

committee, but not less than two members of the committee, shall so order, the Clerk shall have the minority report printed and distributed to members of the House.

Rule 57. In cases where the report of a committee is favorable to the passage of a bill or resolution, or the bill or resolution is reported without recommendation, the same shall be passed to a third reading without question. If the report of a committee is adverse to the passage of a bill or resolution, the question shall be on agreeing to the report of the committee. However, House and Senate bills and resolutions adversely reported shall not be taken up except by request of a member of the House. Such request must be made not later than adjournment of the next legislative day following the unfavorable committee report. In such case, the motion to disagree shall be referred to the Committee on Rules. If the report of the committee is agreed to in the Committee on Rules, the bill or resolution shall be lost. If the report of the committee is disagreed to in the Committee on Rules, the bill or resolution shall be put on the general calendar unless the bill or resolution is recommitted.

Rule 58. If a bill or resolution has been referred to and reported by more than one committee or has been reported and recommitted to the same committee, the last committee report shall be acted on by the House. In all cases, the report of the Committee of the Whole House shall be first acted on by the House.

Rule 59.

59.1 Whenever any bill or resolution has been referred to a committee and the committee has held the bill or resolution in its custody for ten legislative days without reporting on it, or taking any action upon it, any member of the House shall have the right to initiate a petition for discharge of the bill or resolution. Such petition shall be in such form as shall be designed by the Clerk of the House. If the petition is signed by two thirds of the members of the House, as set out below, the petition shall be filed by the initiating member with the Clerk of the House, and the effect shall be the same as a report of the committee favorable to the passage of the bill or resolution. The bill or resolution shall then take its place on the general calendar in the same manner as a measure favorably reported by a committee. Subject to the provisions of Rule 33, a bill or resolution that has been on the general calendar in the Rules Committee at least 5 days, can be placed on the rules

calendar by a petition signed by two thirds of the members of the House.

59.2 Any motion or resolution to set a special order or to change the order of business for any particular day which has been referred to the Committee on Rules may be held in the custody and control of such committee for only three days.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Rule 60. All appropriation bills shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole House.

Rule 61. The Speaker may resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole House without a motion being made therefore.

Rule 62. On motion of a member, the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House by a majority of those voting, provided that the total vote constitutes a quorum, if notice of intention to make such motion has been given during the session of the preceding day. Individual speeches on such motion shall be limited to three minutes. If such notice has not been given, the motion shall prevail if it receives the affirmative votes of two thirds of those voting, if the two thirds constitutes a majority of all of the members elected to the House. Whenever the House, either by its own vote or by unanimous consent, commits any bill or resolution to the Committee of the Whole House and, subsequently, a motion is made to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole House to consider such bill or resolution and such motion is lost, the motion shall not be renewed. It shall be the duty of the Speaker to require the Clerk to read the bill or resolution again at the following day's session under the order of introduction of new matter or reading of bills the first time. The Speaker shall then refer such bill or resolution to the appropriate committee unless otherwise ordered by the House. However, for the consideration of the general appropriations bill, the House may, on motion of a member, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole by a majority of those voting, provided the total vote constitutes a quorum, and no previous notice shall be necessary.

Rule 63. In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside in committee and shall leave the chair.