

Substitute for House Resolution No. 6004

By Committee on Rules and Journal

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1 A RESOLUTION adopting permanent rules of the House of
2 Representatives for 2011-2012 biennium

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of*
4 *Kansas:* The following rules shall be permanent rules of the House of
5 Representatives for the 2011-2012 biennium.

6 RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 2011-2012

8 ARTICLE 1. HOUSE SESSIONS; GENERAL OPERATION

9 **Rule 101. Time of Meeting.** The hour of meeting on the first day of
10 each regular session shall be at 2:00 p.m., and on other days, shall be the
11 hour set at adjournment on the previous legislative day except that if no
12 hour of meeting is set at adjournment on the previous legislative day, the
13 hour of meeting shall be 11:00 a.m.

14 **Rule 102. Speaker Taking Chair.** The Speaker shall take the chair
15 each day, at the hour to which the House has adjourned. The Speaker
16 shall call the House to order and proceed to business in accordance with
17 the Rules of the House.

18 **Rule 103. First Business.** The first business each legislative day shall
19 be the taking of the roll, the taking of roll shall be followed by prayer and
20 the prayer shall be followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance
21 to the flag of the United States of America led by a member designated
22 by the Speaker.

23 **Rule 104. Order of Business.** (a) The regular order of business each
24 legislative day, except on days and at times set apart for the consideration
25 of special orders and except as provided by the joint rules of the House
26 and Senate, shall be as follows:

- 27 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.
- 28 (2) Reports of select committees.
- 29 (3) Receipt of messages from the Governor.
- 30 (4) Communications from state officers.
- 31 (5) Messages from the Senate.
- 32 (6) Introduction and notice of original motions and house resolutions.
- 33 (7) Consideration of motions and house resolutions offered on a
34 previous day.
- 35 (8) The unfinished business before the House at the time of
36 adjournment on the previous day.

1 (9) Consent calendar.

2 (10) Final Action on bills and concurrent resolutions.

3 (11) Bills under consideration to concur and nonconcur.

4 (12) General Orders.

5 (13) Reports of standing committees.

6 (b) The presentation of petitions shall be a special order of business on
7 Friday of each week immediately preceding the regular order of business.

8 **Rule 105. Members Excused from Attendance.** Members may be
9 excused from attendance on any legislative day by the Speaker for the
10 following reasons and such reasons shall be shown in the Journal: (1)
11 Verified illness; (2) legislative business; and (3) excused absence by the
12 Speaker.

13 **Rule 106. Introduction of Guests.** Except when permission has been
14 given by the Speaker before taking the chair, no guests in the gallery
15 shall be introduced to the House.

16 **Rule 107. Session Proforma.** (a) The House of Representatives may
17 meet from time to time for the sole purposes of processing routine
18 business of the House of Representatives. These sessions shall be known
19 as Session Proforma.

20 (b) Time of Meeting. Session Proforma shall be announced at least
21 one legislative day in advance with the hour for meeting Proforma set on
22 the previous legislative day.

23 (c) Order of Business. The only orders of business that may be
24 considered during Session Proforma are:

25 (1) Introduction and reference of bills and concurrent resolutions.

26 (2) Receipts of messages from the Governor.

27 (3) Communications from State Officers.

28 (4) Messages from the Senate.

29 (5) Reports of Standing Committees.

30 (6) Presentation of Petitions.

31 (d) Motions. No motion shall be in order other than the motion to
32 adjourn.

33 (e) Objections. Any objection by any member shall require the Session
34 Proforma to adjourn to the next day, Saturday and Sundays excluded, at
35 11:00 a.m.

36 (f) Quorum and Roll. There shall be no requirement for a quorum or
37 taking of the roll. No demand for a roll call for a quorum shall be in
38 order.

39 (g) Effect on Certain Rules. If a legislative day referred to in Rule
40 1309, 1503, 1505, 2303, 2705 or 3705 occurs on a legislative day which
41 is also the day on which a Session Proforma is held, the term "legislative
42 day" as used in such rule means the next legislative day subsequent to the
43 legislative day on which the Session Proforma is held.

ARTICLE 3. QUORUM

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2 **Rule 301. Quorum, What Constitutes.** A majority of all members
3 then elected (or appointed) and qualified shall constitute a quorum. In the
4 absence of a quorum no business shall be transacted by the House, except
5 as provided in Rule 107, 302 and 303 or to recess or adjourn.

6 **Rule 302. Absence of Quorum.** In the absence of a quorum during
7 any session of the House, the members present may do what is necessary
8 to attain a quorum. In the absence of a quorum while in the committee of
9 the whole, the committee shall rise and report. Reprimand, censure or
10 expulsion may be imposed as provided by Article 49 when there is found
11 to be no sufficient excuse for absence of a member.

12 **Rule 303. Roll Call to Determine Quorum.** A roll call shall be taken
13 to determine the existence of a quorum on demand of any member. The
14 result of each roll call to ascertain a quorum shall be recorded in the
15 Journal by statement of the total number present, naming only the
16 absentees.

ARTICLE 5. CONDUCT IN THE HOUSE CHAMBER

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18 **Rule 501. Admission to Floor.** (a) During daily sessions, from the
19 time of convening until adjournment to the following legislative day, only
20 the following classes of persons shall be admitted to the floor of the
21 House, the cloakrooms to the east of the house chamber and the hallway
22 at the west of the house chamber: (1) Members of the Legislature; (2)
23 officers and employees of the legislative branch who are properly
24 identified; (3) persons having permits from the Speaker.

25 (b) No person who is an officer or employee of the executive or
26 judicial branch of Kansas government or an employee of the federal
27 government shall be admitted to the area of the chamber on which
28 legislators' desks are located during the time the House of
29 Representatives is in session, except as provided by resolution, nor shall
30 any such person be on the floor of the House chamber during a call of the
31 House. No person, other than a member, shall lean on the railings on the
32 floor of the House chamber next to the area of the chamber on which
33 legislators' desks are located during any time the House is on final action.

34 (c) No person registered with the Secretary of State as a lobbyist shall
35 be on the floor of the House chamber 15 minutes before the time of
36 convening the daily session until 15 minutes after adjournment to the
37 following legislative day.

38 (d) The sergeant at arms shall remove all persons from the floor,
39 except persons authorized under the Rules of the House or a House
40 resolution.

41 (e) The provisions of this rule shall not be construed to prevent the
42 right of access (through the west hallway) by persons going directly to or
43 returning from the offices of the Speaker and the Majority Leader.

1 **Rule 502. Food and Drink.** Members may have food or drink, or
2 both, on their desks in the House chamber only when the member is
3 present at the member's desk.

4 **Rule 503. Galleries.** Visitors shall be allowed in one or both galleries
5 of the House in accordance with directions to the sergeant at arms from
6 the Speaker. Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the
7 use of telephones and the making of telephone calls in the galleries of the
8 House are prohibited.

9 **Rule 504. Placing Material on Member's Desks.** No items or
10 material shall be placed upon the desk of any member of the House
11 unless any such item or material bears the signature and printed name of
12 the member responsible for its distribution. This Rule 504 shall not apply
13 to items or material provided by legislative staff.

14 **Rule 505. Photographic Record of Vote.** No photographic or similar
15 record shall be made of the vote of any member upon any measure upon
16 which a division of the assembly has been called.

17 **Rule 506. Wireless Electronic Telecommunications Devices.** Except
18 for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of wireless
19 electronic telecommunications devices emitting an audible sound or tone
20 to announce or initiate communications in the House chamber is
21 prohibited during any time the House is in session.

22 **Rule 507. Computer Usage.** Computers may be used on the floor of
23 the House chamber only for legislative or personal business during any
24 time the House is in session.

25 ARTICLE 7. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

26 **Rule 701. Introduction of House Bills and Resolutions.** Every
27 House bill or resolution intended to be introduced shall be delivered to
28 the chief clerk. The delivery shall be by a legislator who is a sponsor of
29 the legislation or by a legislator who is the chairperson or vice
30 chairperson of a legislative committee that has authorized the
31 introduction, or by a legislative staff person or another member of the
32 House authorized by such legislator. In lieu of introduction as provided
33 by this rule, introduction may be as provided by law for prefiled bills and
34 resolutions.

35 **Rule 702. Introduction of Senate Bills and Concurrent**
36 **Resolutions.** Senate bills and concurrent resolutions sent to the House
37 shall be introduced upon reading of the message received by the chief
38 clerk.

39 **Rule 703. Reading of Bills and Resolutions for Introduction.** For
40 the purpose of introduction, the chief clerk shall read bills and resolutions
41 by title, except citations of statutes. The Speaker may require any House
42 resolution to be read in full. The name of the sponsor shall be read if there
43 is only one sponsor. If there are two sponsors, both names shall be read. If

1 there are more than two sponsors, the name of the first sponsor shall be
2 read, followed by the words "and others."

3 **Rule 704. Senate Bills and Concurrent Resolutions; Procedure**
4 **Following Introduction.** Following introduction, all Senate bills and
5 Senate concurrent resolutions when in the House shall follow the same
6 procedure as House bills and House concurrent resolutions.

7 ARTICLE 9. REFERENCE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

8 **Rule 901. Reference, Generally.** (a) On the day of introduction or the
9 following legislative day, the Speaker shall refer each bill to:

- 10 (1) A standing committee,
11 (2) a select committee,
12 (3) the committee of the whole House,
13 (4) two or more standing committees separately, or
14 (5) two or more standing committees jointly.

15 (b) On the day of introduction or the following legislative day, the
16 Speaker shall refer each concurrent resolution:

17 (1) In any way that a bill may be referred under subsection (a), if the
18 concurrent resolution is a proposition to amend the Constitution of
19 Kansas, to call a constitutional convention to amend or revise the
20 Constitution of Kansas, to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the
21 United States, to apply for a United States constitutional convention, or to
22 amend the joint rules of the House and Senate;

23 (2) if the concurrent resolution is not one of those specified in subpart
24 (1) of this subsection

25 (b), it may be referred in any way that a bill may be referred under
26 subsection (a), or the Speaker may authorize consideration thereof on the
27 day of introduction under the order of business introduction and reference
28 of bills and concurrent resolutions.

29 (c) On the day of introduction, the Speaker may refer any House
30 resolution (1) in any way that a bill may be referred under subsection (a)
31 or (2) make no reference, except the Speaker shall make any reference
32 required by the Rules of the House.

33 (d) Bills or resolutions prefiled under K.S.A. 46-801 et seq. and
34 amendments thereto for the regular session of the legislature held in even-
35 numbered years may be referred by the Speaker to the appropriate
36 committee or the committee of the whole at any time subsequent to the
37 prefiling of such bill or resolution with the chief clerk of the House.

38 **Rule 902. Appropriation Bills.** Bills containing more than one item
39 of appropriation shall be referred to the standing committee on
40 appropriations, except that bills introduced by the committee on
41 appropriations may be referred to the committee of the whole House.

42 **Rule 903. Separately Referred Bills and Resolutions.** (a) When a
43 bill or resolution has been referred separately to two or more standing

1 committees, each committee shall consider the bill or resolution
2 separately in the order specified by the Speaker.

3 (b) If the first committee to which a bill or resolution has been
4 separately referred, reports the bill or resolution adversely, the bill or
5 resolution shall not be considered by the second committee, unless
6 returned to the second committee by the committee of the whole House in
7 accordance with Rule 1505.

8 (c) When a bill has been referred separately and the report of the first
9 committee was not adverse, the report of the second committee shall be
10 the report considered by the committee of the whole House.

11 **Rule 904. Jointly Referred Bills and Resolutions.** When a bill or
12 resolution is jointly referred, it shall be considered and acted upon at a
13 joint meeting of the two committees. The chairperson of the first
14 committee named in the joint referral shall be the chairperson of the joint
15 committee when considering such bill or resolution.

16 ARTICLE 11. COMMITTEES; COMPOSITION

17 **Rule 1101. Standing Committees; Names and Members.** (a) The
18 standing committees of the House shall be the following and have the
19 number of members indicated for each:

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| 20 | 1. Aging and Long-term Care..... | 13 |
| 21 | 2. Agriculture and Natural Resources..... | 19 |
| 22 | 3. Appropriations..... | 23 |
| 23 | 4. Children and Families..... | 9 |
| 24 | 5. Calendar and Printing..... | 6 |
| 25 | 6. Commerce and Economic Development..... | 19 |
| 26 | 7. Corrections and Juvenile Justice..... | 13 |
| 27 | 8. Education..... | 19 |
| 28 | 9. Elections..... | 13 |
| 29 | 10. Energy and Utilities..... | 19 |
| 30 | 11. Federal and State Affairs..... | 23 |
| 31 | 12. Financial Institutions..... | 13 |
| 32 | 13. Government Efficiency..... | 13 |
| 33 | 14. Health and Human Services..... | 19 |
| 34 | 15. Insurance..... | 13 |
| 35 | 16. Interstate Cooperation..... | 7 |
| 36 | 17. Judiciary..... | 21 |
| 37 | 18. Local Government..... | 13 |
| 38 | 19. Pensions and Benefits..... | 9 |
| 39 | 20. Rules and Journal..... | 7 |
| 40 | 21. Redistricting..... | 23 |
| 41 | 22. Taxation..... | 23 |
| 42 | 23. Transportation..... | 19 |
| 43 | 24. Veterans, Military and Homeland Security..... | 13 |

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2 (b) The house standing committee on commerce and economic
3 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house
4 standing committee on economic development and tourism, the house
5 standing committee on tourism and the house standing committee on
6 tourism and parks for purposes of references in statutory or other
7 documents. The house standing committee on commerce and economic
8 development shall constitute the successor committee to the house
9 standing committee on commerce and labor, the house standing
10 committee on economic development and the house standing committee
11 on new economy for purposes of references in statutory or other
12 documents. The house standing committee on agriculture and natural
13 resources shall constitute the successor committee to the house standing
14 committee on environment for purposes of references in statutory or other
15 documents. The house standing committee on insurance and the house
16 standing committee on financial institutions shall constitute the successor
17 committees to the house standing committee on insurance and financial
18 institutions for purposes of references in statutory or other documents.

19 **Rule 1102. Committee Appointments.** (a) The Speaker shall appoint
20 the members of the standing committees. The Speaker may remove or
21 replace any such committee member at any time.

22 (b) The Speaker shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson of
23 each standing committee. The Speaker may remove or replace any such
24 chairperson or vice chairperson at any time.

25 **Rule 1103. Select Committees.** The Speaker may appoint select
26 committees and the chairpersons and vice chairpersons thereof. The
27 Speaker may remove or replace any such chairpersons or vice
28 chairpersons or members of such committees. Select committees shall
29 meet on call of the chairperson or when directed by the Speaker.

30 **Rule 1104. Announce Appointments.** All committee appointments
31 shall be announced in open session.

32 **Rule 1105. Budget Committees.** (a) There is hereby created the
33 following budget committees

34 of the committee on appropriations which shall have the number of
35 members indicated for each:

- 36 1. Agriculture and natural resources budget committee.....9
- 37 2. Education budget committee.....9
- 38 3. General government budget committee.....9
- 39 4. Legislative budget committee.....8
- 40 5. Social services budget committee.....9
- 41 6. Transportation and public safety budget committee.....9

42 (b) Members of the budget committees are not required to be members
43 of the committee on appropriations. The Speaker shall appoint the

1 members, chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the budget committees.
2 The Speaker may remove or replace any such chairperson, vice
3 chairperson or member at any time.

4 (c) Budget committees shall be advisory to and make
5 recommendations to the committee on appropriations regarding matters
6 referred to the budget committee by the committee on appropriations. A
7 budget committee is authorized to introduce bills or resolutions within the
8 subject matter of the budget committee. Except as otherwise provided in
9 this rule, budget committees shall be deemed to be standing committees
10 under the rules of the House of Representatives.

11 (d) Budget committee meetings are subject to the Kansas open
12 meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317a et seq., and amendments thereto.

13 ARTICLE 13. COMMITTEES; PROCEDURE

14 **Rule 1301. Committee Meetings; Time and Place.** (a) When the
15 Legislature is in session, standing committees shall meet at the times and
16 place assigned by the Speaker on the call of the chairperson.

17 (b) Also, when the Legislature is in session, a standing committee
18 shall meet upon written request of three members of the committee. Such
19 a request shall be submitted to the Speaker and the chairperson at least
20 one legislative day before the requested time of meeting. The time and
21 place of a meeting under this subsection (b) shall be set by the
22 chairperson with the approval of the Speaker.

23 **Rule 1302. Notice and Agenda for Committee Meetings.** The
24 chairperson shall provide notice of meetings and an agenda or agenda
25 information to committee members, the chief clerk and the public. The
26 chief clerk shall include in the calendar such information as is practical.

27 **Rule 1303. Duties of Committee Chairperson.** The principal duties
28 of the chairperson of a standing committee are:

29 (a) To preside over meetings of the committee and to put all questions;

30 (b) to maintain order and decide all questions of order subject to
31 appeal to the committee;

32 (c) to supervise and direct staff of the committee;

33 (d) to keep, or have the committee secretary keep, subject to the
34 approval of the committee at a subsequent meeting, minutes of meetings
35 which shall include:

36 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the committee;

37 (2) the attendance of committee members; and

38 (3) the names and city and state of residence of persons appearing
39 before the committee and whom each represents;

40 (e) to prepare and sign reports of the committee and submit them
41 promptly to the chief clerk;

42 (f) to appoint subcommittees to perform duties on an informal basis;
43 and

1 (g) to inform the Speaker of any committee activity which caused any
2 member of the committee to be absent during any recorded vote.

3 **Rule 1304. Introduction of Committee Bills and Resolutions.** A
4 committee may introduce bills and resolutions while the Legislature is in
5 session respecting any matters referred to it. Unless approved by the
6 Speaker, a standing committee may introduce bills and resolutions only
7 within the general subject area assigned to the committee. No standing
8 committee shall originate a bill which is substantially identical with any
9 bill which has been referred to another standing committee, and which is
10 under consideration by such committee.

11 **Rule 1305. Quorum of a Committee.** A quorum shall be present at a
12 meeting for a committee to act officially. A quorum of a committee is a
13 majority of the members of the committee. A quorum of a committee may
14 transact business and a majority of the quorum, even though it is a
15 minority of the committee, may adopt a committee report.

16 **Rule 1306. Voting in Committees.** (a) All final actions by a
17 committee shall be taken at a called meeting while the Legislature is in
18 session. The final action taken shall be recorded in the committee
19 minutes. An individual member's vote may be recorded at the member's
20 request.

21 (b) The committee chairperson may vote but shall not be required to
22 vote unless the committee is equally divided. If the chairperson's vote
23 makes the division equal, the question shall be lost.

24 (c) An action formally taken by a committee cannot be altered in the
25 committee except by reconsideration and further formal action of the
26 committee.

27 (d) A motion to take from the table may be adopted by the affirmative
28 vote of a majority of the members present at any called meeting of the
29 committee.

30 **Rule 1307. Procedure in General.** Committee procedure shall be
31 informal, but where any questions arise thereon, the rules or practices of
32 the House are applicable except that the right of a member to speak to any
33 question shall not be subject to the limitations prescribed by Rule 1704.
34 All motions in a committee shall require a second.

35 **Rule 1308. Committee Action on Bills and Resolutions.** (a) A
36 committee shall not

37 take action to report a bill out of committee on the same day that the
38 committee holds a hearing on the bill unless the committee approves such
39 action by a two-thirds vote.

40 (b) A committee may recommend amendments to measures referred to
41 it which are germane to the subject of the measure. Committee
42 recommendations shall be made by committee report to the House.
43 Committee reports shall be signed by the chairperson or other committee

1 members authorized by the committee to make the report, and shall be
2 transmitted to the House not later than the second legislative day
3 following the action of the committee.

4 (c) All committee reports on bills and resolutions shall be recorded in
5 the Journal.

6 (d) If amendments are pending on a measure when referred to a
7 committee, the amendments accompany the bill and the committee may
8 recommend the adoption or rejection of the amendments already
9 proposed and make further recommendations.

10 **Rule 1309. Motion to Withdraw a Bill or Resolution from a**
11 **Committee.** (a) If a committee does not report on any bill or resolution
12 within 10 legislative days after its reference to the committee, the bill or
13 resolution may be withdrawn from the committee by an affirmative vote
14 of 70 members of the House. Such a motion shall be made in writing,
15 giving the reasons for withdrawal from the committee. Such motion shall
16 be made under the order of business introduction and notice of original
17 motions and House resolutions. Only one bill or resolution may be named
18 in such a motion. The motion shall be read by the chief clerk or the
19 member making the motion and shall be printed in the calendar of the
20 next legislative day under the order of business consideration of motions
21 and House resolutions offered on a previous day. The motion shall be
22 considered on the legislative day following the day it is made. If the
23 motion prevails, the bill or resolution shall be placed on the calendar
24 under the order of business General Orders.

25 (b) Motions to withdraw a bill or resolution from a committee are not
26 subject to amendment or debate.

27 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this rule shall not
28 apply to resolutions adopting or amending rules of the House.
29 Resolutions relating to the adoption or the amendment of rules of the
30 House may be withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Journal at
31 any time by the affirmative vote of 63 members of the House.

32 **Rule 1310. Wireless Electronic Telecommunications Devices.**
33 Except for security personnel authorized by the Speaker, the use of
34 wireless electronic telecommunications devices emitting an audible sound
35 or tone to announce or initiate communications in a committee room is
36 prohibited during any time when a committee or subcommittee is in
37 session in the room.

38 ARTICLE 15. CALENDAR LOCATION OF BILLS AND
39 RESOLUTIONS

40 **Rule 1501. General Orders; Description and Function.** Bills,
41 concurrent resolutions and House resolutions reported for further action
42 by the committee to which they were referred and bills and concurrent
43 resolutions referred directly to the committee of the whole shall constitute

1 the General Orders of the calendar of the House. The titles of such bills
2 and resolutions shall appear under the heading General Orders in the
3 order directed by the Speaker and the Majority Leader. The reporting
4 committee and its action on the bill or resolution shall be shown under
5 each bill and resolution. Such bills and resolutions shall be considered by
6 the committee of the whole in the order which they appear on General
7 Orders. The Speaker and the Majority Leader may consult with the
8 Committee on Calendar and Printing in preparing the order of bills and
9 resolutions under this rule.

10 **Rule 1502. Posting of Sequence for Succeeding Day.** When the
11 Speaker and the Majority Leader have prepared the sequence of bills and
12 resolutions to appear on General Orders for the succeeding legislative
13 day, a copy of the list giving the number designation of each bill and
14 resolution in the order they are to appear shall be posted near the entrance
15 to the House chamber. No bill or resolution shall appear on General
16 Orders or be considered in the Committee of the Whole without notice of
17 the same having been announced in the House not later than 4:00 p.m. or
18 prior to adjournment if at a later hour on the previous day.

19 **Rule 1503. Change in the Sequence on General Orders.** (a) The
20 order of a bill or resolution on General Orders may be changed by
21 unanimous consent or by the affirmative vote of 70 members.

22 (b) Also, the order of a bill or resolution on General Orders may be
23 changed by vote of a majority of all members then elected (or appointed)
24 and qualified of the House on a motion made as provided in this
25 subsection (b). Such a motion shall be made in writing, giving the reasons
26 for the proposed change. Such motion shall be made under the order of
27 business introduction and notice of original motions and House
28 resolutions. Only one bill or resolution may be named in such a motion.
29 The motion shall be read by the chief clerk or the member making the
30 motion and shall be printed in the calendar of the next legislative day
31 under the order of business consideration of motions and House
32 resolutions offered on a previous day. The motion shall be considered on
33 the legislative day following the day it is made. If such a motion fails, a
34 motion to change the order on General Orders of such bill shall not be in
35 order until the fifth legislative day following such failure.

36 (c) Motions to change the order of a bill or resolution on General
37 Orders are not subject to amendment or debate.

38 (d) This Rule 1503 does not apply to the addition or removal of a bill
39 or resolution from General Orders.

40 **Rule 1504. Adversely Reported Bills and Resolutions; Calendar**
41 **Location.** Bills and resolutions that are adversely reported shall appear
42 on the calendar for one day under the heading bills adversely reported.

43 **Rule 1505. Motion to Move Adversely Reported Bill or**

1 **Concurrent Resolution to General Orders.** (a) A motion to add an
2 adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders shall be made in
3 writing. Such motion shall be made under the order of business
4 introduction and notice of original motions and House resolutions, and
5 such motion may not be made after the legislative day when the bill or
6 resolution appears on the calendar under Rule 1504. The motion shall be
7 read by the chief clerk or the member making the motion and shall be
8 printed in the calendar of the next legislative day under the order of
9 business consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a
10 previous day. The motion shall be considered on the legislative day
11 following the day it is made.

12 (b) When a bill or resolution has been separately referred and is
13 adversely reported by the first committee of separate reference, a motion
14 to add the adversely reported bill or resolution to General Orders is not in
15 order, but a motion to move the adversely reported bill or resolution to
16 the next committee of separate reference may be made in the same
17 manner as the motion in subsection (a).

18 (c) Adoption of a motion under this Rule 1505 requires the affirmative
19 vote of 70 members of the House.

20 (d) If a motion under subsection (a) prevails, the words "Adversely
21 Reported" shall be printed in a line below the title of the bill when it is
22 listed on General Orders.

23 **Rule 1506. Motion to Lay on Table Bill or Resolution while on**
24 **Final Action Subject to Amendments and Debate.** When a motion to
25 lay on the table a bill or resolution is adopted while on final action subject
26 to amendment and debate, on the next legislative day such bill or
27 resolution shall be placed on the calendar under the order of business the
28 unfinished business before the House at the time of adjournment on the
29 previous day.

30 **Rule 1507. Disposition of Bills Subject to Certain Deadlines.** Any
31 bill which is subject to a deadline for consideration under subsection (e)
32 or subsection (f) of Joint rule 4 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House
33 of Representatives and which remains on general orders at the close of
34 business on such deadline day shall be considered as killed and shall be
35 stricken from the calendar unless such bill is referred by the speaker to a
36 committee before the close of business on such day. Any bill so referred
37 shall be subject to all applicable deadlines under the Joint Rules of the
38 Senate and House of Representatives.

39 ARTICLE 17. MEMBERS ADDRESSING THE HOUSE

40 **Rule 1701. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request
41 the floor shall press the member's "speak bill" button, and shall not
42 proceed until recognized by the chair.

43 **Rule 1702. Order During Speaking.** While a member is speaking to

1 the House, no other member shall engage in private conversation or pass
2 between the member speaking and the chair.

3 **Rule 1703. When Question is Put.** While a question is being put or a
4 roll call or division is being taken, members are not to speak or leave
5 their seats.

6 **Rule 1704. Violation of Rules While Speaking.** (a) Members shall
7 address the House from the microphone located in the well of the House
8 chamber.

9 (b) No member shall speak more than twice on the same day to the
10 same question without leave of the House, unless the member is the
11 mover or is carrying the measure, in which case such member may open
12 and close the debate and may respond to direct questions from other
13 members addressed to them during the course of consideration of the
14 measure. For the purposes of this subsection, an amendment to any
15 measure shall be considered as a separate and independent question.

16 (c) The privilege of a member carrying a measure to open and close
17 the debate shall not be affected by any order for the previous question or
18 that debate shall cease. Such member may occupy 20 minutes in closing
19 the debate after the previous question is ordered and may divide that time
20 with other members.

21 (d) While a member is carrying a measure, such member may yield to
22 another member for explanation of the measure, or for personal
23 explanation, or for a motion to adjourn without losing the privilege to
24 carry the measure for the remainder of their time except that such
25 member may not yield to any member who has already spoken twice on
26 such question on the same day.

27 (e) If any member, in speaking, violates the rules of the House, the
28 chair shall call such member to order.

29 **Rule 1705. Point of personal privilege.** Except when permission has
30 otherwise been given by the Speaker before taking the chair:

31 (a) A member shall be allowed to raise a point of personal privilege
32 only for the following purposes: (1) Recognition of another member or
33 former member of the House; or (2) recognition of an individual or group
34 which has received state-wide or national award or state-wide or national
35 recognition.

36 (b) A member shall be allowed to speak not more than five minutes
37 in making a point of personal privilege.

38 ARTICLE 19. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

39 **Rule 1901. Motion to go into Committee of the Whole House.**
40 When the order of business General Orders is reached, a motion shall be
41 in order for the House to go into Committee of the Whole for
42 consideration of bills and resolutions as listed on General Orders.

43 **Rule 1902. Committee of the Whole; Normal Procedure.** Bills and

1 resolutions shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole as follows:
2 If the standing committee has recommended that the bill or resolution be
3 amended, the standing committee report shall first be considered, and if it
4 is adopted, the bill as amended by the committee report shall be
5 considered section by section, and as each section is considered,
6 amendments from the floor are in order to that section. If the committee
7 report is not adopted, or if the committee has recommended no
8 amendments, the bill, without committee amendments, shall be
9 considered section by section, and as each section is considered,
10 amendments from the floor are in order to that section. After a section has
11 been once considered, no amendment thereto shall be in order until the
12 whole bill shall have been considered section by section. After the
13 original bill, together with standing committee amendments if any, has
14 been considered section by section, the chairperson shall announce,
15 "Amendments to the bill generally are in order," and amendments not
16 before offered may be made to any part of the bill. A motion that when
17 the committee arises it report a bill favorably, or report a bill favorably as
18 amended, shall not be in order until all other motions have been disposed
19 of, and such a motion shall not be offered as a substitute motion. A
20 motion to strike the enacting clause is in order at any stage until the final
21 vote is announced. The motion to strike the enacting clause may be
22 debated upon the merit of the proposition, and shall not be subject to
23 amendment or substitution. A roll call vote shall be taken upon a motion
24 to strike the enacting clause.

25 **Rule 1903. Motion to Pass Over a Bill or Resolution While in**
26 **Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the Whole, either
27 (1) a motion to pass over a bill or resolution and that it retain its place on
28 the Calendar or (2) a motion to pass over a bill or resolution and that it
29 retain a place on General Orders shall be in order only after the
30 chairperson has announced that the next order of business is such bill or
31 resolution and has recognized a member to carry it. Either motion shall
32 require the vote of a majority of the members present for adoption.
33 Motions under this rule shall not be subject to debate.

34 **Rule 1904. Motions to Refer Bills or Resolutions to a Committee**
35 **While in Committee of the Whole.** When in the Committee of the
36 Whole, motion may be made to refer a bill or resolution to a standing
37 committee only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
38 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
39 it. Such motion shall require the vote of a majority of the members
40 present for adoption.

41 **Rule 1905. Striking Bills and Resolutions from the Calendar**
42 **While in Committee of the Whole.** (a) While in Committee of the
43 Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the calendar shall be in

1 order only after the chairperson has announced that the next order of
2 business is such bill or resolution and has recognized a member to carry
3 it.

4 (b) A motion to strike a bill from the calendar under this Rule 1905 (1)
5 shall require a vote of a majority of the members present for adoption,
6 and (2) shall be subject to roll call in accordance with subsection (e) of
7 Rule 2507, but shall not be subject to a call of the House under Rule
8 2508.

9 **Rule 1906. Requesting the Floor.** Any member desiring to request
10 the floor shall press such member's "speak bill" button to speak on a bill
11 or offer an amendment and "speak amendment" button to speak on a
12 pending amendment, and shall not proceed until recognized by the
13 chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

14 **Rule 1907. Rules Applicable.** The same rules, except Rule 2508,
15 shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole as in the House, so far
16 as the same are applicable, except that the previous question and the
17 motion to lay on the table shall not apply.

18 **Rule 1908. Rise and Report.** A motion for the Committee of the
19 Whole to rise and report shall be in order at any stage, and shall be
20 decided without debate. When the Committee of the Whole has a bill
21 under consideration and rises without final action thereon, the bill shall
22 retain a place on General Orders.

23 **Rule 1909. Effect of Recommendation of Committee of the Whole.**
24 Bills recommended for passage and resolutions recommended for
25 adoption by the Committee of the Whole shall not be subject to
26 amendment or debate after the adoption by the House of the Committee
27 of the Whole report. When a bill or resolution is reported with the
28 recommendation that the enacting or resolving clause be stricken, and the
29 Committee of the Whole report is adopted by the House, the bill or
30 resolution shall be considered as killed and shall be stricken from the
31 calendar.

32 **Rule 1910. Report of Committee of the Whole.** When the report of
33 the Committee of the Whole recommends the passage of a bill or
34 adoption of a resolution, and the report is adopted by the House, such
35 bills and resolutions shall be considered as ordered to the order of
36 business Final Action. If the bill or resolution has been amended by the
37 Committee of the Whole it shall be reprinted.

38 ARTICLE 21. AMENDMENT OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

39 **Rule 2101. Germaneness.** Amendments to bills and resolutions shall
40 be germane to the subject of the bill or resolution. The principal test of
41 whether an amendment is germane shall be its relationship to the subject
42 of the bill or resolution, rather than to wording of the title thereof. The
43 amendment, including any amendment from the floor to strike all of the

1 substantive provisions of a bill or resolution and insert other provisions,
2 must be relevant, appropriate, and have some relation to or involve the
3 same subject as the bill or resolution to be amended. For the purposes of
4 this rule the subject matter of any appropriation bill is the spending and
5 appropriating of money and any amendment which changes the amount
6 of money spent in any state agency or program is germane to any
7 appropriation bill.

8 Any member, upon recognition by the presiding officer, may request a
9 ruling upon the germaneness of any amendment to a bill or resolution. All
10 rulings upon the question of germaneness shall be made by the
11 chairperson of the House Committee on Rules and Journal. At the time of
12 making such ruling, the chairperson shall state the reasons or basis for
13 such ruling. Appeals from rulings of the chairperson may be taken upon
14 the motion of any member. Such appeals shall be in order at the time of
15 the making of the ruling and shall take precedence over any question
16 pending at the time the chairperson makes such ruling. Appeals from the
17 ruling of the chairperson shall be debatable only by the member making
18 the motion to amend which is the subject of the ruling, the member
19 carrying the measure sought to be amended, the Majority Leader or a
20 member designated by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or a
21 member designated by the Minority Leader. Debate upon the ruling of the
22 chairperson shall be limited to the question of the germaneness of the
23 proposed amendment. At the conclusion of debate the presiding officer
24 shall inquire: "Shall the chairperson's ruling be sustained?"

25 **Rule 2102. Form of Amendment Motions.** Motions to amend bills
26 and resolutions shall specify the page and line number, as shown on the
27 printed bill or resolution, and shall be in writing on a form provided by
28 the House or a form substantially similar. A motion shall be out of order
29 unless the written motion is first delivered to the chief clerk. In the case
30 of amendment by substitute bill, motion shall be made to substitute a
31 written bill for the bill under consideration.

32 **Rule 2103. Reading Amendments; General Rule.** Motions to amend
33 bills and resolutions shall not require readings as for bills introduced,
34 except as otherwise provided in Rule 2107, but shall be subject to Rule
35 2306.

36 **Rule 2104. Motions to Amend Motions.** A motion to amend a motion
37 to amend a bill or resolution shall not be in order.

38 **Rule 2105. Dividing Amendments.** (a) When any motion to amend a
39 bill or resolution contains distinct propositions it shall be divided by the
40 chairperson at the request of any member. The division by the chairperson
41 shall be made in accordance with the following:

42 (1) A motion to strike out and insert words of less than a sentence
43 shall be indivisible;

1 (2) the distinct propositions shall be only in the form submitted in
2 the motion to amend;

3 (3) each proposition must be so distinct that, one being removed, the
4 remainder may stand entirely on their own; and

5 (4) those portions of a motion to amend a bill as described in Rule
6 2110 shall be indivisible.

7 (b) Upon a request to divide a motion to amend a bill or resolution, the
8 chairperson shall inquire as to whether there is a request for a ruling on
9 germaneness of the motion to amend. If such a request is made, the issue
10 of germaneness shall be determined prior to dividing the motion.

11 If no request for a ruling on germaneness of the motion to amend is
12 made, the chairperson shall proceed to divide the motion to amend in
13 accordance with this rule, and no subsequent request for a ruling on
14 germaneness of any distinct proposition of the motion so divided shall be
15 in order.

16 (c) The chairperson, or any member, may request that the member
17 requesting the division make the request in writing specifying the manner
18 in which the motion to amend should be divided.

19 (d) The chairperson may request that the member requesting the
20 division and the chairperson or the vice-chairperson of the Committee on
21 Rules and Journal recommend an appropriate division, but the final ruling
22 on how to divide the motion to amend shall be that of the chairperson
23 who shall announce the division to the body.

24 (e) The division of the motion to amend shall be in accordance with
25 the rules of the House and with items (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection
26 (a). The ruling of the chairperson on how to divide the motion to amend
27 shall not be subject to appeal except that any member may appeal the
28 ruling of the chairperson on the grounds that the division is not in
29 accordance with a rule of the House including the provisions of items (1),
30 (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (a), or any combination thereof.

31 **Rule 2106. Substitute Motions.** No substitute motion to amend a bill
32 or resolution shall be in order.

33 **Rule 2107. Subject Change by Senate.** (a) When the Senate adopts
34 amendments to a House bill which materially changes its subject, upon
35 return of such bill to the House, it shall be read as provided for the
36 introduction of bills and be referred as provided in Rule 901.

37 (b) The Speaker may determine when a bill is subject to subsection
38 (a). An affirmative vote of 70 members shall be required to sustain a
39 challenge to the Speaker's determination hereunder.

40 **Rule 2108. Motions to Strike Out and Insert.** The rejection of a
41 motion to amend a bill or resolution by striking out and inserting one
42 proposition shall not prevent a motion to strike out and insert another
43 proposition, nor prevent a subsequent motion simply to strike out; nor

1 shall the rejection of a motion simply to strike out prevent a subsequent
2 motion to strike out and insert.

3 **Rule 2109. Identical Motions.** Except upon the unanimous consent of
4 the House, an identical motion to amend a bill or resolution shall not be
5 made a second time on the same legislative day.

6 **Rule 2110. Floor Amendments to Bills Making Appropriations.**
7 Unless by majority consent to correct an error in drafting, no floor
8 amendment to increase the amount of expenditures that would be
9 authorized in a provision of an appropriations bill shall be in order unless
10 the amendment contains a provision reducing, by a like or greater
11 amount, expenditures that would be authorized in another provision of
12 such appropriations bill.

13 ARTICLE 23. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

14 **Rule 2301. Order of Motions.** When a question is under
15 consideration, no motion shall be received except as specified under the
16 Rules of the House, which motions shall have precedence in the
17 following order:

- 18 (a) For adjournment of the House.
- 19 (b) For call of the House.
- 20 (c) To lay on the table.
- 21 (d) For the previous question.
- 22 (e) To postpone to a certain time.
- 23 (f) To commit to a standing committee.
- 24 (g) To commit to a select committee.
- 25 (h) To reject the adoption of reports of conference committees coupled
26 with the request for appointment of a new conference committee.
- 27 (i) To adopt the report of conference committees.
- 28 (j) To amend.
- 29 (k) To postpone indefinitely.

30 **Rule 2302. Motion to Adjourn.** The motion to adjourn shall always
31 be in order, except while a vote is being taken and until announced, or
32 when a member has the floor, or when the previous question is pending;
33 but a motion to recess is not equivalent to a motion to adjourn.

34 **Rule 2303. Motion to Reconsider.** A motion to reconsider shall take
35 precedence of all other questions except the motion to adjourn. No
36 motion for reconsideration of any vote shall be in order, unless made on
37 the same day or the legislative day following that on which the decision
38 to be reconsidered took place, nor unless a member voting with the
39 prevailing side shall move such reconsideration. A motion for
40 reconsideration, being put and lost, shall not be renewed, nor shall any
41 subject or vote be a second time reconsidered without unanimous
42 consent, but this provision shall not be construed as preventing the
43 introduction of a bill on the same subject. The member moving for

1 reconsideration shall be allowed not more than two minutes for stating
2 the reasons in support of the motion. Such motion shall be subject to
3 debate by any member, stating reasons in support or opposition to the
4 motion. Each of such members shall be allowed not more than one
5 minute for the purpose of such debate. Such motion shall require the
6 affirmative vote of members equal in number to that required to take the
7 action proposed to be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider any final
8 action of the House shall be in order at any time prior to the time at which
9 the message of the House thereon is read into the record of the Senate. A
10 motion to reconsider any final action of the House may be made after the
11 time at which the message of the House thereon is read into the report of
12 the Senate but any action taken pursuant thereto will be contingent upon
13 the return of the measure to the House by the Senate.

14 **Rule 2304. Previous Question.** The "previous question" shall be:
15 "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall
16 preclude all amendments or debate. When voting on the previous
17 question, the House decides that the main question shall not now be put,
18 the main question shall be considered as still remaining under debate. The
19 main question shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution or other
20 matter under consideration. When amendments are pending, a vote shall
21 first be taken upon such amendments in their order without further debate
22 or amendment.

23 A majority vote of the members present shall order the previous
24 question.

25 **Rule 2305. Motions Not Subject to Debate.** All questions relating to
26 priority of business shall be decided without debate. The motion to
27 adjourn, to change the order of consideration of a bill, for a call of the
28 House, and to lay on the table shall be decided without amendment or
29 debate. The several motions to postpone or commit shall preclude all
30 debate on the main question.

31 **Rule 2306. Motion to Refer Bills or Resolutions to Committee
32 When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
33 the Whole, a motion to refer a bill or resolution from the Calendar to a
34 standing committee shall be in order only when the body is meeting as
35 the House of Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered
36 by the Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
37 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
38 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to
39 the House.

40 **Rule 2307. Motion to Strike Bills and Resolutions from Calendar
41 When Not in Committee of the Whole.** When not in the Committee of
42 the Whole, a motion to strike a bill or resolution from the Calendar shall
43 be in order only when the body is meeting as the House of

1 Representatives and shall be authorized only when offered by the
2 Majority Leader, or in the absence of the Majority Leader, by the
3 Assistant Majority Leader. Such motion shall require the affirmative vote
4 of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to
5 the House.

6 **Rule 2308. Stating Question.** Every motion shall be first stated by the
7 presiding officer or read by the chief clerk, before debate, and again
8 immediately before putting the question.

9 **Rule 2309. Dividing Motion.** If any motion, other than a motion
10 under Rule 2105, contains distinct propositions it shall be divided by the
11 chairperson at the request of any member. Motions under Rule 2105 shall
12 be divided in accordance with that rule.

13 **Rule 2310. When Motions to be in Writing.** Every motion, except
14 those specified in Rules 2301 and 2303, shall be in writing if the Speaker
15 or any member desires it. All motions to amend a bill or resolution and all
16 resolutions shall be in writing.

17 **Rule 2311. Suspension of Rules of the House.** (a) No rule of the
18 House shall be suspended except by unanimous consent or by an
19 affirmative vote of a majority of the members then elected (or appointed)
20 and qualified to the House, subject to the following exceptions:

21 (1) A motion to suspend the rules, and to declare an emergency and to
22 advance a bill to the order of business Final Action, as contemplated in
23 article 2, section 15 of the Constitution shall require an affirmative vote
24 of 2/3 of the members present in the House.

25 (2) A motion to suspend the rules and to permit amendment and debate
26 of a bill under the order of business Final Action shall require an
27 affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present in the House.

28 (b) When under the rules of the House a motion, question or action
29 requires a vote of a majority greater than a majority of the members
30 present, the majority specified for such motion, question or action shall
31 be required to suspend the rules for the purpose of such motion, question
32 or action. When under the rules of the House notice of a motion reduces
33 the required majority for adoption of the motion, the required majority
34 shall not be reduced if the notice is disposed of by suspension of the
35 rules.

36 (c) Suspension of the rules or unanimous consent shall not reduce the
37 majority required under subpart (1) of subsection (a) of this rule.

38 **Rule 2312. Mason's Manual; When Applicable.** (a) In any case
39 where rules of the House or the joint rules of the Senate and House do not
40 apply, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (2010 edition), with the
41 exception of section 4, paragraph 2, shall govern.

42 (b) Rules of legislative procedure are derived from several sources and
43 take precedence in the order listed below. For the Kansas House of

1 Representatives, the principal sources are as follows: (a) Constitutional
2 provisions; (b) statutory provisions; (c) adopted rules; (d) adopted
3 parliamentary authority; (e) custom, usage and precedents.

4 ARTICLE 25. VOTING

5 **Rule 2501. Control and Use of Voting System.** The electronic voting
6 system shall be under the control of the Speaker or other presiding officer
7 and shall be operated by the chief clerk. The electronic voting system
8 shall be used to record the vote whenever a roll call vote is taken on any
9 question and may be used for ascertaining the vote upon any measure
10 upon which a division of the assembly has been called. In the event that
11 the system is not operating properly, roll call votes may be taken by
12 calling the roll.

13 **Rule 2502. Procedure for Taking a Roll Call Vote.** When a roll call
14 vote is taken, the presiding officer shall state the question and instruct the
15 members to proceed to vote. When sufficient time has been allowed the
16 members to vote, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Has every member
17 had an opportunity to vote?" After a short pause the presiding officer
18 shall direct the chief clerk to close the roll. After the roll has been closed,
19 when Rule 2505 applies, the presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any
20 member desire to explain their vote?" and any member so desiring may
21 give such explanation when recognized by the presiding officer. The
22 presiding officer shall inquire: "Does any member desire to change their
23 vote?" If any member does desire to change their vote, such member
24 when recognized by the presiding officer, shall advise how they desire to
25 change such vote and the presiding officer shall then instruct the chief
26 clerk to make the appropriate change. A member who has not previously
27 voted may vote at this time when permitted by the presiding officer. Such
28 member shall advise how they wish to vote and the presiding officer shall
29 then instruct the chief clerk to record such vote. After all members who
30 desire to vote or to change their votes have had reasonable opportunity to
31 do so, the presiding officer shall announce the vote and, when the vote
32 has been announced, shall direct the chief clerk to record the vote.

33 **Rule 2503. Display of Recurring Totals.** Under Rule 2502, recurring
34 totals shall be displayed only after the roll is closed. No recurring totals
35 shall be displayed for a determination of the vote upon a division of the
36 assembly.

37 **Rule 2504. Voting by Members.** (a) A member may vote only when
38 at their desk or at any place within the chamber of the House when
39 authorized by the presiding officer, who shall direct the chief clerk to so
40 vote for such member.

41 (b) No member shall vote for another member. No person not a
42 member shall cast a vote for a member, except as otherwise provided in
43 the rules. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any

1 member who votes or attempts to vote for another member shall be
2 subject to Article 49 of these rules. If a person not a member votes or
3 attempts to vote for any member, such person shall be barred from the
4 floor of the House for the remainder of the session, and, in addition to
5 penalties prescribed by law, may be punished further as the House
6 determines.

7 (c) The Speaker shall not be compelled to vote except in case of a tie.

8 **Rule 2505. Explaining Vote.** Any member may, when a roll call vote
9 is being taken on the passage or adoption of any bill or resolution, explain
10 their vote. Such member shall be allowed not more than one minute for
11 such explanation. Such explanation, if furnished in writing and signed,
12 with printed name and district number, by such member by 4:00 p.m.
13 upon the day the vote is taken or if the vote is taken subsequent to 3:30
14 p.m., within one-half hour after the adjournment of the House on that day,
15 shall be entered in the Journal, provided it does not contain more than
16 100 words.

17 **Rule 2506. Copies of Voting Records.** (a) Unless otherwise ordered,
18 the chief clerk shall record each roll call vote and make copies available
19 for the use of the news media. No record shall be made of the vote of any
20 member voting upon any measure upon which a division of the assembly
21 has been called.

22 (b) When a roll call vote is taken, it shall be recorded in the Journal by
23 a statement of the names and total number voting in the affirmative, the
24 names and total number voting in the negative, names and total number
25 indicating presence but not voting and the names and total number absent
26 or not voting, except that the provisions of this section shall not permit a
27 member to fail to vote in violation of Rule 2508.

28 **Rule 2507. When Roll Call Vote to be Taken.** (a) A roll call vote
29 shall be taken for the passage of any bill.

30 (b) A roll call vote shall be taken for the adoption of any concurrent
31 resolution to amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a
32 Kansas constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in
33 even-numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
34 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
35 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and
36 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate. A roll call vote
37 is not required for adoption of concurrent resolutions pertaining to
38 commendations or acknowledgments, unless required under subsection
39 (e) of Rule 2507.

40 (c) A roll call vote shall be taken for the adoption of any House
41 resolution to adopt, amend or revoke any rule of the House or to reject
42 any executive reorganization order.

43 (d) A roll call vote shall be taken to concur in Senate amendments to

1 any bill or concurrent resolution or to adopt any conference committee
2 report other than a report agreeing to disagree.

3 (e) A roll call vote shall be taken on any question on demand of 15
4 members, unless a roll call vote is already pending.

5 **Rule 2508. Call of the House.** (a) A call of the House shall be ordered
6 on the demand of any 10 members at any stage of the voting previous to
7 the announcing of the vote or, if the voting system is used, prior to
8 recording the vote. This Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote
9 upon the final passage of any bill or final adoption of any resolution
10 whether under the order of business Final Action or under any order of
11 business. Also, this Rule 2508 shall apply to the taking of a vote on a
12 motion to strike the enacting clause of a bill and the resolving clause of a
13 resolution and on a motion to strike all after the enacting clause or
14 resolving clause, except when the House is in the Committee of the
15 Whole. When the call of the House is invoked, the doors to the House
16 chamber shall be secured and all members shall be required to be in their
17 seats unless excused by the Speaker. All members present during the call
18 shall be required to vote before the call is raised. The call of the House
19 shall not be raised (so long as 10 members continue the demand) until a
20 reasonable effort, as determined by the Speaker, has been exerted to
21 secure absentees.

22 (b) Any member, who is directly interested in a question, may be
23 excused from voting, when there is a call of the House. The member, who
24 is requesting to be excused from voting, shall state the reasons therefor,
25 occupying not more than five minutes. The question on excusing such
26 member from voting shall be taken without debate and a 2/3 majority of
27 members present shall be necessary to excuse such member. If a member
28 refuses to vote, when not excused, such refusal shall constitute grounds
29 for reprimand, censure or expulsion under Article 49 of the Rules of the
30 House.

31 **Rule 2509. Voice Vote; Division of the Assembly.** Except when a roll
32 call vote is required a voice vote shall be taken on all questions. Any
33 member may call for a division of the assembly to determine the vote by
34 the voting system.

35 ARTICLE 27. FINAL ACTION

36 **Rule 2701. Description and Function.** Subject to Rule 2705, bills
37 and resolutions reported favorably by the Committee of the Whole shall
38 constitute the order of business Final Action of the House. The titles of
39 such bills and resolutions shall appear under the heading Final Action in
40 numerical order. The standing committee which reported it and the
41 Committee of the Whole action on the bill or resolution shall be shown
42 under each thereof.

43 **Rule 2702. Reading and Vote.** Each bill and resolution under the

1 order of business Final Action shall be read by title, except citations of
2 statutes amended or repealed and a roll call vote shall then be taken upon
3 final passage or adoption without amendment or debate.

4 **Rule 2703. Amendment and Debate, When.** Upon motion as
5 provided in subpart (2) of subsection (a) of Rule 2311 or when
6 recommended in the Committee of the Whole report which has been
7 adopted by the House, bills or resolutions may be debated and amended
8 on Final Action prior to the vote taken upon final passage or adoption.
9 Each bill or concurrent resolution considered under this Rule 2703 shall
10 be considered in the manner provided in Rule 1902 so far as it is
11 applicable. A motion to strike the enacting clause or resolving clause shall
12 be in order.

13 **Rule 2704. Speaker to Preside.** Subject to Rule 3303, the Speaker
14 shall preside during the order of business Final Action.

15 **Rule 2705. Consent Calendar.** Whenever a standing committee is of
16 the opinion that a bill or concurrent resolution upon which it is reporting
17 is of a noncontroversial nature, it shall so state in its committee report.
18 Whenever a bill or concurrent resolution is so reported, it shall be placed
19 upon the Consent Calendar. Each bill or concurrent resolution placed on
20 the Consent Calendar shall remain thereon for at least two full legislative
21 days before being considered under the order of business Final Action.
22 Under the order of business Consent Calendar and prior to the call for the
23 vote, any member may object to the bill or concurrent resolution as being
24 controversial and thereupon it shall be removed from the Consent
25 Calendar and shall be placed on General Orders. If no objection is made
26 prior to the call for the vote on the bill or concurrent resolution, it shall be
27 ordered to Final Action for vote before other bills and concurrent
28 resolutions on Final Action.

29 **Rule 2706. Majority for Bill Passage.** As provided in section 13 of
30 article 2 of the Constitution of Kansas, a majority of the members then
31 elected (or appointed) and qualified, voting in the affirmative, shall be
32 necessary for the passage of a bill.

33 **Rule 2707. Vote Required for Adoption of House Resolutions and**
34 **Concurrent Resolutions.** (a) A majority of the members then elected (or
35 appointed) and qualified voting in the affirmative shall be necessary to
36 adopt House resolutions and concurrent resolutions, except as otherwise
37 specified in these rules.

38 (b) Adoption of concurrent resolutions to amend the Constitution of
39 the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas constitutional convention, to extend a
40 session of the Legislature in even-numbered years, to ratify any
41 amendment of the Constitution of the United States, to make any
42 application for Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments
43 to the Constitution of the United States and when required by the joint

1 rules of the House and Senate shall require a 2/3 majority of the members
2 then elected (or appointed) and qualified, voting in the affirmative.

3 **Rule 2708. Motion to Adopt Report of Conference Committee.** The
4 member carrying the report of a conference committee shall move that
5 such report be adopted prior to yielding the floor to any other member
6 and a motion to adopt a report of a conference committee shall not be
7 offered as a substitute motion.

8 ARTICLE 29. RESOLUTIONS

9 **Rule 2901. Resolving Clause; Form.** (a) Concurrent resolutions to
10 amend the Constitution of the state of Kansas, to call a Kansas
11 constitutional convention, to extend a session of the Legislature in even-
12 numbered years, to ratify any amendment of the Constitution of the
13 United States, to make any application for Congress to call a convention
14 for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States and
15 when required by the joint rules of the House and Senate shall have a
16 resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the Legislature of the
17 State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected to the House of
18 Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate
19 concurring therein."

20 (b) Concurrent resolutions for any purpose other than subsection (a)
21 shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be it resolved by the House of
22 Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein."

23 (c) House resolutions shall have a resolving clause which reads, "Be it
24 resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas."

25 **Rule 2902. House Resolutions; Introduction and Consideration.**

26 (a) House resolutions, except for those changing rules of the House or
27 approving or rejecting executive reorganization orders, shall lay over at
28 least one legislative day before action is taken thereon and do not require
29 a roll call vote unless required under subsection (e) of Rule 2507.

30 (b) House resolutions shall be considered under the order of business
31 consideration of motions and House resolutions offered on a previous
32 day, except House resolutions to (1) adopt, amend or revoke any rule of
33 the House or (2) when the resolution has been referred to a standing
34 committee and reported favorably. Resolutions under subparts (1) and (2)
35 shall take a place on General Orders when favorably reported or when
36 referred to the Committee of the Whole by the Speaker.

37 **Rule 2903. Resolutions; Limitations.** (a) Appropriations shall not be
38 made by resolutions.

39 (b) Resolutions do not require approval of the Governor.

40 **Rule 2904. Applications for Introduction of certain Resolutions;**
41 **Certificate of the House.** Notwithstanding any other rule of the House
42 of Representatives to the contrary, no House resolution or concurrent
43 resolution which congratulates, commemorates, commends, honors or is

1 in memory of any individual, entity or event shall be introduced by a
2 member or committee of the House of Representatives unless application
3 for approval of the introduction of such resolution is first made to the
4 Speaker, and the resolution is approved for introduction by the Speaker.
5 The application shall be determined on the basis of content alone. The
6 Speaker shall consider all such applications and shall determine whether a
7 House resolution or House concurrent resolution should be approved for
8 introduction, or whether a certificate of the House should be approved for
9 issuance or whether no action should be taken on the application. The
10 speaker may consult with the Committee on Calendar and Printing in
11 making determinations under this rule.

12 ARTICLE 33. MEMBER OFFICERS

13 **Rule 3301. Elected Member Officers.** The Speaker and the Speaker
14 Pro Tem shall be members and shall be elected by the members of the
15 House, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of Rule 3304.

16 **Rule 3302. Duties of the Speaker.** In addition to other powers and
17 duties of the Speaker provided by the Rules of the House and by law, the
18 Speaker shall have the powers and duties as follows:

19 (a) To preserve order and decorum;

20 (b) to decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the House;

21 (c) in the absence of the Speaker Pro Tem, to appoint any member to
22 perform the duties of the chair for not more than two consecutive
23 legislative days; and

24 (d) to name a chairperson to preside when the House is in Committee
25 of the Whole.

26 **Rule 3303. Speaker Pro Tem.** In the absence of the Speaker, the
27 Speaker Pro Tem shall exercise the powers and duties of the Speaker.

28 **Rule 3304. Filling Certain Vacancies.** (a) When a vacancy occurs in
29 the office of Speaker and the Legislature is adjourned to a date more than
30 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the House of Representatives
31 shall meet within 30 days and elect a member to fill the vacancy. The
32 Speaker Pro Tem shall within 10 days of such occurrence issue a call for
33 such meeting at a time not less than 10 days and not more than 20 days
34 after the date of the call.

35 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker Pro Tem or
36 Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Speaker shall
37 appoint an acting Speaker Pro Tem or acting Majority Leader, to serve
38 until the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time
39 the vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original election
40 or selection of such officer.

41 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Minority Leader of the
42 House of Representatives and the Legislature is adjourned to a date less
43 than 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority

1 Leader shall become the acting Minority Leader to serve until the
2 convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time the
3 vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original selection of
4 such officer. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Minority Leader
5 of the House and the Legislature is adjourned to a date 30 days or more
6 after the occurrence of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority Leader shall
7 within 10 days after such occurrence issue a call for a meeting of the
8 members of the minority party at a time not less than 10 and not more
9 than 20 days after the date of the call to be held in the state capitol for the
10 purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of Minority Leader for the
11 remainder of the term of office. From the time of the occurrence of such
12 vacancy until the filling of the vacancy, the Assistant Minority Leader
13 shall serve as acting Minority Leader and shall exercise the powers and
14 duties of the Minority Leader.

15 When a vacancy occurs in the office of Assistant Minority Leader, the
16 Minority Leader shall appoint an Assistant Minority Leader to serve until
17 the convening of the next session of the Legislature, at which time the
18 vacancy shall be filled in the manner provided for the original selection of
19 such officer.

20 (d) Any person elected, appointed or designated to fill a vacancy under
21 this rule shall exercise all of the duties and powers prescribed for the
22 office so filled.

23 ARTICLE 35. NONMEMBER OFFICERS

24 **Rule 3501. Chief Clerk; Appointment.** The chief clerk shall be
25 appointed by the Speaker and shall serve under the Speaker's direction,
26 control and supervision and at the pleasure of the Speaker. As used in the
27 Rules of the House, "chief clerk" means the chief clerk appointed under
28 this Rule 3501 or a person designated by the chief clerk to perform a
29 function of the chief clerk.

30 **Rule 3502. Duties of the Chief Clerk.** The chief clerk shall supervise
31 the keeping of and be responsible for a record of all proceedings of the
32 House; number and present to the House all bills, resolutions, petitions
33 and other papers which the House may require; deliver all messages from
34 the House to the Senate; transmit bills and other documents to be printed
35 and take a receipt therefor; transmit bills for engrossment and take receipt
36 therefor; receive all bills, resolutions and other papers which are enrolled
37 and give receipt therefor; and cause all enrolled bills, resolutions and
38 other documents to be proofread and corrected prior to signing thereof by
39 officers of the House.

40 **Rule 3503. Other Clerks.** The chief clerk shall appoint additional
41 clerks and personnel to assist in performance of the duties of the chief
42 clerk. Such additional clerks and personnel shall serve under the chief
43 clerk's direction, control and supervision and at the pleasure of the chief

1 clerk.

2 **Rule 3504. Document Care.** No bill, resolution, petition or other
3 document shall be loaned or delivered to any person, except when
4 delivered to an officer of the House, to the director of printing, the revisor
5 of statutes or the Senate and only upon a written receipt therefor.

6 **Rule 3505. Sergeant at Arms; Appointment.** The sergeant at arms
7 shall be appointed by the Speaker and shall serve under the Speaker's
8 direction, control and supervision and at the pleasure of the Speaker.

9 **Rule 3506. Duties of the Sergeant at Arms.** The sergeant at arms
10 shall preserve order within the chamber of the House and its lobby and
11 galleries. The sergeant at arms may arrest and take into custody any
12 person for disorderly conduct, subject at all times to the authority of the
13 House or Speaker, or chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, and
14 shall be responsible for the enforcement of Rules 501 through 506 and
15 2506(a). The sergeant at arms shall receive items or material for
16 distribution among the members of the House. The sergeant at arms shall
17 execute all orders of the House not otherwise provided for.

18 **Rule 3507. Assistant Sergeants at Arms.** The Speaker may appoint
19 and remove assistant sergeants at arms to serve under the supervision of
20 the sergeant at arms. All doorkeepers shall be assistant sergeants at arms.

21 ARTICLE 37. AMENDMENT OF RULES OF THE HOUSE

22 **Rule 3701. Adopting, Amending or Revoking Rules of the House.**
23 No rule of the House shall be adopted, amended or revoked except by a
24 House resolution which has been adopted by an affirmative vote of a
25 majority of the members then elected (or appointed) and qualified to the
26 House.

27 **Rule 3702. Resolutions for Rule Changes.** (a) Notwithstanding any
28 other rule of the House, the Speaker shall refer all resolutions which
29 provide for the adoption, amendment or revocation of any House rule to
30 the standing Committee on Rules and Journal before its consideration by
31 the House.

32 (b) No resolution relating to the rules of the House which has been
33 referred to the standing Committee on Rules and Journal shall be tabled
34 or reported adversely by such committee except by the unanimous vote of
35 all members of such committee.

36 **Rule 3703. Printing.** Resolutions to which this Article 37 apply shall
37 be printed and are subject to subsection (c) of Rule 2507.

38 **Rule 3704. Adoption of Resolutions.** Resolutions to which this
39 Article 37 apply shall be subject to Rule 2902.

40 **Rule 3705. Special Sponsorship of Rule Change Resolutions.**
41 Notwithstanding any provision of the rules of the House to the contrary,
42 no referral to the standing Committee on Rules and Journal shall be
43 required for the adoption of a resolution adopting, amending or revoking

1 any one or more rules of the House at the commencement of a legislative
2 session, and adoption of any such resolution shall require only the
3 affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the members then elected
4 (or appointed) and qualified, subject to the following conditions: (a) The
5 resolution is sponsored by the Speaker or the standing Committee on
6 Rules and Journal and (b) either (1) a copy thereof is mailed to each
7 member by deposit in the United States mails not later than 11:00 p.m. on
8 the Thursday preceding the Monday on which the legislative session is to
9 commence or (2) in lieu of mailing, copies of the resolution are made
10 available to members on the first day of the legislative session and
11 consideration under Rule 3704 occurs on the second legislative day.

12 ARTICLE 39. FORM AND PRINTING OF BILLS AND
13 RESOLUTIONS

14 **Rule 3901. Bills Amending Existing Statutes.** Any bill intended to
15 amend or repeal any section or sections of the Kansas Statutes Annotated
16 shall recite in its title the section or sections to be amended or repealed,
17 and if to amend or repeal any section of a session law not in Kansas
18 Statutes Annotated, the section and chapter of the session law affected.

19 **Rule 3902. Bills, Copies.** Each bill introduced shall consist of an
20 original and copies. All bills shall be printed with as many copies as the
21 Speaker specifies. Except for prefiled bills, printing shall be ordered
22 subsequent to introduction.

23 **Rule 3903. Showing Committee Amendments.** All bills and
24 resolutions reported by a committee with recommendation for
25 amendments and to be passed as amended shall be reprinted.

26 **Rule 3904. Substitute Bills and Substitute Concurrent Resolutions.**
27 (a) When a substitute bill is recommended by a committee report, and
28 when an amendment from the floor is adopted replacing the bill under
29 consideration with a substitute bill, the substitute bill shall be printed in
30 the manner provided for bills introduced, and the bill number designation
31 shall be substantially as follows:

32 (1) In the case of bills substituted for House bills, "Substitute for
33 House Bill No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of
34 the bill for which substitution is made or recommended.

35 (2) In the case of bills substituted for Senate bills, "House Substitute
36 for Senate Bill No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number
37 of the bill for which substitution is made or recommended.

38 (b) When a substitute concurrent resolution is recommended by a
39 committee report, and when an amendment from the floor is adopted
40 replacing the concurrent resolution under consideration with a substitute
41 concurrent resolution, the substitute concurrent resolution shall be printed
42 in the manner provided for concurrent resolutions introduced, and the
43 concurrent resolution number designation shall be substantially as

1 follows:

2 (1) In the case of concurrent resolutions substituted for House
3 concurrent resolutions, "Substitute for House Concurrent Resolution No.
4 _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of the concurrent
5 resolution for which substitution is made or recommended.

6 (2) In the case of concurrent resolutions substituted for Senate
7 concurrent resolutions, "House Substitute for Senate Concurrent
8 Resolution No. _____," and the blank shall be filled with the number of the
9 concurrent resolution for which substitution is made or recommended.

10 **Rule 3905. Appropriation Bills.** All bills making an appropriation
11 shall be printed and distributed, or shall be made available to members
12 electronically online, at least 24 hours before such bills are considered by
13 the House.

14 **Rule 3906. Committee of the Whole Amendments.** If a bill or
15 concurrent resolution is amended by the Committee of the Whole, it shall
16 be reprinted showing the amendments.

17 **Rule 3907. Concurrent Resolutions, When Printed.** (a) Concurrent
18 resolutions to amend the Constitution of Kansas, to call a constitutional
19 convention to amend the Kansas constitution, to ratify amendments to the
20 Constitution of the United States, to apply for a United States
21 constitutional convention or to amend the joint rules of the House and
22 Senate shall be printed as provided for bills under Rule 3902.

23 (b) Other concurrent resolutions shall be printed as provided for bills
24 under Rule 3902, unless otherwise directed by the Speaker.

25 **Rule 3908. Embellished Printing of Certain Resolutions.** Unless
26 otherwise directed by the Speaker, not more than five copies of any
27 enrolled House resolution and any enrolled House concurrent resolution
28 may be printed on embellished parchment and shall be distributed as
29 directed by the resolution. Additional copies of any resolution may be
30 printed on embellished parchment and mailed at the expense of the
31 member requesting such additional copies.

32 **Rule 3909. House Resolutions.** Subject to Rule 3908, House
33 resolutions shall not be printed, except resolutions to amend rules of the
34 House, to approve or disapprove executive reorganization orders or if the
35 resolution has been referred to a committee, in which cases the resolution
36 shall be printed.

37 ARTICLE 41. JOURNAL AND CALENDAR

38 **Rule 4101. Journal; Preparation.** The daily Journal of the House of
39 Representatives shall be prepared by the chief clerk in accordance with
40 the Rules of the House.

41 **Rule 4102. Entering in Journal.** When a bill, order, motion or
42 resolution is entered in the Journal, the names of the members or
43 legislative committee introducing or moving the same shall be entered.

1 Representatives and all of its standing committees, select committees,
2 special committees and subcommittees of any of such committees.
3 Caucuses of the House majority party may be closed as determined by the
4 Majority Leader. Caucuses of the House minority party may be closed as
5 determined by the Minority Leader.

6 ARTICLE 45. EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDERS

7 **Rule 4501. Referral of Executive Reorganization Orders.**

8 Whenever an executive reorganization order is received from the
9 Governor, it shall be referred to an appropriate committee by the Speaker.

10 **Rule 4502. Committee Report on Executive Reorganization**
11 **Orders.** If the committee to which an executive reorganization order is
12 referred recommends that the executive reorganization order be
13 disapproved, the committee, not later than 15 calendar days after referral
14 of the executive reorganization order to the committee, shall introduce a
15 resolution for disapproval of the executive reorganization order. Such
16 resolution shall be accompanied by the report of the committee
17 recommending that the resolution be adopted.

18 **Rule 4503. Return in Event of Committee's Failure to Report.** If a
19 committee fails to report upon an executive reorganization order within
20 15 calendar days after the executive reorganization order is referred to the
21 committee, the committee shall be deemed to have recommended
22 approval of the executive reorganization order.

23 **Rule 4504. Special Order of Business for ERO.** When a resolution
24 for disapproval of an executive reorganization order is introduced and
25 accompanied by the committee's report recommending adoption of the
26 resolution, action on the resolution shall be made the special order of
27 business on a particular day and hour specified by the Speaker but not
28 later than the last day the executive reorganization order may be
29 disapproved under section 6 of article 1 of the Constitution of Kansas. A
30 resolution for disapproval of an executive reorganization order shall be
31 considered under the order of business Final Action and shall be subject
32 to debate and final action by the House.

33 **Rule 4505. Nonapplication to Bills.** This Article 45 shall not apply to
34 bills amending or otherwise affecting executive reorganization orders.

35 **Rule 4506. Nonaction When Moot.** The House shall act on any
36 resolution for disapproval of an executive reorganization order unless at
37 the time set for such action the Senate has already rejected such executive
38 reorganization order.

39 ARTICLE 47. IMPEACHMENT

40 **Rule 4701. Impeachment; Powers.** Nothing in the rules of the House
41 or in any statute shall be deemed to impair or limit the powers of the
42 House of Representatives with respect to impeachment.

43 **Rule 4702. Same; Select Committee.** The Speaker may appoint a

1 select committee comprised only of members of the House of
2 Representatives, and appoint its chairperson, to inquire into any
3 impeachment matter. Any such committee may be appointed at any time
4 and shall meet at the call of its chairperson or at the direction of the
5 House, with the numbers of such appointees being minority party
6 members and majority party members in the same proportion as for the
7 entire House membership.

8 **Rule 4703. Same; Reference.** The Speaker may refer any
9 impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter to any standing
10 committee or any select committee appointed under Rule 4702, and any
11 committee to which such a referral has been made shall meet on the call
12 of its chairperson.

13 **Rule 4704. Same; Report.** Whenever a report is made by a committee
14 to which an impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter has been
15 referred, the report thereon shall be made to the full House of
16 Representatives, except that any such report may be submitted
17 preliminarily to the Speaker.

18 **Rule 4705. Same; Call into Session.** The Speaker or a majority of the
19 members then elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House of
20 Representatives may call the House of Representatives into session at any
21 time to consider any impeachment matter.

22 **Rule 4706. Same; Procedure.** The Speaker and any officer or
23 committee acting under authority of this rule may follow any statutory
24 procedure to the extent the same is not in conflict with the provisions of
25 this rule, but nothing in this rule nor in any statute shall be deemed to
26 constitute a waiver of any inherent powers of the House of
27 Representatives.

28 ARTICLE 49. REPRIMAND, CENSURE OR EXPULSION OF
29 MEMBERS

30 **Rule 4901. Complaint.** When any member of the House of
31 Representatives desires to lodge a complaint against any other member of
32 the House of Representatives, requesting that the member be
33 reprimanded, censured or expelled for any misconduct, the complaining
34 member shall file a written statement of such complaint with the chief
35 clerk, and such complaint shall bear the signature of the complaining
36 member.

37 **Rule 4902. Select Committee; Consideration of Complaint.** (a)
38 Whenever any complaint has been filed under Rule 4901, the Speaker
39 shall appoint a select committee of six members for consideration thereof
40 except that if the complaint is filed against the Speaker, the Speaker Pro
41 Tem shall appoint the select committee of six members. A select
42 committee created under this subsection (a) shall be comprised equally of
43 majority and minority party members.

1 (b) The select committee may dismiss the complaint after the inquiry
2 or may set the matter for hearing. Reasonable notice and an opportunity
3 to appear shall be afforded the member complained of at any hearing held
4 hereunder. Any select committee meeting under authority of this section
5 shall constitute an investigating committee under article 10 of chapter 46
6 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and shall be authorized to meet and
7 exercise compulsory process without any further authorization of any
8 kind, subject, however, to limitations and conditions prescribed in article
9 10 of chapter 46 of Kansas Statutes Annotated.

10 (c) Upon completing its hearing the deliberations thereon, the select
11 committee may dismiss the complaint or may make recommendations to
12 the full House of Representatives for reprimand, censure or expulsion.

13 **Rule 4903. Action by House.** Upon receiving any report under Rule
14 4902, the House of Representatives may, without further hearing or
15 investigation, reprimand, censure or expel the member complained of.
16 Reprimand, censure or expulsion of a member shall require a 2/3 majority
17 vote of those members elected (or appointed) and qualified of the House
18 of Representatives.