

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your procedural **Rules Committee (Rep. Kretschmar, Chairman)**

recommends that the House and Joint Rules of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly, as adopted on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, and published in the 2007 Senate and House Rules and Committees book, with the following amendments, be adopted as the permanent rules of the House for the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly, and that the reading of this report be dispensed with:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 312 is amended as follows:

**312. MOTIONS DURING DEBATE.** When a question is under debate, no motion may be received, except to fix the time to which to adjourn; to adjourn; to permit a member to vote; to lay on the table; to move the previous question; to close, limit, or extend debate (which ~~five~~ six kinds of motions must be decided without debate); to move to postpone to a day certain; to refer; and to amend. These motions have precedence in the order in which they are named. No motion to postpone to a day certain or to refer, having been decided, may be entertained again on the same day.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 317 is amended as follows:

**317. NONDEBATABLE MOTIONS.** The following motions are not debatable:

1. Adjournment.
2. Clincher.
3. Fix the time of adjournment.
4. Order of the day.
5. Reading of papers.
6. Withdrawal of motion.
7. Suspension of the rules.
8. ~~To lay~~ Lay on the table.
9. Previous question.
10. Close, limit, or extend debate.
11. Permit a member to vote.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 402 is amended as follows:

**402. WHEN INTRODUCED.**

1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than five bills as prime sponsor after the ~~fourth~~ fifth legislative day. No bill may be introduced after the ~~ninth~~ tenth legislative day, and no resolution, except those resolutions described in subsection 3, may be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the members of the House present and voting.
2. No member of the Legislative Assembly on April first of the year before a regular legislative session may submit a bill mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers as described in North Dakota Century Code Section 54-03-28 for consideration by the Employee Benefits Programs Committee after April first of the year before a regular legislative session. No member of the Legislative Assembly taking legislative office for the first time after November thirtieth of the year before a regular legislative session may submit a bill mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers as described in North Dakota Century Code Section 54-03-28 for consideration by the Employee Benefits Programs Committee after the first Wednesday following adjournment of the organizational session.
3. No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court may be introduced after the close of business on the day after the adjournment of the organizational session, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee.
- ~~3.~~ 4. Resolutions that propose amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and resolutions directing the Legislative Council to carry out a study may not be introduced after the thirty-first legislative day.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of House Rule 402 is amended as follows:

1. No member other than the Majority and Minority Leaders may introduce more than five bills as prime sponsor after the ~~fourth~~ fifth legislative day. No bill may be introduced after the ~~ninth~~ tenth legislative day, and no resolution, except those resolutions described in subsection 3, may be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Delayed Bills Committee or upon two-thirds vote of the members of the House present and voting.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of House Rule 501 is amended as follows:

- 1           2.   The five-day standing committee is Appropriations: (24 members) Bills and  
2           resolutions referred or rereferred under House Rule 329. Except for the committee  
3           chairman, each member of the committee must be appointed to one of the  
4           following divisions of the committee which, for purposes of North Dakota Century  
5           Code Section 54-03-10, are deemed standing committees:  
6           a.   Education and Environment.  
7           b.   Government Operations.  
8           c.   Human Resources.

9           **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of House Rule 602 is amended as follows:

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

18          **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of Joint Rule 203 is amended as follows:

- 19          1.   A bill that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for  
20          concurrence after the ~~thirty-third~~ thirty-fourth legislative day, except a bill approved  
21          for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills.

22          **SECTION 8.** Joint Rule 210 is created as follows:

23          **210. DELIVERY OF VETO MESSAGES.** When the Governor vetoes a bill that cannot  
24          be returned to the house of origin because the legislative assembly is not in session, the  
25          objections to the bill must be filed with the Secretary of State and with the director of the  
26          Legislative Council or a Legislative Council employee designated by the director for purposes  
27          of publishing the objections in the journal of the house of origin and in the Session Laws.

28          **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Joint Rule 802 is amended as follows:

29          **802. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA.** The Legislative  
30          Council may provide identification badges for individuals identified as representatives of the  
31          media by the North Dakota Newspaper Association and the North Dakota Broadcasters  
32          Association before a regular session or by the statehouse correspondent of the Associated  
33          Press during a legislative session. The statehouse correspondent of the Associated Press

1 shall ~~distribute~~ determine the method for distribution of the badges to the appropriate  
2 individuals for use during the session to obtain access to the floor of the chamber as permitted  
3 by the Senate and House. The statehouse correspondent of the Associated Press shall notify  
4 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House with respect to identification badges  
5 issued during the session.