

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 305

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Senate Rule 305 is amended:

**305. RECOGNITION BY THE PRESIDENT.** Every member desiring to speak shall ~~rise~~  
~~and respectfully address~~ notify the President by using the "speak" button at the member's desk,  
and shall remain ~~standing~~ in place before proceeding to speak until recognized by the  
President. When two or more members ~~rise~~ seek recognition at the same time ~~to speak~~, the  
President shall designate the member who is to speak first, but in all other cases the member  
~~who rises first and addresses the President~~ whose name appears first on the President's desk  
panel must be the first recognized.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** House Rule 305 is amended:

**305. RECOGNITION BY THE SPEAKER.** Every member desiring to speak shall ~~rise~~  
~~and respectfully address~~ notify the Speaker by using the "speak" button at the member's desk,  
and shall remain ~~standing~~ in place before proceeding to speak until recognized by the Speaker.  
When two or more members ~~rise~~ seek recognition at the same time ~~to speak~~, the Speaker shall  
designate the member who is to speak first, but in all other cases the member ~~who rises first~~  
~~and addresses the Speaker~~ whose name appears first on the Speaker's desk panel must be  
the first recognized.

**NOTE:** The proposed rules amendment is in response to a suggestion that the rules be amended to reflect that members do not stand until recognized, but are recognized through the "speak" buttons and lights on the presiding officer's board.