

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 329(4) AND 508  
AND JOINT RULE 203

1           **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 329(4) is amended:

2           4. Except for bills approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills,  
3           all Senate bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be  
4           rereferred not later than the twenty-third legislative day and all House bills required  
5           to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred not later than  
6           the forty-seventh legislative day. If an appropriation bill is not reported to the floor  
7           and rereferred as required herein, the bill is deemed rereferred and is under the  
8           jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee at the end of the twenty-third or  
9           forty-seventh legislative day, as appropriate.

10          **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 508 is amended:

11          **508. REPORTING OF MEASURES.** Except for an appropriations bill, a resolution  
12          proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North  
13          Dakota, or a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council, no Senate bill or  
14          resolution may be held in a committee for more than thirty legislative days after it is referred to  
15          the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the Senate. Except for a resolution  
16          directing an interim study by the Legislative Council or proposing an amendment to the  
17          Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, all Senate bills and  
18          resolutions must be reported back to the Senate no later than the thirty-first legislative day. A  
19          resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council or proposing an amendment to  
20          the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota must be reported back  
21          to the Senate no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day. A bill or resolution not reported  
22          back as required by this rule must automatically be placed on the calendar without  
23          recommendation. House bills and resolutions must be reported back to the Senate by the  
24          fifty-fifth legislative day.

25          **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 329(4) is amended:

26          4. Except for bills approved for introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills,  
27          all House bills required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be

1 rereferred not later than the twenty-third legislative day and all Senate bills  
2 required to be rereferred to the Appropriations Committee must be rereferred not  
3 later than the forty-seventh legislative day. If an appropriation bill is not reported to  
4 the floor and rereferred as required herein, the bill is deemed rereferred and is  
5 under the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee at the end of the  
6 twenty-third or forty-seventh legislative day, as appropriate.

7 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 508 is amended:

8 **508. REPORTING OF MEASURES.** Except for an appropriations bill, a resolution  
9 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North  
10 Dakota, or a resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council, no House bill or  
11 resolution may be held in a committee for more than thirty legislative days after it is referred to  
12 the committee, unless an extension of time is granted by the House. Except for a resolution  
13 directing an interim study by the Legislative Council or proposing an amendment to the  
14 Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota, all House bills and  
15 resolutions must be reported back to the House no later than the thirty-first legislative day. A  
16 resolution directing an interim study by the Legislative Council or proposing an amendment to  
17 the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Dakota must be reported back  
18 to the House no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day. A bill or resolution not reported  
19 back as required by this rule must automatically be placed on the calendar without  
20 recommendation. Senate bills and resolutions must be reported back to the House by the  
21 fifty-fifth legislative day.

22 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Joint Rule 203 is amended:

23 **203. LIMITATION ON MESSAGING OF MEASURES - CROSSOVER DAYS.**

- 24 1. A bill that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for  
25 concurrence after the thirty-third legislative day, except a bill approved for  
26 introduction after the deadline for introduction of bills.
- 27 2. A resolution that has passed one house may not be sent to the other house for  
28 concurrence after the fortieth legislative day, except a resolution approved for  
29 introduction after the deadline for introduction of that type of resolution.

**NOTE:** This proposed "rules amendment" is presented without any change in order to provide a vehicle for discussion purposes. This is in response to suggestions:

- (From the Senate) Bills with appropriations which are referred to standing committees have a small window to be heard and acted upon before crossover.

This puts pressure on the Appropriations Committee for bills receiving a do pass from the standing committees.

- (From the House) There should be more legislative days before crossover and a shortened time period after crossover. Deadlines before crossover are too tight, too rushed.

A timeline showing the various deadlines established in the rules is attached.