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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 346

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Senate Rule 346 is amended as follows:

346. Transmittal of measure to House - Notice of intention to reconsider. After the second reading of a bill or resolution, the Secretary of the Senate shall retain the bill or resolution until the end of the next legislative day, unless the bill or resolution has previously been disposed of. On the thirty third thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth legislative day days and after the forty ninth fifty-ninth legislative day, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit the bill or resolution to the House immediately upon adjournment of that day's session unless action on the bill or resolution is pending as the result of the Senate passing a motion to reconsider or unless the Majority or Minority Leader has given notice of intention to move the reconsideration of that bill or resolution. After the fifty-eighth sixty-eighth legislative day, the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit the bill or resolution to the House immediately after the second reading of the bill or resolution unless the Majority or Minority Leader has given notice of intention to move the reconsideration of that bill or resolution. When a member in explaining the member's vote states to the Senate that the member's vote is for the purpose of reconsideration, that statement also is notice of such intention.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. House Rule 346 is amended as follows:

346. Transmittal of measure to Senate - Notice of intention to reconsider. After the second reading of a bill or resolution, the Chief Clerk shall retain the bill or resolution until the end of the next legislative day, unless the bill or resolution has previously been disposed of. On the thirty-third thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth legislative day days and after the forty-ninth fifty-ninth legislative day, the Chief Clerk shall transmit the bill or resolution to the Senate immediately upon adjournment of that day's session unless action on the bill or resolution is pending as the result of the House passing a motion to reconsider or unless the Majority or Minority Leader has given notice of intention to move the reconsideration of that bill or resolution. After the fifty-eighth sixty-eighth legislative day, the Chief Clerk shall transmit the bill or resolution to the Senate immediately after the second reading of the bill or resolution unless the Majority or Minority Leader has given notice of intention to move the reconsideration

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NOTE: At its March 10, 2010, meeting, the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee approved legislative rules changes:

- Extending the deadline for rereferral to the Appropriations Committee in the house of origin from the 23rd to the 25th legislative day.
- Extending the deadline for reporting measures in the house of origin from the 31st to the 36th legislative day.
- Extending the deadline for crossover from the 34th to the 39th legislative day.
- Extending the deadline for reporting constitutional amendment and study resolutions from the 37th to the 42nd legislative day.
- Extending the deadline for crossover of resolutions from the 40th to the 45th legislative day.
- Extending the deadline for rereferral to the Appropriations Committee in the second house from the 47th to the 57th legislative day.
- Extending the deadline for reporting measures in the second house from the 55th to the 65th legislative day.

The proposed rules amendment would make corresponding changes to the days on which measures would not be retained until the end of the next legislative day (for purposes of reconsideration). Measures would be transmitted immediately upon adjournment on the 38th rather than the 33rd legislative day (continuing such transmittal on the day before crossover) and after the 59th rather than the 49th legislative day (continuing such transmittal two days after the deadline for rereferral to the Appropriations Committee in the second house). Measures would be transmitted immediately after second reading on the 68th rather than the 58th legislative day (continuing such transmittal three days after the deadline for reporting measures from committee in the second house). To address an ambiguity, the proposed rules amendment also adds the day of crossover as a day on which measures would be transmitted immediately upon adjournment.