 official capacity, the member or employee so approached shall inform
23 the Speaker of the House and the House General Counsel prior to
24 attempting to respond.

1 RULE FIVE

2 PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR AND THE ANTEROOMS

3 5.1 - Floor Privileges

4 (a) The following persons shall be entitled to privileges of
5 the Floor when the House is in session:

6 1. members of the House;

7 2. members of the Senate;

8 3. former members of the House except as otherwise provided in
9 Section 5.3 of this Rule;

10 4. the Governor, except during consideration of a motion to
11 override the veto of the Governor;

12 5. employees of the House and Senate as designated by the
13 Speaker; and

14 6. children or grandchildren of members for the purpose only of
15 introduction from the member's desk.

16 (b) Except as permitted in paragraph (a) of this section, no
17 other person, except upon formal invitation by the House of
18 Representatives, shall enter upon the Floor when the House is
19 convened in session.

20 (c) The Speaker may revoke the floor privileges for any persons
21 granted privileges by paragraphs (a) and (b) except for members of
22 the House.

23 5.2 - Anterooms of the House Chamber
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1 (a) While the House is in session, no persons other than those
2 entitled to privileges of the Floor, members of the immediate
3 families of House members, and House employees authorized by the
4 Speaker shall be admitted to the House Lounge and anteroom located
5 at the west end of the House Floor or into the anteroom located at
6 the east end of the House Floor, except at the express invitation of
7 a member, provided the member is present.

8 (b) The Speaker may prescribe additional policies restricting
9 use of the House Lounge and any rooms adjoining the lounge or the
10 House Chamber.

11 5.3 - Former Members

12 (a) Except as authorized by the Speaker, no former member of
13 the House or Senate who is an officer or employee in the executive
14 branch of state government or who is registered or required to be
15 registered as a lobbyist under the Ethics Commission Act shall be
16 entitled to privileges of the Floor when the House is convened in
17 session.

18 (b) No former member when present on the House Floor pursuant
19 to paragraph (a) of this section shall attempt to influence the
20 passage or failure of any pending motion or legislation.

21 5.4 - House Parking

22 When the House is convened in regular or special session, no
23 registered lobbyist under the Ethics Commission Act shall be
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1 permitted to park in the parking areas of the Capitol grounds
2 allocated to the House of Representatives.

3 5.5 - Presentations on House Floor

4 Except as authorized by the Speaker, no member shall schedule
5 more than five (5) congratulatory presentations on the House Floor
6 during a Regular Session of the biennium.

7 5.6 - House Gallery

8 When the House is in session, no person, unless authorized by
9 the Speaker, shall remain standing while in the Gallery.

10 RULE SIX

11 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

12 6.1 - Definition of the Term "Bill"

13 The term "bill", as used in these Rules, shall mean proposed
14 legislation which in order to become law must pass through the
15 Legislature according to the procedures established by the Oklahoma
16 Constitution, including consideration by the Governor. The term
17 shall include proposed laws of a general nature and proposed special
18 or local laws. The procedures of these Rules applicable to the
19 introduction and passage of bills shall also apply to the
20 introduction and passage of joint resolutions.

21 6.2 - Filing Deadline

22 (a) The filing deadlines for introduction of bills and joint
23 resolutions shall be established in consultation between the House
24 of Representatives and the Senate.

1 (b) Legislative deadlines previously agreed to by the House of
2 Representatives shall be inapplicable to:

3 1. measures which propose a special or local law as governed by
4 Section 6.10 of this Rule;

5 2. measures authored by the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons
6 of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee and the Senate
7 Appropriations Committee which affect the receipt, expenditure, or
8 budgeting of state funds or funds under the control of an entity
9 created by state law; or

10 3. measures authored by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
12 which are deemed by them to be necessary for the preservation of the
13 public peace, health, and safety;

14 4. measures authored by the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons
15 of the House Redistricting Committee and the Senate Redistricting
16 Committee which affect the legislative apportionment; or

17 5. measures introduced or authorized by the Speaker.

18 6.3 - Numbering

19 (a) Bills and joint resolutions introduced in the Second
20 Regular Session of a Legislature shall be numbered consecutively
21 with the last bill and joint resolution, respectively, introduced in
22 the First Regular Session of the same Legislature.

23 (b) Simple and concurrent resolutions introduced in the Second
24 Regular Session of a Legislature shall be numbered consecutively

1 with the last simple and concurrent resolution, respectively,
2 introduced in the First Regular Session of the same Legislature.

3 6.4 - Introduction

4 (a) All bills and resolutions shall be accompanied by the name
5 or names of the member or members introducing the bill or
6 resolution, shall have a title stating the subject matter contained
7 therein and shall include the request number assigned to the bill or
8 resolution by the staff of the House.

9 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no
10 member of the House of Representatives shall be the principal author
11 of more than eight (8) House bills or joint resolutions during a
12 session of the Legislature.

13 (c) The provisions of paragraph (b) of this section shall not
14 apply to:

15 1. measures containing budgetary matters of which the principal
16 author is the Chairperson of the Appropriations and Budget Committee
17 of the House;

18 2. measures related to legislative apportionment of which the
19 principal author is the Chairperson of the Redistricting Committee
20 of the House;

21 3. bills introduced for the purpose specified in 75 O.S.,
22 Section 23.1;
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1 4. measures introduced for the purpose of disapproving or
2 approving agency rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures
3 Act;

4 5. bills introduced for the purpose of implementing the
5 Oklahoma Sunset Law;

6 6. bills that only repeal or delete, without substantive
7 replacement, provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8 7. bills that carry over from the First Regular Session to the
9 Second Regular Session pursuant to Rule 6.9;

10 8. simple or concurrent resolutions; and

11 9. any other measure authorized by the Speaker.

12 6.5 - Authorship

13 (a) Principal Author - A House bill or resolution may have only
14 one Principal Author and shall be the Member that is listed as the
15 Principal Author on a bill or resolution.

16 (b) Author - An Author is a Member who authors a House bill or
17 resolution prior to the introduction of the House bill or
18 resolution.

19 (c) Coauthor - A Coauthor is a Member who authors a House bill
20 or resolution after the introduction of the House bill or
21 resolution.

22 6.6 - Principal Senate Author of a House Bill or Resolution

23 (a) While a House bill, joint resolution, or concurrent
24 resolution is within the physical control of the House, the

1 principal House author of the bill or resolution shall have full and
2 complete discretion in determining who the principal Senate author
3 of the bill or resolution shall be.

4 (b) No bill or resolution lacking a principal Senate author
5 shall be scheduled for Floor consideration, unless authorized by the
6 Speaker, except that the withdrawal of the principal Senate author,
7 after the bill or resolution is scheduled for Floor consideration,
8 shall not preclude the House from considering the bill or
9 resolution.

10 6.7 - Procedures Governing Simple and Concurrent Resolutions

11 (a) Except as exempted by paragraph (b) of this section, the
12 following classes of simple and concurrent resolutions shall lie
13 over one (1) legislative day after introduction, after which they
14 may be called up for consideration:

15 1. resolutions requesting information from any of the executive
16 or judicial departments, from county and municipal officers, or from
17 corporate entities or persons; or

18 2. resolutions giving rise to debate.

19 (b) The following classes of simple and concurrent resolutions
20 may be taken up the same legislative day they are introduced:

21 1. resolutions relating to business immediately before the
22 House;

23 2. resolutions relating to business of the day on which they
24 may be offered;

1 3. resolutions reported from the House Rules Committee
2 proposing adoption of a special rule or rules; or

3 4. resolutions relating to adjournment or recess.

4 (c) Upon taking up a motion to adopt a simple or concurrent
5 resolution, said motion shall be subject to amendment and debate.

6 (d) A motion to amend shall be in order immediately but
7 amendments proposed to simple and concurrent resolutions shall be
8 electronically submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk prior to
9 consideration by the House.

10 (e) The House shall not consider any proposed amendments not
11 germane to the subject of a simple or concurrent resolution under
12 consideration.

13 (f) Debate on the question of adoption of a simple or
14 concurrent resolution shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes,
15 equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the
16 resolution, provided that no member speak for more than ten (10)
17 minutes.

18 (g) Five (5) minutes of the time allocated to the proponents of
19 the resolution shall be reserved to the principal author, and the
20 principal author shall have the right to close the debate.

21 (h) Any simple or concurrent resolution may be referred by the
22 Speaker to an appropriate committee.

23 6.8 - Final Action
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1 (a) The following action shall constitute final action on any
2 bill or resolution:

3 1. committee recommendation of "Do Not Pass";

4 2. if a motion to reconsider the vote on Third Reading or
5 Fourth Reading fails to prevail or expires;

6 3. if a motion to table the motion to reconsider prevails; or

7 4. if a vote is taken on Third Reading or Fourth Reading and no
8 notice is served to reconsider the vote.

9 (b) If final action is such as to defeat a bill or resolution,
10 no other bill or resolution having the same effect and covering the
11 same specific subject matter shall be considered by the House of
12 Representatives during either session of the current Legislature.

13 6.9 - Carry-over Bills and Joint Resolutions

14 Any bill or joint resolution pending in the House at the sine
15 die adjournment of the First Regular Session of a Legislature shall
16 carry over to the Second Regular Session with the same status as if
17 there had been no adjournment; provided, however, that this Rule
18 shall not apply to bills and joint resolutions pending in a
19 conference committee at the time of sine die adjournment.

20 6.10 - Special or Local Laws

21 (a) The House of Representatives shall not consider proposed
22 local or special legislation on subjects prohibited by the Oklahoma
23 Constitution.

1 (b) No special or local law shall be considered by the House of
2 Representatives unless passage of a general law would be
3 ineffective.

4 (c) A bill or joint resolution under consideration by the House
5 shall be presumed not to be special or local legislation unless the
6 principal author so declares in writing prior to presentation of the
7 measure on the House Floor.

8 (d) Prior to consideration of special or local legislation in
9 the House of Representatives:

10 1. notice of the intended introduction of a proposed local or
11 special law shall be first published for four (4) consecutive weeks
12 in a newspaper of weekly or general circulation in the city or
13 county affected by the proposed law;

14 2. the notice shall state in substance the contents of the
15 proposed law;

16 3. verified proof of such publication as required by this
17 section shall be filed with the Office of the Oklahoma Secretary of
18 State; and

19 4. verified proof of such publication as required by this
20 section shall be published in the House Journal no later than the
21 legislative day prior to the day the measure is considered on the
22 House Floor.

23 (e) The presiding officer shall not entertain points of order,
24 requests for information, or parliamentary inquiries pertaining to

1 whether a bill or joint resolution pending before the House is
2 special or local legislation.

3 6.11 - Revenue-Raising Measures

4 (a) A bill or joint resolution under consideration by the House
5 shall be presumed not to be a revenue-raising measure within the
6 meaning of Article V, Section 33 of the Oklahoma Constitution unless
7 the bill or joint resolution has been designated as a revenue-
8 raising measure by the Majority Floor Leader.

9 (b) Prior to consideration of a bill or joint resolution
10 designated as a revenue-raising measure pursuant to this section,
11 the Majority Floor Leader shall rise and announce to the full House
12 the designation of the bill or joint resolution as a revenue-raising
13 measure and the announcement shall be published in the House
14 Journal.

15 (c) The presiding officer shall not entertain points of order,
16 requests for information, or parliamentary inquiries pertaining to
17 whether a bill or joint resolution pending before the House is a
18 revenue-raising measure.

19 (d) Prior to ordering the vote on final passage of a revenue-
20 raising measure, the presiding officer shall announce the vote
21 required for final passage. As used in this section, final passage
22 shall be defined as the vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading of a
23 bill or joint resolution.

24 RULE SEVEN

1 COMMITTEES

2 IN GENERAL

3 7.1 - Definitions

4 (a) A standing committee is a committee appointed by the
5 Speaker of the House pursuant to Rule 1.8 which continues as a
6 distinct entity for the duration of the biennium unless dissolved by
7 the Speaker.

8 (b) A standing subcommittee is a subcommittee appointed by the
9 Speaker of the House pursuant to Rule 1.8 which exercises oversight
10 or other specific authority assigned to it by the Speaker and
11 reports directly to a standing committee.

12 (c) A special committee is a committee appointed by the Speaker
13 of the House pursuant to Rule 1.8 which carries out a particular
14 task defined at the time of the committee's creation and
15 appointment. Upon completion of the task assigned to the special
16 committee, the special committee is immediately dissolved.

17 (d) A conference committee is a committee tasked with resolving
18 differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate. A
19 conference committee consists of members from both chambers with the
20 House members of a conference committee being appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House pursuant to Rule 1.9.

22 7.2 - Open Meetings

23 All meetings of all committees shall be open to the public,
24 subject to the authority of the chairperson to maintain order and

1 decorum. A chairperson, with the approval of the Speaker, may close
2 a committee meeting or portion thereof, and the record of such
3 meeting may not disclose the identity of the witness appearing
4 before the committee, if necessary to preserve physical security,
5 including the protection of a witness.

6 7.3 - Timing, Location, and Deadlines of Meetings

7 (a) The Speaker of the House, or designee, shall determine the
8 dates for committee deadlines within the General Order periods of
9 the biennium.

10 (b) Committees shall meet at the call of the committee Chair
11 within the dates, times, and locations designated by the Speaker.

12 (c) No committee shall sit during a floor session of the House
13 without special leave from the Speaker

14 CHAPTER A. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

15 7.4 - Authority of the Chair

16 (a) All standing and special committees and subcommittees shall
17 be governed by the House Rules applicable to committee proceedings.

18 (b) Chairpersons shall ensure the efficient operation of the
19 committees or subcommittees. Such authority shall include:

20 1. presiding over the committees or subcommittees;

21 2. establishing the calendar for the committees or
22 subcommittees;

23 3. recognition of members or presenters;

1 4. deciding all questions of procedure in the committees or
2 subcommittees, subject to appeal; and

3 5. determining the order in which legislation is considered in
4 a committee or subcommittee. Consent calendars shall not be
5 utilized in committees or subcommittees.

6 (c) The chairperson shall exercise all authority necessary to
7 maintain order and decorum, including the authority to require all
8 persons present to silence all electronic devices and to request the
9 Sergeant at Arms to clear the committee room of a person or persons
10 causing disruption.

11 (d) In case of a chairperson's absence, the vice-chairperson
12 shall assume all duties of the chairperson until the chairperson's
13 return or replacement.

14 (e) The chairperson shall cause to be created an official
15 report recording the ayes and the nays as required by Rule 7.7.

16 (f) No person shall address the committee or subcommittee
17 unless first recognized by the chairperson for that purpose and no
18 persons other than members of the House shall be recognized to offer
19 debate.

20 (g) All motions offered in a committee or a subcommittee
21 meeting shall require a second to receive further consideration.

22 (h) A committee or subcommittee may only take up bills or
23 resolutions for consideration if a quorum of the committee or
24 subcommittee is present. A quorum is a majority of the members of

1 the committee or subcommittee, excluding the ex officio members of
2 the committee or subcommittee, but the ex officio members may count
3 toward the presence of a quorum in a committee or its subcommittees.

4 (i) When a bill or resolution is taken up for consideration,
5 the principal House author or another member designated by the
6 principal House author shall be recognized for explanation of the
7 bill or resolution if he or she so desires. In the event the
8 chairperson of the committee is presenting the measure under
9 consideration, the chairperson shall not also preside over the
10 committee while his or her bill or resolution is under
11 consideration.

12 (j) The House author shall be given the opportunity to answer
13 questions put by members of the committee or other persons
14 recognized by the chairperson.

15 (k) The chairperson shall provide opportunity for presentation
16 of amendments to the bill or resolution by the House author, any
17 member of the committee, or any other member of the House, as
18 governed by Rule 7.6.

19 (l) Amendments shall be considered in the order they appear in
20 the bill or resolution, or in the order they are presented to the
21 committee. The chairperson shall resolve any conflict resulting
22 from claimed priority of presentation.

23 (m) The author of an amendment shall explain the amendment and
24 be afforded the opportunity to answer questions about the amendment

1 put by members of the committee, the author of the bill or
2 resolution, or other persons recognized by the chairperson.

3 (n) The chairperson may recognize any person for comment on the
4 proposed legislation or amendments. The chairperson may limit the
5 amount of time for any such comment.

6 (o) Any questions of procedure not provided for within these
7 Rules shall be governed by the ruling of the chairperson. In making
8 his or her ruling, the chairperson shall rely upon the latest
9 edition of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure. Where a
10 conflict exists between a provision within these Rules and a
11 provision within Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, the House
12 Rule shall control.

13 (p) Any member may rise to a point of order against any other
14 member when, in the member's opinion, such member is proceeding out
15 of order. The member raising the point of order must cite the
16 specific rule the member believes is in conflict. Such point of
17 order shall be decided by the presiding officer without debate.

18 (q) The decisions of the Chair on questions of procedure and
19 points of order shall be subject to appeal as follows:

- 20 1. an appeal must be lodged immediately;
- 21 2. an appeal shall not be raised by anyone other than a member
22 of the committee or subcommittee wherein such a question arises;
- 23 3. an appeal must be seconded by two other members of the
24 committee or subcommittee to receive further consideration;

1 4. all appeals shall be decided without debate, except that the
2 member taking said appeal shall be afforded one (1) minute in which
3 to state the reasons for the member's appeal and the Chair may state
4 the reasons for the Chair's decision; and

5 5. no ruling of the Chair shall be overturned except upon a
6 majority of the members of the committee or subcommittee voting in
7 the negative upon the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be
8 the decision of the committee [or subcommittee]".

9 (r) The chairperson of a full committee may refer to a
10 subcommittee or reassign from a subcommittee any legislation,
11 proposal or inquiry; provided, however, no subcommittee shall be
12 permitted to report directly to the House, but rather shall report
13 to the full committee.

14 (s) Except for legislation recommended by the Rules Committee
15 or the Appropriations and Budget Committee, all legislation
16 originating in the House which is recommended by a committee to the
17 full House shall contain a complete Title and an Enacting or
18 Resolving Clause.

19 (t) The committee or subcommittee chairperson shall sign all
20 reports required or permitted by these Rules. The committee
21 chairperson shall sign all subpoenas as permitted by Rule 7.13, but
22 shall not sign any subpoena prior to signature by the Speaker of the
23 House.

24 7.5 - Notice of Meetings

1 (a) All committees and subcommittees shall provide at least
2 forty-eight (48) hours notice of a meeting. Notice of the meeting
3 shall be published through an appropriate public medium such as the
4 House website or electronic mail, unless notice requirement is
5 waived by the Speaker.

6 (b) A notice shall state the date, time, and place of a meeting
7 and shall include a listing and sufficient title for identification
8 of any and all bills to be considered by the committee or
9 subcommittee holding the meeting. The measure's principal author
10 and the members of the committee or subcommittee shall be provided
11 separate notice.

12 (c) If a committee or subcommittee is scheduled for a regular
13 meeting, but does not plan to meet, a notice stating that no meeting
14 is to be held shall be posted.

15 (d) Bills or resolutions published on a meeting notice but not
16 considered shall not be taken up in a subsequent committee meeting
17 unless said bills or resolutions are listed on the meeting notice
18 announcing the items of business to be considered in the later
19 meeting.

20 7.6 - Amendments

21 (a) Committees and subcommittees may only consider amendments
22 presented in final written form prior to adoption.

23 (b) Any member of the House may offer an amendment to any bill
24 or resolution being considered by any committee or subcommittee and

1 shall be recognized to introduce the amendment. If not a member of
2 the committee or subcommittee, a member who offers an amendment must
3 comply with the amendment filing deadline of this Rule and be
4 present at the meeting at which the amendment is considered. If the
5 member is not present, the amendment may only be considered if taken
6 up and offered by a member of the committee or subcommittee.

7 (c) Any member offering an amendment, including a member of the
8 committee or subcommittee, must submit the proposed amendment in
9 electronic form to the chairperson by 4:30 p.m. the legislative day
10 before the meeting of the committee or subcommittee. The
11 chairperson may, at his or her discretion, waive or set a later
12 deadline than contained in this Rule.

13 (d) Amendments offered to any House bill or resolution under
14 consideration by a committee or subcommittee shall be germane to the
15 subject of the introduced bill or resolution. Amendments offered to
16 any Senate bill or resolution under consideration by a committee or
17 subcommittee shall be germane to the subject of the engrossed
18 version of the Senate bill or resolution.

19 (e) When considering a measure section by section, a motion to
20 strike a section when such section is under individual consideration
21 shall not be subject to the time constraints established by this
22 Rule for consideration of committee amendments.

1 (f) When considering a measure section by section, the Title or
2 Enacting or Resolving Clause of a bill or joint resolution may not
3 be stricken except as provided in Rule 7.4(s).

4 (g) Amendments approved by any committee shall be incorporated
5 into the bill or resolution the same as if included in the
6 introduced bill or resolution.

7 7.7 - Voting

8 (a) All votes in committees or subcommittees shall be conducted
9 in open public meetings of that committee, except that two-thirds
10 (2/3) of the members of any standing or special committee, including
11 ex officio members, may report a bill or resolution out of committee
12 by signing a written report. If a written report is prepared by a
13 member other than the chairperson of the committee, a written notice
14 that a report is being prepared shall be given to the chairperson
15 prior to the circulation of the report for signatures.

16 (b) Only the vote on recommendation for final passage out of
17 committee to the full House concerning a bill or resolution shall be
18 by recorded vote. Recommendation for final passage out of
19 committee, such motion need only receive a majority of those voting,
20 a quorum being present.

21 (c) As used in this section, "recommendation for final passage
22 out of committee" means a "Do Pass", "Do Pass as Amended", or a "Do
23 Not Pass" motion. A "Do Pass" motion takes precedence over any
24 other motions for final passage.

1 (d) Only those committee members present may vote on any
2 matter. No person shall cast a vote on behalf of any committee
3 member eligible to vote in any House committee.

4 7.8 - Committee Recommendations

5 (a) When any committee returns a bill or resolution with the
6 recommendation of "Do Pass" or "Do Pass as Amended", the bill or
7 resolution shall be published on the House Calendar in numerical
8 order by bill or resolution number under the heading "Bills on
9 General Order" or "Joint Resolutions on General Order".

10 (b) If a committee does not return a bill or resolution with
11 the recommendation of either "Do Pass", "Do Pass as Amended", or "Do
12 Not Pass", the bill or resolution shall remain the property of the
13 committee, unless the bill or resolution is placed directly on the
14 House Calendar by the Speaker or is discharged pursuant to Rule 7.7
15 or 7.12.

16 7.9 - Final Action

17 When any committee returns a bill or resolution with the
18 recommendation of "Do Not Pass", this shall constitute final action
19 only if the recommendation was adopted by a majority of the members
20 of the committee.

21 7.10 - Petition for Committee Hearing

22 (a) After assignment to a standing or special committee, the
23 principal author of a bill or resolution shall be entitled to have
24 such bill or joint resolution considered by a vote of the committee

1 at least four (4) legislative days prior to the final date for Third
2 Reading in either regular session. Such a petition must be
3 electronically signed by a majority of the members of the committee.
4 Ex officio members of a committee may electronically sign such
5 petitions and shall count towards the necessary signatures as
6 required by this section.

7 (b) The petitions provided for by this section shall be
8 electronically submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House. The Chief
9 Clerk shall determine if the petition contains the necessary
10 signatures. If the petition contains the necessary signatures, the
11 Chief Clerk shall forward the petition to the appropriate committee
12 chair.

13 7.11 - Bill Summary

14 (a) All bills and joint resolutions shall be accompanied by a
15 bill summary and, if adoption of the measure will have a fiscal
16 impact, including the affecting of revenues, expenditures or fiscal
17 liability, the summary shall contain a fiscal analysis. The bill
18 summary shall include a description of any repealers contained in a
19 bill or joint resolution. The fiscal analysis contained within a
20 bill summary shall state the estimated increase or decrease in
21 revenues or expenditures and the present and future fiscal
22 implications of the bill, if applicable.

23 (b) All bills affecting any retirement system authorized by law
24 shall be accompanied by a bill summary which shall include an

1 estimate of the cost and actuarial analysis of the measure upon
2 being reported favorably by any standing committee unless the
3 actuarial analysis for the bill is governed by the Oklahoma Pension
4 Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act. The estimate and actuarial
5 analysis shall be prepared by an actuary engaged by the House of
6 Representatives.

7 (c) If any measure of the type delineated in paragraphs (a) and
8 (b) of this section is scheduled for floor consideration without a
9 bill summary having been prepared, it shall be the right of any
10 member to raise a point of order on the Floor and the presiding
11 officer may, in his or her discretion, withdraw the measure from
12 further consideration until a summary is made available.

13 (d) The accuracy of the bill summary or a fiscal or actuarial
14 analysis contained within the bill summary shall not be a basis for
15 a point of order under these Rules.

16 (e) The principal House author may publish what he or she
17 believes to be the "legislative intent" of the measure in question.
18 Such a document shall not be drafted by persons employed within the
19 Legal, Fiscal, or Research Divisions of the House Staff; however,
20 the principal House author may consult with such employees as
21 needed.

22 7.12 - Discharge from Committee
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1 (a) Any bill or resolution may be discharged from any standing
2 committee of the House upon a request electronically signed by two-
3 thirds (2/3) of the members of the House.

4 (b) The bill or resolution in question shall be identified on
5 the face of the petition and an electronic copy of the measure shall
6 be attached to the discharge petition.

7 (c) The request for discharge of a bill or resolution and the
8 attached measure shall be electronically submitted to the Chief
9 Clerk of the House. No other person except the principal House
10 author of the measure in question shall submit a discharge petition
11 to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk shall determine if the discharge
12 petition contains the necessary signatures as required by this
13 section. If the discharge petition contains the necessary
14 signatures, the Chief Clerk shall forward the petition to the
15 Speaker of the House, or designee.

16 (d) Upon receipt of the discharge petition from the Chief Clerk
17 of the House, the Speaker of the House, or designee, shall place the
18 bill or resolution on the daily House floor agenda. The Chief Clerk
19 of the House shall cause the discharge petition, along with the
20 attached measure, to be published upon the House website.

21 (e) The Speaker of the House, or designee, shall not place a
22 bill or resolution on the daily House floor agenda if the discharge
23 petition pertaining to the bill or resolution was filed after 12:00
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1 noon on the Tuesday immediately prior to the final date for Third
2 Reading in either regular session.

3 7.13 - Oversight Powers and Responsibilities of Committees and
4 Subcommittees

5 (a) Committees and subcommittees are authorized:

6 1. to maintain a continuous review of the work of the state
7 agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of
8 the functions of government within each subject area;

9 2. to invite public officials, public employees, and private
10 individuals to appear before the committees or subcommittees to
11 submit information;

12 3. to request reports from departments and agencies performing
13 functions reasonably related to the committees' jurisdictions;

14 4. to complete the interim projects assigned by the Speaker;
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16 5. to conduct such other business as directed by the Speaker.

17 (b) Each committee or subcommittee has the reasonable right and
18 authority to inspect and investigate the books, records, papers,
19 documents, data, operation, and physical plant of any public agency
20 in this state.

21 (c) The chairperson, vice-chairperson, or a member designated
22 by the chairperson or vice-chairperson may administer all oaths and
23 affirmations to witnesses who appear before such committees to
24 testify in any matter requiring evidence.

1 (d) In order to carry out the duties of the committee, and its
2 subcommittees, the chairperson of each committee with approval of
3 the Speaker, may issue subpoenas and other necessary process to
4 compel the attendance of witnesses either before the committee or
5 subcommittee or at deposition and the production of any books,
6 letters, or other documentary evidence required by such committee.

7 (e) In the event a committee must subpoena a witness or
8 witnesses, or otherwise subpoena production of documents, materials,
9 or other evidence, such subpoenas shall be limited to matters
10 reasonably related to the areas of legislative responsibility
11 delegated to the committee and shall be within the reasonable scope
12 of the committee's investigation.

13 (f) If the committee shall require the deposition of witnesses,
14 either residing within or without the state, such depositions shall
15 be taken in the manner prescribed by law for the taking of
16 depositions in civil actions in the district courts. Witnesses
17 shall be paid the same fees and mileage as are paid in civil cases
18 in district courts.

19 CHAPTER B. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

20 7.14 - Appointment of Conference Committees

21 (a) The House chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and members of a
22 conference committee shall be appointed by the Speaker pursuant to
23 Rule 1.9.

1 (b) Once a measure is in conference, the chairperson of the
2 standing conference committee to which the measure is assigned
3 shall, if requested by the principal author, schedule presentation
4 of the measure.

5 (c) No measure shall be assigned to a standing conference
6 committee which does not include among its membership the
7 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the standing committee from
8 which the same measure was reported during General Order.

9 7.15 - Presentation and Signatures on Conference Committee
10 Reports

11 (a) A conference committee report, other than one which
12 proposes only restoration of the Title and/or Enacting Clause or
13 states that conferees are unable to agree, shall be presented to a
14 standing conference committee subject to the following requirements:

15 1. the presentation shall not be scheduled earlier than the
16 next calendar day after electronic publication;

17 2. the presentation shall be made in person;

18 3. no person except the principal House author of the measure
19 or another House member designated by the principal House author
20 shall present the report;

21 4. no member of the standing conference committee shall add
22 their electronic signature to the report until such report is
23 presented in person; and
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1 5. the chairperson of the standing conference committee shall
2 determine the procedures of the presentation, except as otherwise
3 specifically provided for in these Rules.

4 (b) Upon being opened for signature by the chairperson of the
5 standing conference committee, a conference committee report which
6 proposes only to restore the Title and/or Enacting Clause of a
7 measure or states that conferees are unable to agree may be
8 electronically signed by members of the standing conference
9 committee.

10 (c) Members of a standing conference committee may add or
11 remove their electronic signatures at any time prior to the time a
12 House conference committee report is closed for submission or
13 withdrawn by the principal House author.

14 (d) Members of a standing conference committee may add or
15 remove their electronic signatures at any time prior to the time a
16 Senate conference committee report ceases to be in possession of the
17 House of Representatives.

18 7.16 - Presentation Before Standing Conference Committee

19 (a) All presentations made before standing conference
20 committees shall be open to the public, subject to the authority of
21 the chairperson to maintain order and decorum.

22 (b) All standing conference committees shall provide reasonable
23 public notice of a presentation.

1 (c) The notice shall state the date, time, and place of a
2 presentation.

3 (d) The notice shall include a listing and sufficient title for
4 identification of the bills to be presented to the standing
5 conference committee.

6 7.17 - Timing of Presentations

7 (a) The chairperson of a conference committee shall schedule a
8 presentation of conference committee reports within the dates,
9 times, and locations designated by the Speaker.

10 (b) The chairperson of a conference committee shall not
11 schedule presentation of a proposed conference committee report
12 during a floor session of the House without special leave from the
13 Speaker.

14 7.18 - Submission of House Conference Committee Reports

15 Upon receipt of the electronic signatures of a majority of House
16 conferees and the signatures of a majority of Senate conferees, the
17 principal House author may submit the recommended House conference
18 committee report to the Chief Clerk of the House.

19 RULE EIGHT

20 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

21 CHAPTER A. FIRST AND SECOND READING

22 8.1 - Reading Defined

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1 "Reading" "means the stage of consideration of a bill or joint
2 resolution after reading or publishing of a portion of the title
3 sufficient for identification, as determined by the Speaker.

4 8.2 - First Reading

5 The publication of a bill or joint resolution by its title and
6 bill number in the House Journal shall satisfy the requirements of
7 First Reading.

8 8.3 - Second Reading

9 (a) After the First Reading of a bill or joint resolution, the
10 bill or joint resolution shall be placed on the House Calendar under
11 "Bills on Second Reading" or "Joint Resolutions on Second Reading",
12 as the case may be.

13 (b) On the Second Reading of a bill, the bill shall be read by
14 Title only, unless otherwise ordered by the House, and shall be
15 referred by the Speaker to an appropriate committee or directly to
16 the House Calendar under the heading "Bills on General Order" or
17 "Joint Resolutions on General Order", as the case may be.

18 (c) Measures lacking substantive language shall be assigned to
19 a committee designated to receive them and prior to being scheduled
20 for a committee hearing, substantive language must be electronically
21 filed, unless waived by the Speaker.

22 (d) No bill or joint resolution on First or Second Reading
23 shall be subject to amendment or debate.

24 8.4 - Management of Legislation and Committee Deadlines

1 (a) The Speaker of the House, or designee, shall publish a list
2 of measures to be considered by the House of Representatives, and
3 the Speaker of the House, or designee, shall determine the order of
4 their consideration.

5 (b) No measure shall be scheduled for consideration unless the
6 measure has been reported from a standing or special committee or
7 has been referred directly to the General Order category of the
8 House Calendar pursuant to Rule 1.4. No measure shall be considered
9 reported from a standing or special committee until the
10 electronically signed committee report is filed with the Chief Clerk
11 of the House.

12 (c) Upon adoption by the House of a motion to commit any
13 measure to the House Rules Committee, a measure so committed shall
14 not be subsequently returned by the Rules Committee with a favorable
15 recommendation unless accompanied by a Special Rule adopted pursuant
16 to Rule 8.5 prescribing how the measure will be considered by the
17 House. A measure so returned shall not be taken up for
18 consideration prior to the Special Rule required herein being
19 adopted by the House.

20 CHAPTER B. BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL ORDER

21 8.5 - Special Rules

22 (a) The House Rules Committee may adopt a "special rule" for a
23 measure scheduled or to be scheduled for consideration on the House
24 Floor.

1 (b) A special rule may limit the offering of amendments, may
2 prescribe the time and conditions of debate, may govern floor
3 consideration on Third or Fourth Reading of the bill, or may contain
4 any other provisions deemed appropriate.

5 (c) A special rule shall not become operational unless first
6 presented to the full House in the form of a House resolution. A
7 House resolution reported by the Rules Committee for this purpose
8 shall not be subject to amendment on the House Floor.

9 8.6 - Special Orders

10 (a) After a measure is scheduled for consideration on the House
11 Floor, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the House may vote to
12 designate a measure as a "special order" to be taken up on a
13 specific date or at a specific time. Such a vote shall be recorded
14 in the House Journal.

15 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply on the final
16 date for Third Reading in either regular session or on the date of
17 sine die adjournment.

18 8.7 - Reading and Explanation

19 (a) A bill or joint resolution on General Order shall first be
20 read by title, or read and considered by sections, unless otherwise
21 ordered.

22 (b) The member presenting a bill or joint resolution shall be
23 allowed a reasonable length of time in which to explain the bill or
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1 resolution, but said explanations shall not include a discussion of
2 the merits of the proposition.

3 (c) No bill or joint resolution on General Order shall be
4 considered until all opportunities provided by this Rule for filing
5 proposed amendments shall be afforded the House.

6 (d) In such case where no main floor amendment shall be timely
7 filed as defined in Rule 8.8 (b) or where no main floor amendments
8 shall be offered except those amendments permitted under Rule 8.8
9 (f) and (g), such measure shall become eligible for floor
10 consideration upon the expiration.

11 8.8 - Amendments

12 (a) All House and Senate bills and joint resolutions when
13 initially published on the Floor Calendar shall be subject to
14 amendment beginning at the time of such publishing.

15 (b) A main floor amendment must be filed no later than twenty-
16 four (24) hours after a bill or joint resolution is initially
17 published on the Floor Calendar, to be eligible for consideration.

18 (c) An amendment to a main floor amendment must be filed no
19 later than forty-eight (48) hours after a bill or joint resolution
20 is initially published on the Floor Calendar, to be eligible for
21 consideration.

22 (d) Calendar days not concurrently designated as legislative
23 days shall not be considered when calculating the beginning and
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1 ending dates and times for bills initially published on the Floor
2 Calendar and passing through the amendment cycle.

3 (e) No amendment purporting to strike the Title or the Enacting
4 or Resolving Clause of any bill or joint resolution shall be in
5 order except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this section.

6 (f) The Chairperson of the Rules Committee or the Majority
7 Floor Leader shall be permitted to offer amendments to strike the
8 Title or the Enacting or Resolving Clause of measures not affecting
9 revenue or appropriations. Amendments offered under this paragraph
10 shall not be subject to the time constraints established by
11 paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, nor shall they be subject to
12 the constraints on amending previously amended language established
13 by Rule 8.9(b).

14 (g) The Chairperson of the Appropriations and Budget Committee,
15 or the Vice-chairperson of the Appropriations and Budget Committee
16 in the absence of the Chairperson, shall be permitted to offer
17 amendments to strike the Title or the Enacting or Resolving Clause
18 of measures affecting revenue or appropriations. Amendments offered
19 under this paragraph shall not be subject to the time constraints
20 established by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, nor shall
21 they be subject to the constraints on amending previously amended
22 language established by Rule 8.9(b).

23 (h) In the event a bill or joint resolution is published on the
24 Floor Calendar and then subsequently removed while time remains for

1 filing floor amendments as provided in this Rule, such bill or joint
2 resolution, if published again on the Floor Calendar, shall not be
3 considered by the House until the remaining time for filing floor
4 amendments is concluded.

5 (i) When considering a measure section by section pursuant to
6 Rule 8.7(a), a motion to strike a section when such section is under
7 individual consideration shall not be subject to the time
8 constraints established by this Rule for consideration of regularly
9 filed floor amendments.

10 (j) When considering a measure section by section, the Title or
11 Enacting or Resolving Clause of a bill or joint resolution may not
12 be stricken except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this
13 section.

14 8.9 - Consideration and Presentation

15 (a) The House shall not consider more than one amendment at a
16 time and amendments shall be taken up only as sponsors gain
17 recognition from the presiding officer to move their adoption.

18 (b) The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not
19 preclude further amendment of that section so long as subsequent
20 amendments do not purport to amend the same language previously
21 amended. If a bill is being considered section by section or item
22 by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration
23 shall be in order.
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1 (c) For the purpose of this Rule, an amendment shall be deemed
2 pending only after its author has been recognized by the presiding
3 officer and has moved its adoption.

4 (d) The body of a bill or joint resolution shall not be defaced
5 or interlined, but all proposed amendments shall be separately
6 submitted, noting the page and line, and shall be considered timely
7 filed only if the principal author of the amendment has
8 electronically submitted such amendment in completed form to the
9 Office of the Chief Clerk within the time constraints provided in
10 Rule 8.8 (b) and (c).

11 (e) Any measure of the type delineated in Rule 7.11 (a) and (b)
12 that is scheduled for floor consideration shall have a bill summary
13 prepared prior to its consideration.

14 8.10 - Floor Substitutes

15 (a) The House of Representatives shall not consider any
16 amendment to a main floor amendment offered in the form of a floor
17 substitute. An amendment to a main floor amendment shall be deemed
18 a floor substitute only if adoption of the proposed amendment to a
19 main floor amendment would result in replacement of all sections of
20 the measure in question other than the section containing the
21 effective date or emergency clause.

22 (b) Floor substitutes shall be accompanied by a summary which
23 shall include a description of the differences between the floor
24 version and the floor substitute.

1 8.11 - Amendment of General Appropriations Bill

2 Whenever an amendment is offered to a General Appropriations
3 Bill that would increase any line item of such bill, such amendment
4 shall show the amount by line item of the increase and shall
5 decrease a line item or items within the same bill in an amount or
6 amounts equivalent to or greater than the increase required by the
7 amendment.

8 8.12 - Amendment Summary

9 (a) All proposed amendments to bills or joint resolutions shall
10 be accompanied by a written summary and, if adoption of the
11 amendment will have a fiscal impact, including the affecting of
12 revenues, expenditures or fiscal liability, the summary shall
13 contain a fiscal analysis upon being filed with the Office of the
14 Chief Clerk. The fiscal analysis shall state the estimated increase
15 or decrease in revenues or expenditures and the present and future
16 fiscal implications of passage of the amended bill, if applicable.
17 The summary shall not express comment or opinion relative to the
18 merits of the amendment proposed. The requirements of this section
19 shall not apply to amendments purporting to strike the Title or the
20 Enacting or Resolving Clause of any bill or joint resolution.

21 (b) Except as may be otherwise required by the Oklahoma Pension
22 Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act, all amendments to bills or joint
23 resolutions affecting any retirement system authorized by law shall
24 be accompanied by a summary which shall include an estimate and

1 actuarial analysis of the present and future fiscal implications of
2 passage of the amended bill. The estimate and actuarial analysis
3 contained in the summary shall be prepared by an actuary engaged by
4 the House of Representatives.

5 (c) The accuracy of an amendment summary or a fiscal or
6 actuarial analysis contained within the written summary shall not be
7 a basis for a point of order under these Rules.

8 8.13 - Germaneness of House Amendments

9 The House shall not consider any proposed amendment not germane
10 to the subject of the House bill or resolution. An amendment to a
11 main amendment must be germane to both the main amendment and the
12 measure which it purports to amend.

13 8.14 - Amendments Out of Order

14 An amendment is out of order if it is the principal substance of
15 a bill or resolution that has received an unfavorable committee
16 report, has been withdrawn from further consideration by the
17 principal author, or has not been reported favorably by the
18 committee of reference in either session of the current Legislature
19 and may not be offered to a bill or resolution on the Floor Calendar
20 and under consideration by the House. Any amendment that is
21 substantially the same, and identical as to specific intent and
22 purpose, as the bill or resolution residing in the committee of
23 reference is covered by this Rule, unless the bill or resolution
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1 under amendment is substantially the same as the bill or resolution
2 residing in the committee of reference.

3 8.15 - Reconsideration

4 A motion to reconsider any vote on the adoption or rejection of
5 an amendment, or the adoption or rejection of a section of any bill
6 or joint resolution, may be made by any member prior to the
7 advancement of such measure from General Order, which motion shall
8 be subject to debate. The motion to reconsider may be laid on the
9 table without affecting the question in reference to which the
10 motion is made, thereby resulting in a final disposition of the
11 motion.

12 8.16 - Motion to Commit

13 A motion may be made during the reading or consideration of any
14 bill or joint resolution on General Order to commit the bill to a
15 standing or special committee, with or without instructions. A
16 motion to commit with instructions shall be electronically submitted
17 to the Office of the Chief Clerk prior to consideration by the
18 House.

19 8.17 - Motion to Advance from General Order

20 A motion to advance a bill or joint resolution from General
21 Order shall not be in order until all opportunities provided by this
22 Rule for filing proposed amendments shall be afforded the House.
23 Once a motion to advance from General Order has been adopted, the
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1 bill or resolution shall be considered engrossed and on Third
2 Reading.

3 CHAPTER C. BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THIRD

4 READING OR FOURTH READING

5 8.18 - Consideration and Debate

6 (a) After Third Reading or Fourth Reading of a bill or joint
7 resolution, the presiding officer shall put the question in the
8 following manner: "The Question Before the House is, shall the Bill
9 or Joint Resolution Pass?"

10 (b) After Third Reading or Fourth Reading but before the vote
11 is ordered, unless prohibited by Rule 8.21, the question shall be
12 subject to debate.

13 (c) As governed by paragraph (b) of this section, debate shall
14 be limited to one (1) hour, equally divided between the proponents
15 and opponents of the question, provided that no member may speak for
16 more than ten (10) minutes.

17 (d) As governed by paragraph (b) of this section, debate shall
18 be limited to ten (10) minutes, equally divided between the
19 proponents and opponents of the question, provided that no member
20 may speak for more than one (1) minute, if the measure lacks a title
21 or enacting clause.

22 (e) Five (5) minutes of the time allocated to the proponents of
23 the bill or joint resolution shall be reserved to the principal
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1 author, and the principal author shall have the right to close the
2 debate.

3 (f) The question of passage of a bill or joint resolution on
4 Third or Fourth Reading shall be decided by recorded vote after
5 declaration of the question by the presiding officer.

6 (g) Any measure of the type delineated in Rule 7.11 (a) and (b)
7 that is scheduled for floor consideration shall have a bill summary
8 prepared prior to its consideration.

9 8.19 - Amendments

10 No bill or joint resolution on Third or Fourth Reading shall be
11 subject to amendment.

12 8.20 - Consideration of Emergency Clause

13 (a) When any bill or joint resolution containing a title and
14 enacting clause is being considered on Third Reading or Fourth
15 Reading, and such a bill or joint resolution contains an emergency
16 clause, the emergency clause shall constitute a separate question
17 and shall be subject to debate.

18 (b) When any bill or joint resolution lacking a title or
19 enacting clause is being considered on Third Reading and such a bill
20 or joint resolution contains an emergency clause, the House shall
21 not consider the emergency clause. The vote on Third Reading shall
22 be considered the vote on the emergency clause and shall be recorded
23 as such in the House Journal.

1 8.21 - Consideration of Conference Committee Reports and Senate
2 Amendments

3 (a) Motions to accept or reject Senate amendments or to adopt
4 or reject conference committee reports may be arranged on a calendar
5 or upon such calendars as may be directed by the Speaker of the
6 House, or designee.

7 (b) The House shall not consider adoption of a conference
8 committee report or a joint committee report until a majority of
9 both the House and Senate members constituting the conference
10 committee or joint committee have adopted or signed the report. Ex
11 officio members of a House conference committee may electronically
12 sign a conference committee report and shall count towards a
13 majority of signatures as required by this paragraph; however, such
14 ex officio members shall not be included when calculating the number
15 of signatures required to constitute a majority of the membership of
16 a House conference committee.

17 (c) The House shall not consider a motion to adopt a Senate
18 amendment, a House conference committee report, or a House joint
19 committee report unless it is limited to matters germane to the bill
20 or resolution.

21 (d) A motion to adopt or reject a Senate amendment, conference
22 committee report, or a joint committee report shall be subject to
23 debate. Debate shall be limited to one (1) hour, equally divided
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1 between the proponents and the opponents of the motion, provided
2 that no member may speak for more than ten (10) minutes.

3 (e) A consent calendar may be used for rejection of Senate
4 amendments provided it shall not consist of more than twenty (20)
5 bills, it shall be published forty-eight (48) hours prior to
6 consideration, and any member shall have the right to remove any
7 bill for separate consideration at any time prior to consideration
8 of the consent calendar.

9 (f) If debate is requested and entertained on the question of
10 adoption of a Senate amendment or a conference committee report, no
11 further debate shall be permitted on Fourth Reading and final
12 passage of the same measure.

13 (g) If debate is requested and entertained on the question of
14 adoption of a joint committee report, no further debate shall be
15 permitted on Third Reading and final passage of the same measure.

16 8.22 - Transparency in Conference

17 (a) A summary of the changes contained in a conference
18 committee report shall be made available prior to consideration of
19 the report by the House.

20 (b) All conference committee reports whose adoption will have a
21 fiscal impact shall be accompanied by a fiscal analysis.

22 (c) A conference committee report may be considered for
23 adoption only if said report has been published on the joint
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1 conference calendar twenty-four (24) hours before consideration of
2 the report.

3 (d) A motion to reject a joint committee report with
4 instructions or a motion to reject a conference committee report
5 with instructions shall not be considered unless said instructions
6 are electronically submitted to the Chief Clerk of the House prior
7 to the time the principal House author of the measure is initially
8 recognized to present the joint committee report or the conference
9 committee report to the House of Representatives.

10 RULE NINE

11 CHAMBER PROTOCOL

12 9.1 - Daily Order of Business

13 (a) The following Order of Business shall be followed each day:

14 1. Roll Call;

15 2. Prayer, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion
16 of the Majority Floor Leader;

17 3. Inspirational Message by Chaplain on Thursday mornings, the
18 timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority
19 Floor Leader;

20 4. Introduction of the Veteran of the Week on Monday mornings,
21 the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority
22 Floor Leader;

23 5. Pledge of Allegiance, the timing of which shall be left to
24 the discretion of the Majority Floor Leader;

1 6. Introduction of a Doctor and/or Nurse of the Day, the timing
2 of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority Floor
3 Leader;

4 7. Correction of the Previous Day's Journal;

5 8. House and Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second
6 Reading, the timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the
7 Majority Floor Leader;

8 9. Assignment or Reassignment of Bills and Resolutions, the
9 timing of which shall be left to the discretion of the Majority
10 Floor Leader;

11 10. Bills, Resolutions, Conference Committee Reports, and Joint
12 Committee Reports scheduled by the Speaker of the House, or
13 designee; and

14 11. Motions placing new business before the House. The
15 Majority Floor Leader may schedule said motions at his or her
16 discretion.

17 (b) If no measure is pending before the House, the Presiding
18 Officer shall give the Majority Floor Leader preference for
19 recognition.

20 9.2 - Enforcement of House Rules, Order, and Decorum

21 (a) The presiding officer shall enforce, apply, and interpret
22 the Rules of the House in all deliberations. While in the Chamber,
23 the presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, shall
24 prevent personal reflections or the impugning of the motive of any

1 member, and shall at all times confine members to the question under
2 discussion.

3 (b) When two (2) or more members seek recognition at the same
4 time, the presiding officer shall name the one entitled to the
5 floor. The presiding officer shall not recognize any member who has
6 risen or remains standing while another member is speaking. No
7 member shall be entitled to be recognized to speak unless the member
8 seeks recognition from the member's own desk.

9 (c) On all questions relative to the transgression of these
10 Rules, the presiding officer shall call the members to order. In
11 such case the member so called to order shall sit down and shall not
12 rise except to explain said member's actions or to proceed in order.

13 (d) Any member may rise to a point of order against any other
14 member when, in the member's opinion, such member is proceeding out
15 of order. The member raising the point of order must cite the
16 specific rule the member believes is in conflict. Such point of
17 order shall be decided by the presiding officer without debate.

18 (e) Any decision by the Speaker on a point of order is subject
19 to an appeal to the House made in a timely manner by any member
20 should the member or the House be aggrieved by such decision. Such
21 appeal must be seconded by a minimum of one-fifteenth (1/15) of the
22 membership of the House. Members desiring to second an appeal shall
23 signify by rising.

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1 (f) The question of an appeal shall be put in the following
2 form: "The question is, shall the decision of the presiding officer
3 be the decision of the House? All those in favor signify by voting
4 'Aye'; those opposed 'Nay'. The vote is now in progress."

5 (g) All appeals shall be decided by a recorded vote and without
6 debate, except that the member taking said appeal shall have one (1)
7 minute within which to state the reasons for the member's appeal and
8 the Chair may state the reasons for the Chair's decision. The
9 member's appeal must relate to the decision in question and may not
10 pertain to the merits of any matter or legislation not related to
11 the decision of the Chair.

12 (h) When a point of order is called, no member shall approach
13 the presiding officer or the Chief Parliamentarian until after the
14 presiding officer has ruled. If requested by the presiding officer,
15 the Majority Floor Leader may confer with the presiding officer
16 regarding matters not pertaining to the point of order.

17 (i) The presiding officer shall not entertain points of order
18 pertaining to the constitutionality of a measure itself nor shall
19 the presiding officer entertain points of order pertaining to the
20 constitutionality of a measure's title.

21 (j) While a question is pending, Members are prohibited from
22 referencing visitors in the House Gallery.
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1 (k) The presiding officer may direct a Member's vote to be
2 removed from the electronic voting machine if the Member is in
3 breach of House Rules while the vote is open.

4 9.3 - Procedure

5 (a) When the ayes and nays are ordered, the presiding officer
6 shall put the question in the following form: "All those in favor
7 signify by voting 'Aye'; those opposed 'Nay'. The vote is now in
8 progress."

9 (b) As governed by Rules 6.7 (e), 7.6 (d), 8.13, and 8.21 (c),
10 the House shall not consider in either session of the current
11 Legislature any measure originating in the House of Representatives
12 if said measure has been amended by the insertion of matter not
13 germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. Points of order
14 related to germaneness must be raised at the time the amendment is
15 considered.

16 9.4 - Debate

17 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Rules,
18 when a debatable question is before the House, such debate shall be
19 limited to fifteen (15) minutes, equally divided between the
20 proponents and opponents of the question. Under no circumstances
21 shall a member debate twice on the same question, nor shall any
22 member speak longer than ten (10) minutes on the same question.

23 (b) When a debatable question is before the House, any member
24 may move that the time for debate on such question be extended. For

1 adoption, such motion need only receive a majority of those voting,
2 a quorum being present.

3 (c) No member debating any question shall be interrupted by
4 questions until said member has finished the member's remarks, and
5 all time taken in asking and answering questions shall be deducted
6 from the time allotted to said member.

7 (d) Debate offered in the House of Representatives shall in all
8 cases be directed to the presiding officer in the form of Mister or
9 Madam Speaker as the case may be.

10 9.5 - Privileges

11 (a) Questions and motions of privilege shall be: First, those
12 affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity,
13 and the integrity of its proceedings; Second, the right, reputation,
14 and conduct of its members individually in their representative
15 capacity only, and shall have precedence over all other questions,
16 except motions to adjourn.

17 (b) No member who obtains the floor on a question of personal
18 privilege, or on a question of privileges of the House, shall debate
19 any question, matter, or measure then pending in the House, or in
20 any standing or special committee of the House, nor shall the member
21 be allowed to yield the floor for questions from other members.

22 9.6 - Voting and Division

23 (a) The electronic voting machine shall be used to record the
24 vote whenever the ayes and nays are required or ordered. The

1 machine shall also be used to determine the presence of a quorum or
2 to determine the numerical count where a division is requested and
3 ordered. In the event the machine is not operating properly, all
4 votes and determinations of quorums may be taken by calling the
5 roll. If a member's voting device is out of order, the member shall
6 rise and so announce to the presiding officer and cast said member's
7 vote orally prior to the declaration of the result of the vote.
8 Every member shall vote providing the member is in the Chamber at
9 the time the vote is in progress.

10 (b) The electronic voting machine shall be under the control of
11 the presiding officer and shall be operated by such clerk as the
12 presiding officer so designates. At a reasonable time prior to any
13 vote being taken, the presiding officer shall announce that a vote
14 is about to be taken. When any member other than the Speaker is
15 presiding, the member shall use the roll call switch located at the
16 presiding officer's position upon the dais. When the Speaker is not
17 presiding, the Speaker may direct the presiding officer to activate
18 the Speaker's roll call switch in the manner requested by the
19 Speaker. Any member who is present in the Chamber or is within the
20 view of the presiding officer while a vote is in progress may direct
21 another member to activate said member's roll call switch in the
22 manner requested by that member. The presiding officer, while a
23 vote is in progress, may at his or her discretion, direct the clerk
24 to activate another member's roll call switch if the member is

1 within the view of the presiding officer while a vote is in
2 progress.

3 (c) When sufficient time has elapsed for each member to vote,
4 the presiding officer shall ask if any members present desire to
5 vote or change their vote. Following such inquiry and before the
6 electronic voting machine is locked, any member may be excused from
7 voting, pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 24 of the
8 Oklahoma Constitution.

9 (d) The presiding officer shall then lock the machine and
10 instruct the clerk to record the vote. The clerk shall immediately
11 activate the recording equipment and, when the vote is completely
12 recorded, shall advise the presiding officer of the result, and the
13 presiding officer shall announce the result to the House. No vote
14 may be changed after it has been recorded.

15 (e) No member may vote for another member, nor may any person
16 cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in this rule.
17 A member who votes for another member, except as herein provided,
18 may be punished in a manner the House determines. A person voting
19 for a member, when not authorized by this rule, shall be barred from
20 the Chamber and may be further punished as the House considers
21 proper.

22 (f) When a division is requested and ordered, those in the
23 affirmative or the negative, as the case may be, shall cast their
24 votes accordingly and the clerk shall activate the electronic voting

1 machine so as to reflect the individual ayes and nays and the
2 numerical count, but no permanent record thereof shall be made.
3 When the vote is completed, the clerk shall advise the presiding
4 officer of the result, and the presiding officer shall announce the
5 result to the House. In the event the machine is not operating
6 properly, those in the affirmative shall arise from their seats and
7 stand until they are counted aloud by the clerk, then those voting
8 in the negative shall arise and stand until they are counted, and
9 the presiding officer shall announce the result.

10 (g) Except as provided in Rule 8.20 (b), all votes on final
11 passage of bills and resolutions, or the emergency clause thereof,
12 shall be by recorded votes. One-fifteenth (1/15) of the members
13 present, a quorum being present, may demand a recorded vote on any
14 proposition, or the presiding officer may order a recorded vote upon
15 the presiding officer's own initiative. All such recorded votes
16 shall be published in the House Journal.

17 9.7 - Conduct During Voting

18 (a) While a vote is in progress and until the completion of a
19 vote, and the announcement of the result, no member shall be
20 recognized and no other business shall be transacted.

21 (b) No explanation of any vote shall be permitted while a vote
22 is in progress or after a vote has been cast, except pursuant to
23 Article V, Section 24, of the Oklahoma Constitution.

1 (c) No member, House employee, or other person shall visit or
2 remain by the Reading Clerk or his or her assistant while a vote is
3 in progress.

4 9.8 - Previous Question

5 When a debatable question is before the House, any member may
6 move the Previous Question. It shall be put in the following form:

7 "The Previous Question has been moved. The Question is, shall the
8 House cease debate and vote immediately on the pending question?"

9 If the motion for the Previous Question passes, the pending question
10 shall be put immediately and no member shall be heard to debate it
11 further or seek to amend it.

12 9.9 - Motion to Advance Question

13 When a debatable question is before the House, any member may
14 move to Advance the Question. If the motion to Advance the Question
15 passes, no further amendments to the matter considered shall be
16 allowed and debate shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, equally
17 divided between the proponents and opponents of the question,
18 provided that no member may speak for more than five (5) minutes.
19 After debate is concluded, the question shall be put immediately.

20 9.10 - Reconsideration

21 (a) The final vote on Third Reading or Fourth Reading on any
22 bill or joint resolution, or on the emergency clause thereof, or the
23 final vote on adoption of a simple or concurrent resolution, may be
24 reconsidered only if a member serves notice immediately after such

1 final vote is taken prior to the consideration of any other
2 business, of said member's intention to present a motion to
3 reconsider such action, and the presiding officer shall afford any
4 member such opportunity prior to proceeding to consideration of any
5 other business.

6 (b) Unless presented and considered within three (3)
7 legislative days, including the day upon which notice is served, a
8 motion to reconsider shall be considered as having failed of
9 adoption and the measure shall be treated as if the notice had never
10 been lodged.

11 (c) A motion to reconsider may be offered immediately or upon
12 the same day the final vote is taken by the member who served
13 notice, or by another member with said member's consent. On the
14 last day of the reconsideration period, any member may seek
15 recognition for a motion to reconsider.

16 (d) Motions to reconsider shall be disposed of before the close
17 of business on the last day of the time period specified for Third
18 Reading and final passage for House and Senate measures.

19 (e) On the last day of the time period specified for Third
20 Reading and final passage for House and Senate measures, a motion to
21 reconsider, lodged either upon that same day or upon the two (2)
22 prior legislative days, may be offered by any member upon being
23 recognized for such motion by the presiding officer.

1 (f) On any day established as a deadline in Joint Rule 7, no
2 motion to reconsider shall be recognized except immediately after a
3 final vote is taken and prior to the consideration of any other
4 business. A member may move to reconsider which motion shall be
5 taken up immediately.

6 (g) For adoption, a motion to reconsider must receive a
7 majority vote of those elected to and constituting the House. Only
8 one (1) reconsideration of the final vote on a bill, resolution, or
9 emergency clause shall be allowed. Except as otherwise specifically
10 provided in Rule 8.15, no question shall be subject to
11 reconsideration in the House.

12 9.11 - Measures Vetoed By The Governor

13 (a) When a bill or joint resolution is returned to the House
14 because of a veto by the Governor, a motion to vote to override the
15 veto shall be in order.

16 (b) A motion to vote to override a veto by the Governor is
17 debatable. Such debate shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes,
18 equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the
19 question; provided, that no member may speak for more than ten (10)
20 minutes.

21 (c) Prior to consideration of a motion to override the
22 Governor's veto, if the returned bill or joint resolution was
23 accompanied by a message of explanation, such message shall be
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published to the House of Representatives as determined by the presiding officer.

9.12 - Quorum

(a) At any time during the daily sessions of the House, a member recognized by the presiding officer may raise a question as to the presence of a quorum. If the presiding officer cannot ascertain whether or not there is a quorum, he or she shall, without debate, forthwith direct that the electronic voting machine be activated to determine the presence or absence of a quorum, and shall announce the result.

(b) Whenever it shall be ascertained that a quorum is not present, the members present may, by motion adopted by a majority of those voting, direct the Chief Sergeant at Arms to request and, if necessary, to compel the presence of absent members, which motion shall be considered without debate. Pending its execution and until a quorum shall be present, no motion or debate, except to adjourn to a day and time certain, shall be in order.

RULE TEN

MOTIONS

10.1 - Precedence of Motions

Pending questions shall rank in precedence as set forth below in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section. Questions or motions not listed in this section shall be treated in the same manner as other motions of the same class.

1 (a) Privileged Motions

2 Call of the House, quorum not present (not amendable - not
3 debatable; see Rule 10.5 (c); not subject to motion to table)

4 To adjourn (not amendable - not debatable; see Rule 12.1 (b);
5 not subject to motion to table)

6 To adjourn to a time certain (amendable - not debatable; not
7 subject to motion to table)

8 To recess (amendable - not debatable; not subject to motion to
9 table)

10 (b) Questions of Privilege

11 Questions and motions of privilege (as governed by Rule 9.5;
12 subject to motion to table)

13 Call of the House, quorum present (not amendable -debatable; see
14 Rule 10.5; subject to motion to table)

15 To work under the Call of the House (not amendable - debatable;
16 see Rule 10.5; subject to motion to table)

17 Question of presence of quorum (not amendable - debatable;
18 subject to motion to table)

19 (c) Incidental Motions

20 Appeals (not amendable - not debatable, except as governed by
21 Rule 9.2; subject to motion to table)

22 Points of Order (not amendable - not debatable; not subject to
23 motion to table)

1 Parliamentary inquiries or like requests for information (not
2 amendable - not debatable; not subject to motion to table)

3 Requests for leave to withdraw a motion or question under
4 consideration (not amendable - not debatable; see Rule 10.4; not
5 subject to motion to table)

6 Suspension of the Rules (not amendable - not debatable; not
7 subject to motion to table)

8 Objection to consideration of a question (not amendable - not
9 debatable; not subject to motion to table)

10 Divide the Question (amendable - not debatable; subject to the
11 motion to table)

12 Method of consideration (amendable - not debatable; not subject
13 to motion to table)

14 Question of priority (not amendable - not debatable; not subject
15 to motion to table)

16 Reading of papers (not amendable - not debatable; not subject to
17 motion to table)

18 (d) Subsidiary Motions

19 To advance from General Order (not amendable - not debatable;
20 not subject to motion to table)

21 To table (not amendable - not debatable; not subject to itself)

22 To put the previous question (not amendable - not debatable; the
23 motion to put the previous question is applicable to all debatable
24 questions regardless of rank; subject to motion to table)

1 To Advance the Question (not amendable - not debatable; subject
2 to motion to table)

3 To extend time allocated for debate (amendable - not debatable;
4 subject to motion to table)

5 To postpone to a time certain (amendable - debatable; not
6 subject to motion to table)

7 To commit without instructions (not amendable - not debatable,
8 except as to propriety of committing bill, resolution or main
9 question; not subject to motion to table)

10 To amend (amendable - debatable; subject to motion to table)

11 To postpone indefinitely (not amendable - debatable; subject to
12 motion to table)

13 (e) Main Motions

14 A main motion shall be defined as a substantive proposal such as
15 a bill, resolution, or any other question which requires passage,
16 adoption, rejection, approval, or disapproval by the House of
17 Representatives.

18 Main questions include but are not limited to the following and
19 shall rank in precedence as set forth below. All main motions shall
20 be subject to motion to table.

21 To fix the date and time to adjourn sine die (amendable -
22 debatable)

23 To reconsider (not amendable - debatable)

24 To rescind (not amendable - debatable)

1 To adopt a Senate amendment (not amendable - debatable)

2 To reject a Senate amendment (not amendable - debatable)

3 To reject a Senate amendment with instructions (not amendable -
4 instructions not amendable - debatable)

5 To adopt a conference committee report/joint committee report
6 (not amendable - debatable)

7 To reject a conference committee report/joint committee report
8 (not amendable - debatable)

9 To reject a conference committee report/joint committee report
10 with instructions (not amendable - instructions not amendable -
11 debatable)

12 To commit with instructions (instructions amendable - debatable)

13 To override the veto of the Governor (not amendable - debatable)

14 To schedule a special order (amendable only as to time -
15 debatable only as to question of setting the special order - measure
16 itself not open to debate)

17 Any other main question not specifically listed shall be taken
18 up in the order offered.

19 10.2 - Motions in Writing

20 Every motion shall be rendered in writing as ordered by the
21 presiding officer and may be read by the clerk before debate or vote
22 if so ordered by the presiding officer. All motions shall be put by
23 the presiding officer prior to debate and prior to ordering the
24 vote.

1 10.3 - Vote Required for Adoption of Motions

2 Except as otherwise specifically required by these Rules, or
3 required by the Oklahoma Constitution, any motion, for adoption,
4 need only receive a majority of those voting, a quorum being
5 present.

6 10.4 - Withdrawal of Motions

7 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, prior
8 to commencement of debate thereon, or prior to action being taken
9 thereon if there be no debate, any motion may be withdrawn by the
10 member offering the motion. Otherwise, such motion may be withdrawn
11 only upon adoption of a motion to withdraw.

12 (b) When a bill or resolution is under consideration within the
13 House, the principal author or the member designated to present the
14 bill or resolution on behalf of the principal author may withdraw
15 said measure at any time prior to the vote being ordered on final
16 passage of the bill or resolution.

17 10.5 - Call of the House

18 (a) Call of the House may be moved at any time by any member,
19 but must be seconded by fifteen (15) members. If there are more
20 than three-fourths of the House present at the time the motion is
21 made, the motion must be seconded by thirty (30) members. If such
22 motion prevails, the business pending shall be suspended, the roll
23 shall be taken, and the names of the absentees ascertained. The
24 Chief Sergeant at Arms shall then be directed by the presiding

1 officer to compel the attendance of the absent members. After one
2 (1) hour has expired, the roll shall again be taken and absent
3 members noted in the Journal, and the business suspended upon the
4 roll call shall proceed. If, however, before the expiration of the
5 hour, all absent members, not otherwise excused, shall appear, the
6 business pending shall then proceed.

7 (b) If a Call of the House be ordered, a motion to "work under
8 the Call of the House" shall be in order and, if adopted, the House
9 shall proceed with any other business at hand except that
10 interrupted by a Call of the House.

11 (c) The Speaker, seconded by five (5) members, may move a Call
12 of the House and send for absent members, provided there not be a
13 quorum present. In all cases where an absent member shall be sent
14 for and fails to attend in obedience to the summons, the report of
15 the Chief Sergeant at Arms shall be entered in the Journal.

16 RULE ELEVEN

17 GENERAL PROVISIONS

18 11.1 - Investigations

19 (a) No special committee established for the purpose of
20 considering articles of impeachment or any other type of
21 investigation shall be formed unless first authorized by a House
22 resolution or by the Speaker.

23 (b) If authorized by House resolution, the resolution shall
24 define the duties and time period during which the committee shall

1 exist. Any member or members requesting the investigation shall not
2 serve as chairperson of the special committee.

3 (c) Special committees established under this section shall,
4 upon convening, adopt such rules and procedures as shall be
5 determined by the committee to be in the best interest of the House
6 of Representatives.

7 11.2 - Distribution Within House of Representatives

8 (a) No object or item of literature shall be distributed on the
9 House Floor in anticipation of or while the House is meeting in
10 session except upon the sponsorship of a member of the House of
11 Representatives whose name shall appear on each individual object or
12 item of literature to be distributed.

13 (b) All objects or items of literature distributed within the
14 areas of the Capitol Building assigned to the House of
15 Representatives shall display the name of the person or entity
16 distributing such materials.

17 11.3 - Honorary Appointments

18 No honorary appointments shall be recorded in the House Journal.

19 11.4 - Lobbying

20 (a) All lobbying activities directed at the House shall be
21 governed by 74 O.S. Sections 4249 through 4255 and such other
22 applicable rules lawfully promulgated by the Oklahoma Ethics
23 Commission.

1 (b) No monetary contributions shall be accepted by any member
2 or his or her staff on Capitol property at any time.

3 11.5 - Designated Smoking Areas

4 No person shall smoke or vape within those parts of the Capitol
5 Building assigned to the House.

6 11.6 - Members of the Press

7 No persons shall be admitted to the designated press area in the
8 House Gallery except members, House staff authorized by the Speaker,
9 members of the press bearing permits signed by the Speaker, or
10 designee, and the chairpersons of the Capitol Press organizations
11 and guests with the written permission of the Speaker and the
12 chairpersons of the Capitol Press organizations.

13 11.7 - Legislative Records

14 (a) Records that are required to be created by these Rules or
15 that are of vital, permanent, or archival value shall be maintained
16 in the Office of the Chief Clerk.

17 (b) Other records that are no longer needed for any purpose and
18 that do not have sufficient administrative, legal, or fiscal
19 significance to warrant their retention shall be disposed of
20 systematically.

21 (c) A digital recording shall be made of each day's session by
22 the Office of the Chief Clerk which shall be compiled and stored on
23 a digital device suitable for archival purposes.

1 (d) The committee staff assigned to each existing committee
2 shall ensure compliance with this Rule for all records created or
3 received by the committee or for a former committee whose
4 jurisdiction has been assigned to the committee.

5 (e) The Speaker and all House officers under the direction of
6 the Speaker shall ensure compliance with this Rule for all records
7 created or received by their respective offices and their
8 predecessors in office.

9 (f) All records required by Rule Seven shall be made available
10 on the House website at least for the duration of the Session.

11 (g) Members shall submit a written request to the Chief Clerk
12 and Chief Parliamentarian to have the House Journal reflect a
13 Member's voting intention within one legislative day of the original
14 vote.

15 11.8 - Technical Corrections

16 (a) The Office of Engrossing and Enrolling is authorized to
17 correct misspelled words, citations, doublets, grammatical errors,
18 or repeated words when engrossing House bills or joint resolutions,
19 or House amendments to engrossed Senate bills or joint resolutions.

20 (b) When engrossing or enrolling House bills or joint
21 resolutions, preparing House amendments to engrossed Senate bills or
22 joint resolutions, and when preparing committee reports, the House
23 staff is authorized to:

1 1. remove sections from a bill or joint resolution labeled as
2 amendatory but which consist entirely of existing law and contain no
3 amendments to the existing law;

4 2. incorporate amendments to sections of law in the bill or
5 joint resolution which are contained in legislation enacted
6 previously during the same legislature and amending the same
7 sections of law and repeal such previous versions of the section at
8 issue if, in the opinion of the House legal staff, the incorporation
9 of such amendments and repeal of the previous version would clearly
10 not conflict with the amendments contained in the legislation at
11 issue;

12 3. modify sections of such measures which provide for a measure
13 to become effective on July 1 or on a date earlier than ninety (90)
14 days after the date of anticipated sine die adjournment to read to
15 reflect an effective date of ninety (90) days after the date of
16 actual sine die adjournment, or to delete such sections, if the
17 emergency clause has failed to receive the required number of votes
18 for passage;

19 4. delete language in such sections of such measures which
20 provide for a measure to become effective on a date prior to such
21 engrossment or enrollment; and

22 5. draft a referendum clause and ballot title if a measure is
23 deemed a Revenue Raising measure pursuant to Rule 6.11 and is
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1 adopted but fails to receive a three-fourths (3/4) vote in both
2 Chambers.

3 11.9 - Convening Restrictions

4 No legislative day shall begin between the hours of 12:00
5 midnight and 8:00 a.m. on any calendar day.

6 11.10 - Security

7 Upon convening in regular or special session, no member of the
8 House of Representatives, without the express permission of the
9 Chief Sergeant at Arms, shall enter upon the roof of the Capitol
10 building within the areas adjacent to the hall of the House.

11 RULE TWELVE

12 ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

13 12.1 - Motion to Adjourn or Recess

14 (a) When a motion to adjourn or recess is adopted, no member or
15 officer shall leave said member's or officer's place until the
16 adjournment or recess shall be declared by the presiding officer.

17 (b) When the House adjourns it shall be to 1:30 p.m. of the
18 succeeding legislative day unless another day and/or hour be
19 specifically named, which day and/or hour shall be entered in the
20 Journal.

21 (c) A motion to adjourn or recess shall always be in order when
22 the floor can be obtained for that purpose. When a vote is being
23 taken, a motion to adjourn or recess shall not be in order. When it
24 is apparent to the presiding officer that the motion to adjourn or

1 recess is being made for the purpose of delay and such motion has
2 been voted in the negative, within the next preceding ten (10)
3 minutes, the presiding officer, in the discretion of the presiding
4 officer, may rule the motion out of order as being dilatory.

5 (d) In the event of fire, riot, or other extreme emergency, if
6 the presiding officers believes taking the time for a vote on
7 recessing or adjourning would be dangerous to those present, the
8 presiding officer may declare the House recessed or adjourned to a
9 call of the chair.

10 (e) A legislative day shall be adjourned no later than 12:00
11 midnight of the calendar day that it began.

12 12.2 - Absence of a Quorum

13 In the absence of a quorum, the Speaker with three (3) members
14 shall be a sufficient number to adjourn to a time certain.

15 12.3 - Sine Die Adjournment

16 (a) The date and time of sine die adjournment of each Regular
17 Session of the Legislature shall be established by motion or
18 resolution except that Regular Session shall be finally adjourned
19 sine die at 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in May of each year by
20 operation of the Oklahoma Constitution. Upon arrival of 5:00 p.m.
21 on the last Friday in May, no further business shall be conducted by
22 the House and the presiding officer shall declare the House
23 adjourned sine die.

1 (b) A Special or Extraordinary Session shall be finally
2 adjourned sine die no later than the fifteenth day succeeding the
3 General Election unless the date and time of sine die adjournment
4 shall be otherwise established by motion or resolution at an earlier
5 date and time.

6 RULE THIRTEEN

7 INTERIM STUDIES

8 13.1 - Interim Studies

9 (a) When the Legislature is not in session, the Speaker shall
10 have the authority to direct committees to make interim studies for
11 such purposes as the Speaker may designate.

12 (b) The Speaker shall provide to the Chief Clerk of the House a
13 copy of interim charges made to a standing or select committee.

14 (c) The committees shall meet as often as necessary to transact
15 effectively the business assigned to them and may continue to
16 exercise the oversight and investigatory powers granted in Rule
17 7.13.

18 13.2 - Requests for Interim Studies

19 No resolution requesting or authorizing an interim study of any
20 matter or proposition by the House, or a committee thereof, shall be
21 introduced in or considered by the House. All such requests for
22 interim study shall be submitted on request forms available to any
23 member in the office of the Chief Clerk of the House.

24 13.3 - Quorum

1 During a legislative interim, no committee shall take any final
2 action unless a quorum of the membership of the committee is
3 present.

4 13.4 - Meeting Notice

5 During a legislative interim, published notice of any interim
6 committee meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the
7 meeting. The staff of the House shall publish the meeting notices
8 required by this section. The ten-day notice requirement of this
9 section shall not apply to a committee or subcommittee meeting with
10 a Senate committee or subcommittee on an interim study assigned for
11 joint study.

12 RULE FOURTEEN

13 RULES

14 14.1 - Suspension or Amendment of Rules

15 (a) These Rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
16 those elected to and constituting the House; provided, any amendment
17 to the Rules recommended by the Committee on Rules shall be
18 effective if approved by a majority of the members elected to and
19 constituting the House.

20 (b) If the Committee on Rules shall recommend revisions or
21 amendments to the Rules, the House shall be given one (1) day's
22 prior notice before consideration of the recommended changes may
23 commence.

1 (c) Two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to and constituting
2 the House may suspend the Rules, or a portion thereof, but a motion
3 for that purpose shall be decided without debate. The motion shall
4 include the specific rule to be suspended.

5 14.2 - Parliamentary Authorities

6 Any parliamentary questions not provided for by the Oklahoma
7 Constitution or these Rules shall be governed by the ruling of the
8 Speaker. The Speaker shall publish these substantive rulings in a
9 volume of precedents. In making his or her ruling, the Speaker may
10 rely upon, but is not bound by, these published rulings or other
11 parliamentary authorities, including, but not limited to, the latest
12 edition of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

13 14.3 - Rules Effective

14 (a) These Rules shall be in full force and effect for the
15 duration of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature unless amended, as
16 provided herein.

17 (b) Upon convening for a Special or Extraordinary Session, the
18 time constraints in Rule 8.8 for filing main floor amendments and
19 amendments to main floor amendments shall not be applicable.
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