

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 602

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 602 is amended as follows:

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~~ both reports, if decorous in language, and respectful to the Senate, must be entered at length in the journal, 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.
3. The majority report is either the report signed by the largest number of committee members or the report signed by the committee chairman if that report is one of two ~~or more~~ reports signed by ~~the largest and~~ an equal number of members. The majority report must be ~~placed~~ listed on the calendar ~~for consideration before consideration of any~~ the minority report. ~~Minority reports must be placed on the calendar in order in accordance with the number of committee members signing the reports, with the report signed by the largest number of members being placed on the calendar first.~~
4. If more than one amendment is recommended by divided reports relating to a particular measure, the President shall direct that they be placed on the calendar in order in accordance with this rule.
5. The President shall also rule as to the effect of the adoption of ~~the first one~~ one report on ~~each subsequent~~ the other report.

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16 particular measure, the Speaker shall direct that they be placed on the calendar in
17 order in accordance with this rule.

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

NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to a question on the total number of minority reports allowed under current rules. Although the rules require a minority report to be signed by members who did not sign the majority report, the rules do not limit the number of minority reports those members could make. The approach taken by this rules amendment is to permit only one minority report. Another proposed rules amendment (LC #19084.01) takes a different approach.