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H 1263. ADOPTING PERMANENT HOUSE RULES. ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2003 REGULAR SESSION.

Modifies the 2001 permanent House rules, as amended by interim rules adopted (as amended) on 2/12/03, as follows: (1) Amends Rule 6 by adding "to ensure civil discourse and the open exchange of ideas" to first sentence. (2) Amends Rule 7 by providing that no member shall be denied recognition by the Speaker unless the member is out of order as provided in rules, and requiring that in such cases Speaker shall state the specific rule violated. (3) Amends Rule 9 by increasing the number of votes needed to overrule Speaker's decisions on points of order to a majority (was, two-thirds) of members present. (4) Adds new Rule 10(e) providing that if a member is interrupted by a question from another member, time used to ask question shall be excluded. (5) Deletes amendment to Rule 12(f) prohibiting smoking on the House floor. (6) Amends Rule 13(b) to provide that when a motion is made, it shall be accepted (was, stated) by the Speaker when it is in order under Rules 14 through 19(d). (7) Amends Rule 19(2) by replacing "the majority leader" with "the leader of a party caucus" and deletes Rule 19(7) (authorizing previous question to be called by ex officio members of every standing comm. and permanent subcommittee). (8) Amends Rule 24.1A to provide that request to be excused from deliberations shall be directed to the Principal Clerk. (9) Deletes last sentence of Rule 26(f) providing that for purposes of determining a quorum, persons designated as ex officio members of standing committees and permanent subcommittees shall be counted among comm. membership only when present. (10) Replaces current Rule 26(h) with rule permitting a party caucus leader to appoint another party member to serve in the place of an absent comm. member. (11) Amends Rule 31(d), deleting provision that amendments to bill captions may be amended only by the standing comm. to which bill was referred. (12) Changes Rule 31.1(a) and (a1) public and agency bill deadlines for submission to drafting to 2/19 and for introduction to 2/26. (13) Reinstates language contained in Rule 45(b), 2001 permanent rules, authorizing only one Speaker Pro Tem. who may preside in the absence or incapacity of the Speaker, and deletes last sentence of Rule 45(c) authorizing Sergeant-at-Arms to assign Reading Clerk additional duties. (14) Amends Rule 62 to provide that custom and usage of the House shall not have precedence over the House rules or Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedures.

Intro. by Ellis.

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