
DIGEST

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Broadwater

HR No. 62

Abstract: Prohibits substantive floor amendments to bills and joint resolutions on the local and consent calendar from being considered by the House of Representatives. Provides that if a substantive floor amendment is offered, the bill shall be removed from the local and consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar to be considered on the next legislative day.

Present House Rules provides that each local bill which has been advertised in accordance with present constitution and each bill and joint resolution which is reported by a standing committee by unanimous vote, and which the committee adopts a separate motion to place on the local and consent calendar, shall be placed on such calendar unless the author objects. Further provides that upon second reading of a bill (and unless objected to by 21 members), the author or member authorized to handle the bill may make a motion to place the bill on such calendar.

Proposed House Rules further provides that except for technical amendments and amendments proposed on behalf of the Legislative Bureau, it shall not be in order for the House to consider any floor amendment to a bill or joint resolution on the local and consent calendar. Further provides that if any member files a substantive floor amendment to an instrument on the local and consent calendar prior to consideration of the instrument, the Clerk shall inform the Speaker who shall announce that a substantive amendment has been filed to the instrument, and the instrument shall be removed from the local and consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar in numerical order with the bills that will be considered first on the next legislative day. Provides for the same procedure if the amendment is offered during consideration of the instrument, except that after the Speaker's announcement, the bill is returned to the calendar before being removed from the local and consent calendar and placed on the regular calendar.

(Adds House Rules 8.25(C) and 11.5.1)