

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 507(2) AND 602

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 507(2) is amended:

2. The committee chairman or the member who is duly appointed to act as chairman shall ensure that minutes of committee hearings and deliberations are kept. The minutes must be arranged by the bills or resolutions discussed, designated by number. The minutes must contain a short phrase explaining what the bill or resolution relates to and the names and addresses of all persons who appear in relation to the bill or resolution and a brief summary of their remarks. The minutes also must include a record of recommended amendments to the bill or resolution, and a recorded roll call vote of the committee members on each bill or resolution that is referred out of the committee and, in the case of divided reports, on each report as provided in Senate Rule 602.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 602 is amended:

**602. DIVIDED COMMITTEE REPORT.**

1. In case all the members of any committee required or entitled to report on any subject referred to them cannot agree upon any report, the majority and minority may each make a report as provided by this rule; and all reports, if decorous in language, and respectful to the Senate, must be entered at length in the journal and must identify who voted for each report, and must be announced by the Secretary as provided in Senate Rule 601.
2. A minority report must be signed by at least two members of the committee, or three members of the Appropriations Committee, who voted against the majority report and who have not voted for or signed any other report. A member may not vote for a report and refuse to sign that report. A Except as provided in subsection 3, a recorded roll call vote must be taken on the majority report and each minority report.
3. An amendment that is defeated on a roll call vote must be designated as a minority report if the member who made the motion to adopt the amendment requests that

1 the defeated amendment be presented as a minority report. That minority report is  
2 deemed signed by every member who voted for the amendment and who does not  
3 request that the member not be included as a signatory to that minority report.  
4 The minutes must reflect the request for preparation of the amendment as a  
5 minority report and any request by a member not to be included as a signatory to  
6 the report.

7 4. The majority report is either the report signed by the largest number of committee  
8 members or the report signed by the committee chairman if that report is one of  
9 two or more reports signed by the largest and an equal number of members. The  
10 majority report must be placed on the calendar for consideration before  
11 consideration of any minority report. Minority reports must be placed on the  
12 calendar in order in accordance with the number of committee members signing  
13 the reports, with the report signed by the largest number of members being placed  
14 on the calendar first.

15 ~~4.~~ 5. If more than one amendment is recommended by divided reports relating to a  
16 particular measure, the President shall direct that they be placed on the calendar  
17 in order in accordance with this rule.

18 ~~5.~~ 6. The President shall also rule as to the effect of the adoption of the first report on  
19 each subsequent report.

20 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 507(2) is amended:

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24 number. The minutes must contain a short phrase explaining what the bill or  
25 resolution relates to and the names and addresses of all persons who appear in  
26 relation to the bill or resolution and a brief summary of their remarks. The minutes  
27 also must include a record of recommended amendments to the bill or resolution,  
28 and a recorded roll call vote of the committee members on each bill or resolution  
29 that is referred out of the committee and, in the case of divided reports, on each  
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6           Clerk as provided in House Rule 601.
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9           report and who have not voted for or signed any other report. A member may not  
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19          minority report and any request by a member not to be included as a signatory to  
20          the report.
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22          members or the report signed by the committee chairman if that report is one of  
23          two or more reports signed by the largest and an equal number of members. The  
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31          order in accordance with this rule.
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33          each subsequent report.