

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24
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BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to**
2 **the use of chambers, the daily order of business, returning a bill not acted on by a**
3 **committee, the personal bill deadline, carry over of bills, and adjournment.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** Rule 12, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

6 **Rule 12. Use of Chambers and Offices.** Legislative chambers are to be used
7 only for the official business of the legislature during legislative sessions. During the
8 session access to the chambers and their galleries is under the control of the presiding
9 officer of the house to which the space is assigned, and the assignment of legislative
10 offices and use of committee rooms shall be provided for by and be under the control
11 of the Rules Committee. **During the 14 days immediately preceding adjournment**
12 **of a session, the Rules Committee may not schedule a committee room for any**
13 **purpose except a meeting of a legislative committee.**

14 * **Sec. 2.** Rule 17, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

15 **Rule 17. Daily Order of Business. (a) Except as provided in (b) of this**

1 **section, and unless** [UNLESS] changed by a two-thirds vote of the full membership
 2 of the house, the daily order of business of each house is as follows:

- 3 (1) Roll call
- 4 (2) Invocation or meditation
- 5 (3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 6 (4) Certification by the chief clerk or secretary to the house as to the
 7 correctness of the journal of the previous day, journal approved or ordered changed
- 8 (5) Introduction of guests
- 9 (6) Messages from the governor
- 10 (7) Messages from the other house
- 11 (8) Communications
- 12 (9) Reports of standing committees
- 13 (10) Reports of special committees
- 14 (11) Introduction of resolutions
- 15 (12) Introduction, first reading and reference of bills
- 16 (13) Consideration of daily calendar
 - 17 (A) Second reading of bills of house
 - 18 (B) Second reading of bills of other house
 - 19 (C) Third reading of bills of house
 - 20 (D) Third reading of bills of other house
 - 21 (E) All other matters up for final action in the house
- 22 (14) Unfinished business
- 23 (15) Announcement of committee meetings
- 24 (16) Special orders (not set for a particular hour)
- 25 (17) Adjournment.

26 **(b) During the seven-day period immediately preceding adjournment of a**
 27 **session, introduction of guests under (a)(5) of this rule and legislative citations**
 28 **under (a)(14) or (16) of this rule shall be removed from the daily order of**
 29 **business.**

30 * **Sec. 3.** Rule 24(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

- 31 (a) A committee acts on all bills referred to it and reports its actions and

1 recommendations to the house as soon as practicable. Committee reports must be in
 2 writing and the report must be signed by a majority of the members of the committee.
 3 The report will note the recommendation of each member signing the report. **If, after**
 4 **14 days, a committee has not reported its action on a bill referred to it, the**
 5 **committee chair shall return the bill to the chief clerk or senate secretary with a**
 6 **written notice to the body that the committee did not act on the bill.**

7 * **Sec. 4.** Rule 44, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

8 **Rule 44. Time Limit on Introduction.** No bill or resolution other than one
 9 sponsored by a standing committee may be introduced after the thirty-fifth day of **a**
 10 **[THE SECOND]** regular session of the legislature.

11 * **Sec. 5.** Rule 47, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

12 **Rule 47. Bills and Resolutions Do Not Carry Over.** Bills and resolutions
 13 introduced in the first regular session of a legislature **that** [WHICH] are not passed
 14 **before adjournment sine die do not** [OR NOT WITHDRAWN, DEFEATED,
 15 VETOED, OR INDEFINITELY POSTPONED,] carry over into the second regular
 16 session of the same legislature [IN THE SAME READING OR STATUS THEY
 17 WERE IN AT THE TIME OF ADJOURNMENT].

18 * **Sec. 6.** Rule 52, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

19 **Rule 52. Adjournment.** Neither house may adjourn or recess for longer than
 20 three days unless the other concurs. (Sec. 10, Art. II, State Constitution.) Adoption of
 21 a concurrent resolution by a majority vote of the full membership of each house
 22 constitutes concurrence. A motion to adjourn or recess a session is in order when it is
 23 the intention of the legislature to recess or adjourn to a day certain. A motion to
 24 adjourn sine die is in order [ONLY] at the end of a [SECOND] regular session or a
 25 special session. **Unless changed by a vote of two-thirds of the full membership of**
 26 **both houses, the legislature shall, by operation of this rule, be adjourned sine die**
 27 **from a regular session at 12:00 a.m. on the 91st legislative day.**